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European foreword

This document (EN 12350-8:2019) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 104 "Concrete and related products", the secretariat of which is held by SN.

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This standard is based on the results from the EU-project "Testing-SCC" under the 5th Frame Programme (GRD2-2000-30024/G6RD-CT-2001-00580).

Owing to its significant advantages in the improvement of construction quality and working environment, self-compacting concrete (SCC) has been widely accepted by the construction owners. The use of SCC in practical concrete construction is steadily increasing. Since SCC has to give satisfactory *in situ* properties (perfect filling of the mould and embedment of the reinforcement, homogeneity and full compaction) without vibration, the proper methods for testing the fresh SCC are very important. These should address three key properties: filling ability, passing ability and resistance to segregation. It is desirable, especially in the case of new constituents or new concrete compositions, to test the consistence of fresh SCC before casting in place.

A number of test methods including this test are available for testing fresh SCC. Most of the commonly used test methods were evaluated in the recently closed EU-project "Testing-SCC" under the 5th Frame Programme (GRD2-2000-30024/G6RD-CT-2001-00580). According to the results from this EU project, it seems no single test method can completely cover all three key properties. Nevertheless any test method should at least be correlated to the practical situation and give consistent results in order to provide reliable data for judgment of concrete workability.

This standard is one of a series on testing concrete.

EN 12350, *Testing fresh concrete*, consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Sampling and common apparatus*
- *Part 2: Slump test*
- *Part 3: Vebe test*
- *Part 4: Degree of compactability*
- *Part 5: Flow table test*
- *Part 6: Density*
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- *Part 9: Self-compacting concrete – V-funnel test*
- *Part 10: Self-compacting concrete – L-box test*
- *Part 11: Self-compacting concrete – Sieve segregation test*
- *Part 12: Self-compacting concrete – J-ring test*

The following amendments have been made to the 2010 edition of this standard:

- a) reference to common apparatus and specification given in EN 12350-1;
- b) reference and procedure for slump-flow retention testing;
- c) option to include specified slump-flow class or slump-flow target value in report.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the procedure for determining the slump-flow and t_{500} time for self-compacting concrete.

The test is suitable for specimens having a declared value of D of the coarsest fraction of aggregates actually used in the concrete (D_{\max}) not greater than 40 mm.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 12350-1, *Testing fresh concrete — Part 1: Sampling and common apparatus*

EN 12350-2, *Testing fresh concrete — Part 2: Slump test*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

4 Principle

The slump-flow and t_{500} time is used to assess the flowability and the flow rate of self-compacting concrete in the absence of obstructions. It is based on the slump test described in EN 12350-2. The result is an indication of the filling ability of self-compacting concrete. The t_{500} time is a measure of the speed of flow and an indication of the relative viscosity of the self-compacting concrete.

The fresh concrete is poured into a cone as used for the EN 12350-2 slump test. When the cone is withdrawn upwards the time from commencing upward movement of the cone to when the concrete has flowed to a diameter of 500 mm is measured; this is the t_{500} time. The largest diameter of the flow spread of the concrete and the diameter of the spread at right angles to it are then measured and the mean is the slump-flow.

Measurement of the t_{500} time may be omitted if not requested.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Common apparatus for fresh concrete testing

The apparatus listed below for the execution of this test method shall be in accordance with the specification given EN 12350-1 and as specified below.

5.1.2 Hollow cone.

5.1.3 Funnel (optional).

5.1.4 Measuring tape.