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Foreword

This document (prEN 13369:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 229 “Precast concrete products”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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NOTE At the approval stage of this standard the following specific product standards prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 229 for which this standard is common reference, were available:

- EN 1168, Precast concrete products – Hollow core slabs
- EN 12737, Precast concrete products – Floor slats for livestock
- EN 12794, Precast concrete products – Foundation piles
- EN 12839, Precast concrete products – Elements for fences
- EN 12843, Precast concrete products – Masts and poles
- EN 13198, Precast concrete products – Street furniture and garden products
- EN 13224, Precast concrete products – Ribbed floor elements
- EN 13225, Precast concrete products – Linear precast concrete structural elements
- EN 13693, Precast concrete products – Special roof elements
- EN 13747, Precast concrete products – Floor plates for floor systems
- EN 13748-1, Precast concrete products – Terrazzo tiles for internal use
- EN 13748-2, Precast concrete products – Terrazzo tiles for external use
- EN 13978-1, Precast concrete products – Precast concrete garages – Part 1: requirements for reinforced garages monolithic or consisting of single sections with room dimensions
- EN 14843, Precast concrete products – Stairs
- EN 14844, Precast concrete products – Box culverts
- EN 14991, Precast concrete products – Foundation elements
- EN 14992, Precast concrete products – Wall elements
- EN 15037-1, Precast concrete products – Beams for beam-and-block floor systems – Part 1: Beams
— EN 15037-2, Precast concrete products – Beams for beam-and-block floor systems – Part 2: Concrete blocks
— EN 15037-3, Precast concrete products – Beams for beam-and-block floor systems – Part 3: Clay blocks
— EN 15037-4, Precast concrete products – Beams for beam-and-block floor systems – Part 4: Expanded polystyrene blocks
— EN 15050, Precast concrete products – Bridge elements
— EN 15258, Precast concrete products – Retaining wall elements
— EN 15435 Precast concrete products – Normal weight and lightweight concrete shuttering blocks – Product properties and performances
— EN 15498, Precast concrete products – Wood chip concrete shuttering blocks – Product properties and performances
Introduction

This document is intended to outline the general common requirements applicable to a large variety of precast concrete products manufactured in a factory environment. It acts as a reference standard for other standards to enable a more consistent approach to standardisation in the field of precast concrete products and to reduce the variations brought about by a large number of standards produced in parallel by different groups of experts. At the same time it allows those experts the flexibility to include variations in specific product standards where they are required.

This standard has been produced as part of the total CEN programme for construction and refers to the relevant specifications of associated standards EN 206 for concrete and EN 1992 for the design of concrete structures. The installation of some precast concrete products is dealt with by EN 13670.

As it is not a harmonized standard it may not be used on its own for the purpose of CE marking of precast concrete products.

The design of precast concrete products should be verified to ensure the fitness of their properties for the particular application, particular attention being paid to design co-ordination with other parts of the construction.
1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the requirements, the basic performance criteria and the evaluation of conformity for unreinforced, reinforced and prestressed precast concrete products made of compact light-, normal- and heavyweight concrete according to EN 206-1 with no appreciable amount of entrapped air other than entrained air. Concrete containing fibres for other than mechanical properties steel, polymer or other fibres is also covered. It does not cover prefabricated reinforced components of lightweight aggregate concrete with open structure.

It may also be used to specify products for which there is no standard. Not all of the requirements (clause 4) of this standard are relevant to all precast concrete products.

If a specific product standard exists it takes precedence over this standard.

The precast concrete products dealt with in this standard are factory produced for building and civil engineering works. This standard may also be applied to products manufactured in temporary plants on site if the production is protected against adverse weather conditions and controlled following clause 6 provisions.

The analysis and design of precast concrete products is not within the scope of this standard but it does offer, for non-seismic zones, information about:

— the choice of partial safety factors defined by the pertinent Eurocode;
— the definition of some requirements for prestressed concrete products.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

2.1 General references

National documents take precedence until Eurocodes are published as European Standards.

EN 1990, Eurocode - Basis of structural design.
EN 1997, Eurocode 7: Geotechnical design.

2.2 Concrete

NOTE and its amendments of 2004 and 2005
EN 934-2, Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout - Part 2: Concrete admixtures - Definitions, requirements, conformity, marking and labelling.
EN 1097-6, Tests for mechanical and physical properties of aggregates - Part 6: Determination of particle density and water absorption.

EN 12390-2, Testing hardened concrete - Part 2: Making and curing specimens for strength tests.


EN 12504-1, Testing concrete in structures - Part 1: Cored specimens - Taking, examining and testing in compression.

2.3 Steel


prEN 10138-1, Prestressing steels - Part 1: General requirements.

prEN 10138-2, Prestressing steels - Part 2: Wire.

prEN 10138-3, Prestressing steels - Part 3: Strand.

prEN 10138-4, Prestressing steels - Part 4: Bars.

2.4 Fire performance

EN 13501-1, Fire classification of construction products and building elements - Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests.


2.5 Acoustic insulation


2.6 Thermal resistance

EN ISO 10456:1999, Building materials and products - Hygrothermal properties – Tabulated design values and procedures for determining declared and design thermal values.

2.7 Statistics

ISO 3951-1, Sampling procedures for inspection by variables – Part 1: Specification for single sampling plans indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection for a single quality characteristic and a single AQL.

ISO 7870, Control charts.
ISO 7873, Control charts for arithmetic average with warning limits.
ISO 7966, Acceptance control charts.

2.8 Other references
EN 772-1, Methods of test for masonry units – Determination of compressive strength.
EN 12620, Aggregates for concrete.

3 Terms and definitions
For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 General

3.1.1 precast concrete product
product made of concrete and manufactured in accordance with this standard or a specific product standard in a place different from the final destination of use, protected from adverse weather conditions during production. The product is the result of an industrial process under a factory production control system and with the possibility of sorting before delivery.

NOTE In relevant European standards often the shorter term “Precast product” is used

3.1.2 (concrete) cover
distance between the surface of the reinforcement closest to the nearest concrete surface (including links and stirrups and surface reinforcement where relevant) and the nearest concrete surface.

3.1.3 concrete family
a group of concrete compositions for which a reliable relationship between relevant properties is established and documented

3.1.4 tendon
prestressing unit (wire, strand or bar) subjected to pre- or post-tensioning

3.1.5 lightweight concrete
Concrete with a closed structure and with an oven-dry density of 800-2000 kg/m³

3.1.6 normal weight concrete
Concrete with an oven-dry density of 2000-2600 kg/m³

3.1.7 heavyweight concrete
Concrete with an oven-dry density of more than 2600 kg/m³

3.2 Dimensions

3.2.1 principal dimensions
length, width, depth or thickness
3.2.2
nominal dimension
dimension declared in the technical documentation and targeted at manufacture

3.3 Tolerances

3.3.1
tolerance
the sum of the absolute values of the upper and the lower permitted deviation

3.3.2
deviation
difference between an actual measure and the corresponding nominal dimension

3.4 Durability

3.4.1
durability
ability of a precast concrete product to satisfy, with anticipated maintenance, the design performance requirements during its design working life under the influence of the expected environmental actions

3.4.2
design working life
assumed period for which a structure or part of it is to be used for its intended purpose with anticipated maintenance but without major repair being necessary

3.4.3
environmental conditions
those physical or chemical impacts to which the precast concrete product is exposed and which result in effects on the concrete or reinforcement or embedded metal that are not considered as loads in structural design

3.4.4
ambient conditions
hygrothermic conditions in the factory which result in effects on the hardening process of the concrete

3.5 Mechanical properties

3.5.1
potential strength
compressive concrete strength derived from tests on cubes or cylinders moulded and cured in laboratory conditions in accordance with EN 12390-2

3.5.2
structural strength
compressive concrete strength derived from tests on specimens (drilled cores or cut prisms) taken from the precast concrete product (direct structural strength) or derived from tests on moulded specimens cured in the same ambient conditions as the product itself (indirect structural strength)

3.5.3
characteristic strength
value of strength below which 5 % of the population of all possible strength determinations of the volume of concrete under consideration are expected to fall
4 Requirements

4.1 Material requirements

4.1.1 General

Only materials with established suitability shall be used.

