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European foreword

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The following amendments have been made to the former edition:

- editorial revision;
- increases in the allowable tolerances for flatness of moulds and the dimensions of the specimens which reflect current industry practice.

This document is one of a series on testing concrete.

EN 12390, *Testing hardened concrete*, consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Shape, dimensions and other requirements for specimens and moulds;*
- *Part 2: Making and curing specimens for strength tests;*
- *Part 3: Compressive strength of test specimens;*
- *Part 4: Compressive strength – Specification for testing machines;*
- *Part 5: Flexural strength of test specimens;*
- *Part 6: Tensile splitting strength of test specimens;*
- *Part 7: Density of hardened concrete;*
- *Part 8: Depth of penetration of water under pressure;*
- *Part 10: Determination of the carbonation resistance of concrete at atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide;*
- *Part 11: Determination of the chloride resistance of concrete, unidirectional diffusion;*
- *Part 12: Determination of the potential carbonation resistance of concrete: Accelerated carbonation method;*
- *Part 13: Determination of secant modulus of elasticity in compression;*
- *Part 14: Semi-adiabatic method for the determination of heat released by concrete during its hardening process;*
- *Part 15: Adiabatic method for the determination of heat released by concrete during its hardening process;*
- *Part 16: Determination of shrinkage of concrete;*
- *Part 17: Determination of creep of concrete in compression;*
- *Part 18: Determination of the chloride migration coefficient (in preparation).*

This document recognizes alternative approaches towards obtaining test specimens of the correct sizes and shapes. The first is to use moulds whose lives are limited and to measure the specimens to ensure

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conformity. The second is to cast specimens in calibrated metal moulds which meet tighter tolerances than for specimens. The use of calibrated moulds allows relaxation on the requirement for measuring the specimens.

[Annex A](#) gives the application of EN ISO 1101 to measuring the shapes of concrete test specimens and moulds.

[Annex B](#) gives a method to measure the flatness of specimens and moulds.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the shapes, dimensions and tolerances of cast concrete test specimens in the form of cubes, cylinders and prisms, and of the moulds required to produce them.

NOTE The tolerances specified in this document are based on the needs of strength testing, but they can be applicable to tests for other properties.

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 ISO 1101, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) - Geometrical tolerancing - Tolerances of form, orientation, location and run-out (ISO 1101)*

EN 206, *Concrete - Specification, performance, production and conformity*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 1101 and the following apply.

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

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

3.1

nominal size

commonly used description of specimen size

3.2

designated size

specimen size in millimetres, selected and declared by the user of this standard from amongst the allowed range of nominal sizes

4 Shape, dimensions and tolerances of specimens

4.1 General

For application of EN ISO 1101 to the measurement of concrete test specimens and moulds in respect to flatness, perpendicularity and straightness, see [Annex A](#).

For each shape of test specimen, cube, cylinder and prism, the nominal size d ([Figures 1, 2 and 3](#)) should be chosen to be at least three and a half times the maximum aggregate size (D_{\max} according to EN 206) in the concrete.