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## Aggregates for concrete — Determination of bulk density

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## Foreword

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It has been approved by the member bodies of the following countries :

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Chile	Italy	Spain
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## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the bulk density<sup>1)</sup> of dry or moist aggregates (normal or lightweight) for concrete, in either loose or compacted condition.

## 2 Reference

ISO 4847, *Concrete – Sampling of normal weight aggregates.*<sup>2)</sup>

## 3 Definition

**bulk density** : The ratio of the mass of an aggregate sample filling a given container to the volume of the container.

It is expressed as mass per unit volume, i.e. kilograms per cubic metre (kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

## 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Cylindrical container**, having a smooth inside and the approximate dimensions given in the table appropriate to the size of aggregate, and fitted with handles.

The container shall be watertight, of sufficient rigidity to retain its form under rough usage, and shall be protected against corrosion. The top rim shall be smooth and plane to within 0,25 mm, and parallel to the base within 0,5°.

Table – Dimensions of container and number of compacting strokes (see 6.3.1)

Capacity dm <sup>3</sup>	Maximum nominal size of aggregate mm	Number of strokes per layer	Height- diameter ratio	Minimum thickness of metal	
				bottom mm	wall mm
1	5	20			
3	10	20			
10	31,5	30	1 to 1,5	5	2,5
30	80	50			

**4.2 Balance**, accurate to 0,2 % of the mass of the material to be weighed, and of adequate capacity (depending on the size of the container used).

**4.3 Straight metal tamping rod**, of diameter approximately 16 mm and length approximately 600 mm, with rounded ends.

**4.4 Suitable shovel or scoop.**

## 5 Sampling

Sample the aggregate in accordance with ISO 4847.

If the determination is to be carried out on dry aggregates, dry the sample to constant mass at  $105 \pm 5$  °C and mix thoroughly.

If the determination is to be carried out on moist aggregates, determine the moisture content, as a percentage of the dry mass, and state this in the test report.

1) In some countries, the terms "unit mass", "unit weight" and "density" are used.

2) At present at the stage of draft.