For a particular material, the establishment of suitability may be based on a European Standard which refers specifically to the use of this material in concrete or in precast concrete products; in absence of a European Standard it may also result, under the same conditions, from an ISO standard.

Where this material is not covered by a European or ISO Standard, or if it deviates from the requirements of these standards, the establishment of suitability may be based on:

— the provisions valid in the place of use of the precast concrete product which refer specifically to the use of this material in concrete or in precast concrete products;

or

— a European Technical Approval specifically for the use of this material in concrete or precast concrete products.

4.1.2 Constituent materials of concrete

4.1.2.1 General

EN 206-1:2000, 5.1 shall apply.

4.1.2.2 Reclaimed crushed and recycled coarse aggregates

Reclaimed crushed and recycled coarse aggregates, mixed in concrete with other aggregates, shall not adversely alter the rate of setting and hardening of concrete, nor shall it be detrimental to the durability of the precast concrete product in the end use conditions.

NOTE Recommendations on the use of reclaimed crushed and recycled coarse aggregates are given in the Annex Q. Alternative provisions are under development in the upcoming version of EN 206 and should be considered.

4.1.3 Reinforcing steel

Reinforcing steel (bars, coils and welded fabric) shall comply with EN 10080. Other types of reinforcing steel may be used according to provisions valid in the place of use of the product (e.g. EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, 3.2).

NOTE: Recommendations on indented bars and wires are given in Annex N.

4.1.4 Prestressing steel

Prestressing steel (wire, bars and strand) shall comply with prEN 10138-1, prEN 10138-2, prEN 10138-3 and prEN 10138-4.

The diameter of prestressing steel is limited to a maximum of 13 mm for wires and 16 mm for strands.

Other types of prestressing steel may be used according to provisions valid in the place of use of the product (e.g. EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, 3.3).

4.1.5 Inserts and connectors

Mechanical inserts and connectors shall:

a) resist the design actions;
b) have the necessary ductility;

Permanent connecting parts and fasteners shall maintain these properties for the design working life of the precast concrete product.

Provisions valid in the place of use of the product shall be taken into account.

NOTE Recommendations for the design of some anchors can be found in CEN/TS 1992-4; recommendations for the design of lifting and handling devices, can be found in CEN/TR 15728;

4.2 Production requirements

4.2.1 Concrete production

4.2.1.1 General

For concrete composition, type of cement, use of aggregates, additions and admixtures, and for resistance to alkali-silica reaction, chloride content, air content and concrete temperature, EN 206-1:2000, 5.2 and 5.3 shall apply.

For specification of concrete EN 206-1 shall apply.

NOTE When concrete is specified by the manufacturer, basic requirements (EN 206-1:2000, 6.2.2) are given in the design documentation and additional requirements (EN 206-1:2000, 6.2.3) are normally not relevant for precast concrete.

4.2.1.2 Placing and compaction of concrete

Concrete shall be placed and compacted so as to retain no appreciable amount of entrapped air other than entrained air (e.g. to achieve sufficient frost resistance) to avoid detrimental segregation and to ensure that the reinforcement shall be properly embedded.

4.2.1.3 Curing (protection against drying out)

The concrete shall be protected during curing so that loss in strength and cracking due to temperature and shrinkage and that, if relevant, detrimental effects on durability, are avoided.

All surfaces of newly cast concrete may be protected by one of the methods listed in Table 1 or by any other method applicable in the place of use, unless it is shown by tests and inspection on the finished product or on representative samples, that other means are relevant in the production environment.

Table 1 — Protection against drying out

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<th>Method</th>
<th>Typical means of protection</th>
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| A - Without addition of water | — keeping the concrete in an environment with a relative humidity above 65 % for CEM I and CEM II/A, 75% for all the other types of binder;  
| | — keeping the formwork in place;  
| | — covering the concrete surface with vapour-resistant sheets that are secured at the edges and joints to prevent through draughts. |
| B - Keep the concrete moist by addition of water | — maintaining wet coverings on the concrete surface;  
| | — keeping the concrete surface visibly wet by spraying with water; |
| C – Use of curing compounds | Curing compounds used shall conform to provisions valid in the place of use |
For methods A and B, the protection shall be maintained until the compressive strength of the sample at the end of curing \( f_{c,cure} \) is equal to or greater than the smallest value of the parameters \( D_d \cdot f_{ck} \) and \( f_{c,L} \) (cylinders or cubes). The parameters \( D_d \) et \( f_{c,L} \) are defined in Table 2.

\[
f_{c,cure} \geq \text{MIN} (D_d \cdot f_{ck} ; f_{c,L})
\]

Note: \( f_{ck} \) is the characteristic compressive strength of the concrete at the age of 28 days

The measure of the mean compressive strength \( f_{c,cure} \) shall be done on concrete samples that are submitted to the same protection against drying out as the product.

For design working life of more than 50 years, or for specific local environmental conditions, other values may be given following the requirements valid in the place of use.

The degree of hardening in Table 2 may either be measured by testing a concrete sample or estimated by calculation using a hardening law based on initial type testing or the maturity concept.

The test result shall be that obtained from an individual specimen or the average of the results when two or more specimens made from one sample are tested at the same age.

### Table 2 — Minimum strength of the concrete at the end of protection against drying out

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<th>Exposure conditions in the place of use (EN 206-1 exposure classes)</th>
<th>degree of hardening Dd (%)</th>
<th>Cylinder/cube ( f_{c,L} ) MPa</th>
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<td>X0, XC1</td>
<td>only requirements on ( f_{c,L} ) apply.</td>
<td>12/15</td>
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<tr>
<td>X0C2, XC3, XC4, XD1, XD2, XF1</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>12/15( ^{a} )</td>
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<tr>
<td>All other exposure conditions (wetting/drying cycles)</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>16/20( ^{b} )</td>
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\( ^{a} \) this value has to be substituted by \( 0.25 \cdot f_{ck} \) if \( 0.25 \cdot f_{ck} \geq 12 \text{ MPa (cylinder)} ; 15 \text{ MPa (cube)} \)

\( ^{b} \) this value has to be substituted by \( 0.35 \cdot f_{ck} \) if \( 0.35 \cdot f_{ck} \geq 16 \text{ MPa (cylinder)} ; 20 \text{ MPa (cube)} \)

Other means than those defined in Table 2 may be employed if the value of the water absorption of the concrete, measured according to the test procedure defined in Annex G, does not exceed 10 % (in relative proportion) of the value of water absorption of the concrete complying with the requirements in Table 1. The water absorption test is run on 30 ± 1 mm thick samples that include the surface exposed to the environment.

#### 4.2.1.4 Accelerated hydration by heat treatment

Where heat treatment at atmospheric pressure is applied to concrete during production in order to accelerate its hardening, it shall be demonstrated by initial testing that the required strength is achieved for each concrete family concerned.

— Depending on material and climatic conditions, more restricting requirements may apply to the heat treatment of outdoor products in certain areas according to provisions valid in the place of use. The following conditions shall be fulfilled when the maximum mean temperature \( T_{mean} \) within the concrete exceeds 40°C during the curing process unless previous positive experience has shown that special measures are not necessary to avoid micro cracking and/or durability defects: a preheating period shall be applied during which \( T_{mean} \) does not exceed 40 °C;

— the temperature difference between adjacent parts of the product during the heating and the cooling phases shall be limited to 20 °C.

The duration and heating rate of the full heating and cooling period (if appropriate) shall be documented.
During the full heating and cooling period $T_{\text{mean}}$ shall be limited to the values of Table 3. However higher temperatures may be accepted provided the durability of concrete under the specified environment is demonstrated by long term positive experience.

### Table 3 — Conditions for accelerated hydration

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<th>Product environments</th>
<th>Maximum mean concrete temperature $T_{\text{mean}}^a$</th>
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<td>Predominantly dry or moderate humidity</td>
<td>$T_{\text{mean}} \leq 85 , ^\circ C$ (^b)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wet and cyclic wet</td>
<td>$T_{\text{mean}} \leq 65 , ^\circ C$</td>
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\(^a\) individual values may be 5 °C higher.

\(^b\) When 70 °C < $T_{\text{mean}} \leq 85$ °C initial tests shall have demonstrated that the structural strength at 90 days corresponds with normal evolution of hardening with respect to the structural strength obtained at 28 days.

For wet and cyclic wet environments, in case of no long term positive experience, the suitability of the higher temperature treatment shall be demonstrated; the following limits may be a basis for this demonstration: for concrete: \(\text{Na}_2\text{Oeq content} \leq 3.5 \, \text{kg/m}^3\), for cement \(\text{SO}_3\) content \(\leq 3.5 \, \% \) by mass.

The above limits for \(\text{Na}_2\text{Oeq}\) and \(\text{SO}_3\) content may be changed in value, or limits on other constituents may be put, according to the results of scientific or technical experience.

### 4.2.2 Hardened concrete

#### 4.2.2.1 Strength classes

For compressive strength classes of concrete EN 206-1:2000, 4.3.1 applies.

For design purposes the properties of strength classes for normal and heavy weight concrete up to C90/105 are given in Table 3.1 of EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010 and for lightweight concrete up to LC 80/88 in Table 11.3.1 of EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010.

The manufacturer may select intermediate classes, in 1.0 MPa steps of the characteristic strengths. In this case, other concrete properties are obtained by linear interpolation.

For reinforced or prestressed precast concrete products the minimum strength class of concrete shall be:

- C20/25 for reinforced precast concrete products;
- C30/37 for prestressed precast concrete products.

When lightweight concrete is used, the minimum strength class shall be LC 16/18.

#### 4.2.2.2 Compressive strength

##### 4.2.2.2.1 General

The compressive strength to verify the strength class of concrete is defined by the potential strength; the manufacturer may use direct structural strength or indirect structural strength to confirm it.

##### 4.2.2.2.2 Potential strength

The potential strength shall be tested at 28 days.

Tests of potential strength may be performed before 28 days in order to evaluate the progression of potential strength or to estimate at early age the potential strength at 28 days by an appropriate hardening law. When relevant, tests may be performed at an age greater than 28 days.
For determination of potential strength EN 206-1:2000, 5.5.1.1 and 5.5.1.2 shall apply. Additional requirements are given in 5.1.1.

4.2.2.2.3 Direct structural strength

Compressive direct structural strength shall be determined from the finished product by drilling cores in accordance with EN 12504-1 or by cut prisms converted to cube or cylinder with the appropriate correction factor. Non-destructive tests on the finished product in accordance with EN 12504-2 may be used, but a correlation with tests as specified in 5.1.1. shall be established.

4.2.2.2.4 Indirect structural strength

For stabilised production processes where the composition of the concrete and curing methods are not changed, compressive indirect structural strength may be determined by test specimens, made from fresh concrete, cured and stored in factory conditions as close to the precast concrete product as possible, provided an initial test has determined the correlation with the direct structural strength.

NOTE Density may be used as a characteristic for the establishment of the correlation.

4.2.2.2.5 Conversion factor

The relation between the structural strength and the potential strength is established by dividing the structural strength by $\eta=0.85$ tensile strength

If required, tensile strength should be determined according to EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, 3.1.2 in one of the following ways:

— by test (e.g. according to EN 12390-6)
— from the compressive strength at the same age
— from the splitting tensile strength at the same age

4.2.2.3 Shrinkage

For lightweight concrete, the drying shrinkage shall be declared by the manufacturer, according to EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, 11.3.3

4.2.2.4 Dry density

If required dry density shall be determined in accordance with EN 206-1:2000, 5.5.2

4.2.2.5 Water absorption

If required for durability reasons or by provisions applicable in the place of use of the concrete product, water absorption shall be determined following Annex G.

4.2.3 Structural reinforcement

4.2.3.1 Processing of reinforcing steel

Reinforcing steel for structural purposes that is straightened, bent or welded in the factory shall remain in compliance with 4.1.3 after this treatment.

Welded connection of reinforcing bars may only be used when the weldability of the steel is fully documented. EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, 3.2.5. gives indications on welding processes.
4.2.3.2 Tensioning and prestressing

4.2.3.2.1 Initial tensioning stresses

The maximum prestressing force applied to a unit immediately after release of tendons shall satisfy the following conditions:

— absence of uncontrolled longitudinal cracking, spalling or bursting of the concrete;
— the stress in the concrete does not lead to excessive creep or deformation of the product.

When compliance of the product with the relevant requirements of the product standard is demonstrated by initial type testing and factory production control and the tightened tolerances of 4.2.3.2.2 are met, the maximum value of tensioning stress $\sigma_{\text{Omax}}$ can be taken as:

$$\sigma_{\text{Omax}} = \min (0,85f_{p,k} \ or \ 0,95f_{p(1k)}) \text{ class 1}$$

If the conditions mentioned in the previous paragraph are not met, EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, 5.10.2.1, shall apply:

$$\sigma_{\text{Omax}} = \min (0,80f_{p,k} \ or \ 0,90f_{p(1k)}) \text{ class 2}$$

4.2.3.2.2 Accuracy of tensioning

If class 1 according to 4.2.3.2.1 is applied, tightened tolerances on the prestressing force shall be applied with an accuracy of at least:

— single tendon/force: ± 5 %;
— total force + 5 %

If class 2 according to 4.2.3.2.1 is applied, normal tolerances on the prestressing force shall be applied with an accuracy at least:

— single tendon/force: ± 10 %;
— total force: ± 7 %.

4.2.3.2.3 Minimum concrete strength at transfer

At transfer of the prestressing force, the concrete shall have a minimum strength $f_{\text{cm},p}$ of 1,5 times the maximum compressive stress in the concrete and not less than 25 MPa.

The requirements according to EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, 5.10.2.2 (5) shall be considered.

4.2.3.2.4 Slippage of tendons

Slippage, which is the shortening of the tendon after transfer of the prestress force, shall be limited to the following values:

— for individual tendons (strands or wires): 1,3 $\Delta L_r$;
— for the mean value of all tendons in an element: $\Delta L_r$.

For strands the average value of three circumferentially positioned wires shall be taken into account.

The value of $\Delta L_r$, in millimetres, shall be calculated from:
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\[ \Delta l_0 = 0.4 \frac{l_{pt2} \sigma_{pmo}}{E_p} \]

where

- \( l_{pt2} \) is the upper bound value of transmission length = 1.2 \( l_{pt} \) in millimetres according to EN 1992-1-1:2004, 8.10.2.2;
- \( \sigma_{pmo} \) is the initial stress in the prestressing steel immediately after release, in MPa;
- \( E_p \) is the modulus of elasticity of the prestressing steel, in MPa.

In general, slippage of tendons is measured only on sawn products.

4.3 Finished product requirements

4.3.1 Geometrical properties

4.3.1.1 Production tolerances

Recommendations for maximum deviations of cross-sectional dimensions [width (\( \Delta b \)) and height (\( \Delta h \))], and for maximum deviation of concrete cover (\( \Delta c_{dev} \)) to bars, wires and strands are given in table 4:

<table>
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<th>Target dimension (mm)</th>
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- a) Linear interpolation for intermediate values.
- b) According to EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, clause 4.4.1.1:
  \[ c_{cnc} = c_{cnc} + \Delta c_{cnc} \] (use the numerical value for \( \Delta c_{cnc} \)). \( c_{cnc} \) is a Nationally Determined Parameter; hence other values may be valid in the place of use. A manufacturer may achieve and declare smaller values for \( \Delta c_{cnc} \) than given in the National Annex by taking the appropriate measures.

For slabs and beams the average deviation of concrete cover may be determined as the mean deviation of the individual bars, wires or strands in a beam cross-section or over a maximum width of 1 m in a slab. No individual bar, wire or strand shall have a negative deviation numerically larger than the recommended negative deviation.

NOTE 1 Guidance on concrete cover can be found in Annex A.

NOTE 2 Production tolerances of geometrical properties may be determined by measurements according to J.1 to J.3 of Annex J.

Recommendations for maximum deviations on length:

\[ \Delta l = \pm\left(10 + \frac{L}{1000}\right) \leq \pm 40 \text{mm} \]

where

- \( L \) is the nominal length in millimetres.

Recommendations for maximum deviations on holes, openings, steel plates, inserts etc.
— Size of hole or opening ±10 mm
— Location of holes, openings, steel plates, inserts etc. ±25 mm

4.3.1.2 Minimum dimensions and detailing

The geometrical characteristics of precast concrete products shall comply with the required minimum dimensions and detailing.

The values of the minimum dimensions and detailing are based on the nominal dimensions and may be taken from the relevant clauses 7, 8, 9 and 10 of EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010.

4.3.1.3 Support

The structural design of the works shall take into account the tolerances on the supports as specified in the structural design for the works.

EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, 10.9.5.2 may be used as guidance to determine the assumed ineffective distances from the edge of the support and from the end of the precast concrete product. A combination of global tolerances may not be used to determine tolerances at the support, as in most cases they have to be stricter than tolerances achieved by such combinations.

4.3.2 Surface characteristics

For the specification of the surface characteristics of a finished product, reference should be made to Annex J.4, where also recommended values are given.

Other maximum deviations may be specified.

For identification of concrete finishes, CEN/TR 15739 may be used.

4.3.3 Mechanical resistance

4.3.3.1 General

The compressive strength class of the concrete shall be declared unless both of the following conditions are fulfilled:

— Mechanical resistance of the product is verified and declared on the basis of initial type testing and regular tests for this property during factory production control on the finished product.
— Compressive strength class is not a relevant parameter to demonstrate durability of the finished product (see 4.3.7.1 and 4.3.7.5).

All relevant structural properties of the product shall be considered in both ultimate and serviceability limit states.

For prestressing losses, reference may be made to Annex K, in cases specified in that Annex.

Mechanical resistance shall be verified by one of the following means:

— calculation (see 4.3.3.2),
— calculation aided by testing (see 4.3.3.3)
— testing (see 4.3.3.4).

The use of these means is submitted to provisions in the place of use.
4.3.3.2 Verification by calculation

Design values of mechanical resistance obtained by calculation shall be verified according to the relevant clauses of EN 1992-1-1, or to the rules valid in the place of use. Pertinent complementary rules given in this and in product standards apply.

4.3.3.3 Verification by calculation aided by physical testing

Physical testing on finished products is required to aid calculation in the following cases:

— alternative design rules with respect to 4.3.3.2;
— structural arrangements with unusual design models not covered by 4.3.3.2.

In these cases physical testing on a small number of full scale specimens is needed before starting production in order to verify the reliability of the design model assumed for calculation. This shall be done with load-tests up to ultimate limit state (design conditions).

Physical testing is not required in case of reliable theoretical verification following the principles of EN 1992-1-1. Relevant information is also found in EN 1990 Annex D.

4.3.3.4 Verification by testing

In case of verification by testing, declared values shall be verified by direct load testing made on samples taken following proper statistical criteria.

Relevant information is also found in EN 1990 Annex D.

4.3.3.5 Safety factors

Recommended values for partial safety factors can be found in EN 1990 and EN 1992-1-1. These standards also permit lower values under certain conditions. Annex C provides such information.

4.3.3.6 Transient situations

The following transient situations shall be considered:

— demoulding,
— transport to the storage yards
— storage (support and load conditions)
— transport to site
— erection (lifting)
— construction (assembly)

When relevant for the type of element, for transient situations a nominal transverse horizontal force to cover out of plane effects due to dynamic actions or verticality deviations shall be considered. This may be taken as 1.5 % of the self-weight of the element.
4.3.4 Resistance and reaction to fire

4.3.4.1 General

Resistance and reaction to fire shall be declared when relevant to the intended use of the product.

Resistance to fire is normally declared as standard fire resistance by means of classes. Alternatively, it may be declared as resistance to parametric fire.

Recommendations related to the use of EN 1992-1-2 are given in Annex O.

NOTE The required class for standard fire resistance, or alternatively resistance to parametric fire, depends on the national fire regulations.

4.3.4.2 Classification for standard fire resistance

For the verification of standard fire resistance one of the following methods can be chosen.

a) Classification by testing

Tests previously performed in accordance with the requirements of EN 13501-2 (i.e. same product, same or more demanding test method) may be taken into account.

The validity of test results can be extended to other spans, cross-sections and loads by appropriate calculation methods (see e.g. c) below).

b) Classification by tabulated data

Tabulated data can be found in EN 1992-1-2. When applicable complementary rules may be given in product standards.

c) Classification by calculation

For classification based on calculation methods, the relevant clauses of EN 1992-1-2 or the rules valid in the place of use apply. When applicable, complementary rules may be given in product standards

4.3.4.3 Verification of resistance to parametric fire

Actions due to parametric fire shall be as given in EN 1991-1-2. Resistance to parametric fire may be verified either by calculation methods in accordance to EN 1992-1-2, or by testing.

4.3.4.4 Reaction to fire

Concrete products made with maximum 1 % organic materials in the concrete composition (by mass or volume whichever is the more onerous) may be declared as reaction to fire class A1 without the need for testing.

Concrete products which include organic materials in the concrete composition greater than 1 % by mass or volume shall be tested and classified according to EN 13501–1.

NOTE See Commission Decision 96/603/EEC, Materials to be considered as reaction to fire Class A without the need for testing as amended by commission Decision 2000/605/EC.

4.3.5 Acoustic properties

The acoustic properties are airborne sound insulation and impact sound insulation. These characteristics shall be declared when relevant for the intended use of the product.

The airborne sound insulation of a concrete product may be estimated by calculation following Annex B of EN 12354-1:2000 or measured according to EN ISO 140-3. In this case, it shall be expressed in the third octave bands 100 Hz to 3150 Hz and as a single number quantity with spectrum adaptation terms according to EN ISO 717-1.
The impact sound insulation of a concrete product may be estimated by calculation following Annex B of EN 12354-2:2000 or measured according to EN ISO 140-6. In this case, it shall be expressed in the third octave bands 100-3150 Hz and as a single number quantity with spectrum adaptation terms according to EN ISO 717-2.

Complementary information may be found in the relevant product standards.

4.3.6 Thermal properties

Thermal properties shall be declared when relevant for the intended use of the product. The thermal properties of a concrete product shall be expressed in terms of one of the following sets of quantities:

a) the thermal conductivity of the material, together with the geometry of the product;

b) the thermal resistance of the product.

When relevant, the specific heat capacity of the material or the heat capacity of the finished product may be given.

The thermal conductivity of the material may be determined by testing in accordance with EN 12664. Determination of declared thermal values for dry state shall be according to EN ISO 10456, which also gives procedures to convert the declared thermal values into design thermal values.

The design thermal conductivity and the specific heat capacity of the materials may also be obtained from tabulated values in EN ISO 10456 and EN 1745.

The thermal resistance and thermal transmittance of concrete products may be calculated in accordance with EN ISO 6946 or measured in a hot box in accordance with EN ISO 8990 or EN 1934.

NOTE Tables with relevant data from EN ISO 10456 and EN 1745 are given in Annex L.

4.3.7 Durability

4.3.7.1 Durability requirements

The following specifications refer to concrete structural products with a design working life consistent with EN 1992-1-1.

The durability of precast concrete products is ensured by the following requirements as relevant:

- adequate content of cement and additions (see 4.2.1.1);
- maximum water/binder ratio (see 4.2.1.1);
- maximum chloride content (see 4.2.1.1);
- maximum alkali content (see 4.2.1.1);
- protection of newly cast concrete against drying out (see 4.2.1.3);
- minimum concrete strength (see 4.2.2.1);
- minimum concrete cover and concrete quality of cover (see 4.3.7.4);

And where applicable,

- air content (see 4.2.1.1);
- adequate hydration by heat treatment (see 4.2.1.4);
- specific requirements to ensure internal integrity (see 4.3.7.2);
— specific requirements to ensure surface integrity (see 4.3.7.3);
— water absorption (see 4.3.7.5);
— use of performance design methods (e.g. EN 206-1).

Durability requirements may be found in EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC 2010, 4.2.

NOTE In case of non-structural concrete products or when the design working life of the concrete product is shorter or longer than the corresponding value in EN 1992-1-1 (50 years), the durability specifications may be adapted to the specific field of application of the product.

### 4.3.7.2 Internal integrity

The potential properties concerning resistance and durability of the concrete mix shall be safeguarded during production by adequate hydration, possibly by heat treatment (where applicable) and limitation of early cracking of concrete see 4.2.1.3 and 4.2.1.4.

### 4.3.7.3 Surface integrity

When relevant the surface resistance of concrete against deterioration processes such as chemical reactions, freeze-thaw effects, mechanical abrasion, etc. shall be ensured by proper provisions.

The technical requirements for surface integrity may follow EN 206-1:2000, 5.3 and, as far as possible, the performance related design method (EN 206-1:2000, 5.3.3 and Annex J) should be used to facilitate performance checking.

NOTE Depending on the provisions valid in the place of use of the product, one of these methods may be the combination of limiting values for each exposure class related to maximum water/binder ratio, minimum strength class and maximum water absorption of the concrete from the finished product.

E.g. for class XC3 (moderate humidity, concrete inside buildings with moderate or high air humidity, external concrete sheltered from rain) the combination could be: maximum water/binder ratio 0,50, minimum strength class 35/45, maximum water absorption 6 %.

### 4.3.7.4 Steel corrosion resistance

Resistance against steel corrosion shall be obtained by following the principles of 4.1 of EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010. To fulfil these principles, Annex A of this standard gives a scale of ambient conditions related to the concrete covers adopted in the design of the precast concrete product.

The minimum reinforcement area shall be checked if the tensile stress exceeds \( \sigma_{t,p} \), where \( \sigma_{t,p} \) is the admissible tensile stress in concrete under the characteristic combination of loads and the characteristic value of prestress. The \( \sigma_{t,p} \) may be found in the National Annex, if not \( \sigma_{t,p} = f_{\text{eff},p} \).

Corrosion resistance may also be obtained by protection of reinforcement e.g. by using stainless steel, etc.

### 4.3.7.5 Water absorption

When water absorption is specified it shall be measured according to 5.1.2.

### 4.3.7.6 Performance related design

If permitted in the place of use, the technical requirements in 4.3.7.1 to 4.3.7.4 may be modified using a performance related design method (EN 206-1:2000, 5.3.3 and Annex J, in combination with provisions valid in the place of use).

NOTE Depending on the provisions valid in the place of use of the product, a method may combine limiting values for each exposure class related to maximum water/binder ratio, minimum strength class and minimum air content with maximum water absorption or maximum scaling at freeze-thaw testing of concrete from the finished product.
4.3.8 Other requirements

4.3.8.1 Safety in handling

The concrete product shall be designed and manufactured so that it can be handled safely, with no detrimental effect on the product itself. Provisions for handling and storage during transport and on site shall be given and documented by the manufacturer. Additional information can be found in EN 13670:2009, 9.4.

NOTE: General guidance is given in CEN/TR 15728 “Design and use of inserts for lifting and handling of precast concrete products”. For specific applications further guidance might be given in the insert suppliers’ technical documentation.

4.3.8.2 Safety in use

The properties of a concrete product, regulatory related to safety in its intended final use, should be considered if required (e.g.: surface regularity, slip resistance, sharp edges, etc.).

4.3.8.3 Self-weight

If required, the self-weight of the finished product shall be declared.

If Annex C5 is applied, the manufacturer shall control the self-weight.

5 Test methods

5.1 Tests on concrete

5.1.1 Compressive strength

The concrete strength shall be tested following EN 12390-3:

— on representative moulded specimens according to EN 12390-1 and EN 12390-2
— Or on representative cores according to EN 12504-1.

For the determination of structural strength, the curing conditions of EN 12390-2 do not apply.

NOTE 1 The different shapes and dimensions of test specimens give different values for the concrete strength.

Proper shape factors shall be applied to give the standard cylinder or cube strength.

Cubes with a nominal size of at least 100 mm and not more than 150 mm and cylinders or cores with equal nominal length and diameter from 100 mm up to 150 mm can be assumed to give a strength value equivalent to the standard cube strength value obtained under the same ambient conditions.

Cylinders and cores with a nominal diameter of at least 100 mm and not larger than 150 mm and with a nominal length to diameter ratio equal to 2 can be assumed to give a strength value equivalent to the standard cylinder strength value obtained under the same ambient conditions.

For other shapes and sizes of specimens, conversion factors shall be established by initial testing according to EN 206-1:2000, 5.5.1.1.

Cores with a nominal diameter less than 50 mm and/or a nominal length less than 0.7 times the diameter shall not be used. Cubes with a nominal size less than 50 mm shall not be used.

NOTE 2 Annex H provides information on shape correlation factors.

Conversion factors for the relationship between indirect structural strength and direct structural strength shall be
established by initial testing. Depending on the shape and/or size of the specimens to be considered this conversion factor may or may not include a shape and/or size conversion factor.

5.1.2 Water absorption

When the water absorption of concrete is measured, the test method given in normative Annex G shall apply.

5.1.3 Dry density of concrete

When the dry density of concrete is required, the test shall be carried out on representative specimens in accordance to EN 12390-7.

5.2 Measuring of dimensions and surface characteristics

When not defined in the specific product standard, information on measuring of dimensions are given in Annex J.

Dimensions are assumed at reference temperatures between 10 °C and 30 °C, and at the reference age of 28 days. If necessary, theoretical corrections shall be made for inherent deviations of the dimensions when measuring at other temperatures or ages.

The equipment used to check deviations shall be read with an accuracy of at least 1/5 of the deviation to be checked.

Angular deviation of a plane surface shall be measured in two perpendicular directions.

For wide elements, such as ribbed elements and special roof elements, the length should be measured at three locations, for example at 100 mm from both edges and in the center.

If considered necessary, the width and height shall also be measured at least at three locations along the length of the element. For dimensions that may be difficult to measure directly on the element, leveling rods or leveling instruments may be used to aid in the measuring.

Lateral bow and camber shall be measured at midspan.

5.3 Weight of the products

When the reduction of γ₀ according to Annex C.5 is applied, the self-weight of the precast concrete product shall be determined by weighing with an accuracy of ± 3% or estimated by calculation.

Estimated weight shall be calculated from:

- the nominal dimensions of the finished product;
- the mean value of concrete density representative for the finished product considered, and measured from the test specimen used for potential strength according to EN 12390-3;
- the amount of reinforcement of the finished product.

6 Evaluation of conformity

6.1 General

6.1.1 General note

NOTE The assignment of tasks for the manufacturer and for the notified body in consideration of CE marking is defined in the relevant Annex ZA of the product standard. Care should be taken in respect of the fact that some tasks described in this clause are not relevant for CE marking.
6.1.2 Demonstration of compliance

Compliance of the concrete product with the relevant requirements of this standard and with the specified or declared values (levels or classes) for the product properties shall be demonstrated by carrying out both of the following tasks:

a) type testing including calculation when relevant (see 6.2);

b) factory production control (see 6.3), including product inspection.

6.1.3 Assessment of compliance

6.1.3.1 General

In addition to the requirements of 6.1.2, compliance may be assessed by a third party (see Annex E) whose tasks will depend on the product family.

6.1.3.2 Assessment of factory production control

The third party assessment shall be based on both the following tasks:

a) initial inspection of the factory and of factory production control;

b) continuing surveillance, assessment and approval of factory production control (including supervision of measurements and tests on materials, processes and finished products).

6.1.3.3 Assessment of the product

The third party assessment shall be based on one or both of the following tasks, which are additional to tasks a) and b) of 6.1.3.1:

a) supervision, assessment and approval of type testing of the product (see 6.2);

b) audit testing on samples taken at the factory or possibly from the construction site.

6.1.4 Acceptance testing

When acceptance testing of a concrete product is demanded, it may be carried out according to Annex F or to the relevant provisions.

If compliance has been assessed according to 6.1.2, acceptance testing is not necessary.

6.1.5 Product families

Types of concrete products may be grouped into families for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with relevant requirements. Grouping may take place if the family is identified in the product standard or if:

— the property of a single type can be demonstrated by the manufacturer to represent reliably the property of other types in the family and

— it is demonstrated by the manufacturer that the property is controlled by the same procedures of the factory production control.

NOTE Further guidance is given in EN 206-1:2000, 8.2.1.1.
6.2 Type testing

6.2.1 General

The purpose of type testing is to demonstrate that the product meets the requirements.

NOTE A special feature of precast concrete products is the possibility that full scale testing of the products may be carried out prior to delivery. However it is not the intent that full scale testing shall be carried out on a regular basis.

Type testing can be:

— Physical type testing – Physical type testing consists in submitting a representative sample of the product and/or of specimens to the relevant tests for the properties to be proved

— Type calculation – Type calculation is the justification of the relevant properties of the product by calculation.

— A combination of both

When the design of a product has been supplied by the purchaser, the determination of the product type is not required.

For properties of the product evaluated on the basis of generally accepted design methods (e.g. design rules of EN 1992-1-1 or product standards), with common arrangements and usual design models or based on documented long-term experience, physical type testing of the product is not required. In other cases, physical type tests shall be carried out to verify the reliability of the design method.

It shall not be necessary to type test both the product and the concrete.

If the manufacturer has access to appropriate and calibrated test equipment, physical type testing may be carried out with this equipment.

Results of type testing shall be recorded.

Annex P gives a survey of type testing and/or calculations which shall be performed or may be required according to this standard.

Reference to type testing performed on another production line or in another factory (shared type testing) may be admitted provided that it is demonstrated to be representative and it is documented. Shared type testing is not accepted for concrete properties or where the aim of type testing is to check the production line capability.

6.2.2 Initial type testing

Initial type testing shall be carried out to demonstrate the conformity to the requirement before a new type of product is put on the market. It shall also be carried out for products under production at the date of availability of the pertinent product standard. Previous type tests performed before this date on the same product may be considered if they comply with the requirements of the pertinent product standard.

For initial type testing of concrete the relevant requirements of Annex A of EN 206-1:2000 shall apply.

Products shall not be delivered until the results of initial type testing show that they comply with the requirements.

Initial type testing of the product shall also be carried out whenever there is a change in design, concrete composition, type of steel, method of manufacture or other modifications which could significantly change some of the properties of the product.

6.2.3 Further testing

Appropriate further type testing of the product shall be carried out whenever there is a change in design, concrete composition, type of steel, method of manufacture or other changes which could significantly change some of the properties of the product.
6.3 Factory production control

6.3.1 General
The manufacturer shall establish, document, maintain and implement a factory production control (FPC) system to ensure that the product put on the market meets the requirements of this standard and complies with the specified or declared values and with the requirements on technical documentation.

NOTE A manufacturer operating a quality system in accordance with EN ISO 9001 and taking into account the requirements of this standard is deemed to satisfy the factory production control requirements as described hereafter.

6.3.2 Organisation
The tasks, competences, responsibilities and authority of the personnel involved in factory production control shall be defined, documented, maintained and implemented, including procedures for the following activities:

a) demonstration of conformity of the product at appropriate stages;

b) identification recording and dealing with any instance of non-conformity;

c) establishment of causes of non-conformity and possible corrective action (design, materials or production procedures).

An organisational scheme shall clarify the activities given in a) to c) of the personnel involved.

NOTE Special requirements regarding the competence level of various functions may be applicable.

6.3.3 Control system
The factory production control system shall consist of procedures, instructions, regular inspections, tests and the utilisation of the results to control equipment, raw materials, other incoming materials, production process and finished products.

6.3.4 Document control
Documents shall be controlled in such a way that only valid copies are available in the workplace. These documents are the procedures, instructions, standards, construction reports, drawings and the factory production control procedures.

The production drawings and documents shall provide the specifications and all data necessary for the manufacture (see 6.3.5) of the product. They shall be dated and approved for production by a person designated by the manufacturer.

6.3.5 Process control
The manufacturer shall identify the relevant features of the plant and/or the production process which affect the conformity of the product with the technical specification. He shall plan and perform the production process in such a manner that conformity of the product with the requirements of the product standard is ensured.

6.3.6 Inspection and testing

6.3.6.1 General
Inspection and testing shall be performed on equipment, raw materials, other incoming materials, production process and finished products. The subjects, criteria, methods and frequencies related to inspection and testing shall be laid down in inspection schemes. The frequency of checks and inspections and the methods which are not specified in this standard shall be defined in such a way as to achieve permanent conformity of the product.
The inspection schemes given in the Tables D.1 to D.4 are reference schemes.

The manufacturer shall apply the relevant parts of these schemes unless he can demonstrate that any changes which he makes to them achieve equal confidence in the conformity of the product. For the conformity of the production of concrete, the relevant part of the production control procedures of EN 206-1 can be considered to achieve an equal confidence level.

Switching rules for the rate of inspection subjects indicated in the inspection schemes, are given in Table D.5.

If relevant, additional inspections may be carried out.

The results of inspection which are expressed in numerical terms, all inspection results requiring corrective action and test results, shall be recorded and be available.

The tests shall be carried out in accordance with the methods mentioned in the relevant standard or by applying alternative test methods with a proven correlation or a safe relationship to the standard methods.

The results of testing shall meet the specified compliance criteria and be available.

6.3.6.2 Equipment

The weighing, measuring and testing equipment used in the factory shall be calibrated and inspected following the reference schemes given in Table D.1.

6.3.6.3 Materials

Raw materials and other incoming materials shall be inspected for compliance with the technical documentation according to 6.3.4.

The reference schemes for inspections, measurements and tests are given in Table D.2.

6.3.6.4 Production process

The schemes for inspections, measurements and tests are given in Table D.3.

6.3.6.5 Finished products

A sampling and testing plan for the finished products shall be prepared and implemented for all properties (including marking) to be checked.

The reference inspection scheme for the finished product is given in Table D.4.

6.3.7 Non-conforming products

If the results of factory production control or complaints after delivery reveal non-conformity of one or more properties of the product with this standard or with the manufacturer’s technical specifications, the manufacturer shall take the necessary steps in order to rectify the shortcoming.

If non-conformity occurs, the possible relevant effects on resistance, serviceability, appearance durability and on installation and assembly compatibility shall be documented. The documentation shall evaluate the possibility of acceptance with or without remedial measures or after downgrading the product for suitable uses within the scope of the relevant product standard. If the faulty product is not acceptable and no satisfactory remedial measure or downgrading is found, the faulty product shall be rejected.

If non-conformity is identified after delivery, the manufacturer shall have the necessary registrations and procedures that allow him to trace the non-conformity and to assess it.

Products which do not comply with the requirements shall be set aside and marked accordingly.
Procedures dealing with non-conformity of the product, with complaints concerning the properties stated in the standard or in the specification and with corrective actions shall be documented.

6.3.8 Conformity criteria

6.3.8.1 Concrete strength

Conformity criteria for standard compressive strength at 28 days shall be taken from clause 8.2.1.1 and 8.2.1.3 of EN 206-1:2000. However:

— the period of initial production to estimate the current statistical parameters (mean, standard deviation,...) of a concrete type or the reference concrete type of a concrete family may be reduced to three calendar weeks of factory production control provided that a minimum of 15 consecutive inspection results is obtained spread over at least 5 production days;

— the initial value of the statistical parameters estimated in the first period of production, reduced to three calendar weeks as specified above, may be updated through a continuous system for the next assessment period;

— for the initial phase, before reaching the minimum production period specified above, conformity assessment shall be based on the following criteria:

\[ f_{cm} \geq f_{ck} + 4\text{MPa} \]
\[ f_i \geq f_{ck} - 4\text{MPa} \]

where

- \( f_{cm} \) is the mean compressive strength of concrete and
- \( f_{ck} \) is the characteristic value of the compressive strength of concrete

The same criteria should be used for non-continuing occasional productions;

— the conformity assessment of concrete strength during the period of continuous production may be checked using a control chart complying with EN 206-1 requirements (AOQL = 5%).

Concrete strength may be tested at an earlier age using the same conformity assessment procedures and criteria.

Further recommendations are given in Annex B.

6.3.8.2 Other properties of finished products

For water absorption, conformity criteria valid in the place of use shall be applied.

As long as consecutive test results of a concrete property or finished product property belong to small populations of results, each test result shall satisfy the performance requirement.

If sufficient large populations of consecutive test results of a concrete property are available and if a AOQL (=Average Outgoing Quality Limit) is allowed, conformity with the performance requirement may be checked by attributes or by variables.

NOTE 1 Depending on the test method on which a test is based, a test result may be the result of a single measurement or the mean of more than one measurement.

Checks by attributes or by variables may be performed either by considering non-overlapping or overlapping populations of consecutive test results.
NOTE 2 Consideration of overlapping populations permits faster release of consignments of finished products but increases the risk of rejection.

Using checks by attributes, a test result for a specific property is non-conforming if it does not satisfy the appropriate upper or lower specification limits indicated in EN 206-1.

Checks by variables may be performed in accordance with ISO 3951-1:2005 (the acceptance coefficient $k$ according to Table B.1 of that standard, depending on the number of results available in the population and the AOQL considered, shall be used) or by using control charts in accordance with ISO 8258 and the AOQL considered.

Using checks by variables the upper or lower values derived for the population of test results considered, is non-conforming if it does not satisfy the upper or lower specification limits indicated in EN 206-1.

The AOQL depends on the property considered and is given in EN 206-1.

Depending on the frequency of inspection and the length of the period to which the test results belong, the manufacturer shall determine the maximum number $n_{\text{max}}$ of results in the population for each property to be evaluated. Once $n_{\text{max}}$ is reached checks by attributes or variables shall be continued by considering consecutive populations of $n_{\text{max}}$ results.

Whenever there is a change of inspection or production parameters or other changes which could significantly influence the test results obtained or the distribution characteristics of the population for the property considered, a new population of test results obtained from the major change on, shall be built up.

6.3.9 Indirect or alternative test method

Any indirect or alternative test method may be used for specific properties, e.g. rebound hammer and sound velocity for testing concrete properties, provided a safe correlation is established and maintained with the direct method.

7 Marking

Each produced unit shall be marked or labelled to show:

- identification of the manufacturer;
- identification of the place of production;
- number of the product standard
- identification code of the unit when necessary, (e.g. to trace declared unit properties and performances and other relevant product data in the technical documentation or to trace production process data);
- date of casting;
- self-weight of the unit when required;
- other information relevant for installation in the work (e.g. location and orientation) when required.

For identical or serial units of a concrete product, the above procedure may be simplified or replaced by overall marking or labelling of packaged units or lots of units.

In addition to the above data, the following accompanying information shall be provided on the marking or labelling or in the accompanying documents:

- product identity (description according to the standard and/or commercial name);
- technical documentation where applicable.
NOTE Where applicable, for CE marking refer to Annex ZA of relevant product standard.

8 Technical documentation

At the latest at the time of delivery technical documents shall be available, which are appropriate for the chosen method of declaration, and which:

— ensure traceability of design assumptions, methods, results and detailing of the element including construction data such as the dimensions, the tolerances, the layout of the reinforcement, the concrete cover etc,

— meet national provisions on design documents in the place of use,

— give guidance on safe transportation, handling and storing,

— give specifications for the erection of the elements and

— give supplementary information referred to in the marking labelled to the elements.

Different technical documents for structural concrete products meeting the requirements above are exemplified in informative Annex M.
Annex A
(informative)

Concrete cover as regard to corrosion

A.1 Minimum concrete cover for base conditions

With reference to the durability of precast concrete products in terms of steel protection against corrosion, Table A.1 gives the scale of environmental conditions and corresponding exposure classes.

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<th>Environmental conditions</th>
<th>Aggressivity</th>
<th>Exposure classes of EN 206-1:2000</th>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>Null</td>
<td>X0</td>
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<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>XC1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>XC2-XC3</td>
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<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>Normal</td>
<td>XC4</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>XD1-XS1</td>
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<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>Very high</td>
<td>XD2-XS2</td>
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<tr>
<td>G</td>
<td>Extreme</td>
<td>XD3-XS3</td>
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For precast concrete products intended for normal design working life (50 years) the recommended values of minimum concrete cover as given in Table A.2 can be used, provided that special quality control of the factory production is ensured.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Environmental conditions</th>
<th>C_{min}</th>
<th>C_0</th>
<th>Ambient conditions</th>
<th>Slab reinforcing bars</th>
<th>Other reinforcing bars</th>
<th>Slab pretensioned tendons</th>
<th>Other pretensioned tendons</th>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>C20/25</td>
<td>C30/37</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>10 10 10 10 10 10 10</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
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<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>C20/25</td>
<td>C30/37</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>10 10 10 10 10 15</td>
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<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>C30/37</td>
<td>C40/50</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>15 20 20 25 25 30</td>
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<td>C30/37</td>
<td>C40/50</td>
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<td>C40/50</td>
<td>F</td>
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<tr>
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<td>G</td>
<td>30 35 35 40 40 45</td>
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<td>45 50</td>
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In Table A.2, C_{min} is the minimum concrete class required for the given exposure class, and C_0 is the concrete class being two strength classes higher than C_{min}. Where freeze/thaw or chemical attack on concrete (Classes XF and XA of EN 206-1:2000) is expected, special attention should be given to the concrete composition. Covers in accordance with Table A.2 will normally be sufficient for such situations.
A.2 Alternative conditions

In applying EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010 4.4.1.2 (11) the following alternative conditions are recommended unless other rules are given in the National Annex.

For products with intended design working life of 100 years in environmental conditions C to G the values of table A2 should be increased with 10 mm.

When steel with protection against corrosion by coating is used, the concrete cover as given in Table A.2 may be reduced by 5 mm; when stainless steel is used the concrete cover could be reduced to the value required for bond, fire resistance or specific aggressive environment.

When the concrete class is ≥ C40/50 and its water absorption is less than 6,0% (characteristic value) the concrete cover as given in Table A.2 may be reduced by 5 mm.

For concrete classes higher than C50/60 and water absorption less than 5,0 % (characteristic value) the reduction may be taken to 10 mm.

For uneven surfaces (e.g. exposed aggregate) the minimum concrete cover should be increased with the maximum depth of the unevenness.

When a sufficient protection of concrete exposed surface is ensured, the exposure class may be decreased and the concrete cover accordingly.

For products with a design working life shorter than 50 years and/or for non-structural products, the values in table A.2 may be reduced. Unless rules valid in the place of use specify other values, a reduction of 5 mm is recommended.

The minimum concrete cover should be 10 mm.
Annex B
(informative)

Concrete quality control

B.1 Statistical representative values

The test strength results should be subjected to statistical analysis applied to a moving group of samples to evaluate the current characteristic value with reference to the continuing production.

If needed, supplementary tests made before the target age of curing (28 days) can be carried out in the same way for early statistics. The test values should be previously subjected to a uniform correlation to a given age on the basis of a proved hardening law.

This procedure applies for potential strength or structural strength (direct or indirect).

B.2 Conformity criteria for potential strength

6.3.8. should be applied.

B.3 Direct structural strength

For concrete quality control direct structural strength may be chosen by the manufacturer as an alternative to potential strength. Strength tests on drilled cores may be performed in order to verify the conformity of the direct structural strength. As a rule the sampling should follow the procedure below:

- with reference to every production day, two cores are taken from different positions in one product (e.g.: one end upper position and one middle lower position), each core representing one sample;
- the core strength is measured (see 5.1.1.), obtaining the two values \( f_1 \) \( \leq f_2 \);

Conformity criteria are applied, as specified in B.2 for potential strength, with:

\[ \alpha f_k < f_{ck} \]

where

- \( f_k \) is the characteristic value of the standard period and
- \( \alpha \) is 1/0.85 is the safety conversion factor according to 4.2.2.2.5.
- \( f_{ck} \) is the characteristic value of compressive strength of concrete.

B.4 Indirect structural strength

Indirect structural strength should be correlated to direct structural strength with an initial calibration testing. Tests on drilled cores as specified in B.3 should be performed, for a minimum period of 5 production days, in parallel to the corresponding tests performed on the moulded samples cured in the same conditions of the elements.

For the calibration of indirect to direct structural strength, comparison is made with reference to the test data of the same day of production and to the whole group of the last 5 test data.
The ratio between indirect and direct structural strength is assumed to be 1.0 if:

\[ f'_m \geq 0.95 f \]
\[ f'_i \geq f - 3.0 \text{ MPa} \]
\[ f'_m = \left( f'_1 + f'_2 \right) / 2 \]

where

- \( f'_1 \) and \( f'_2 \) are direct structural strength measured on cored specimens;
- \( f \) is the day indirect structural strength of the moulded sample;

and if

\[ f'_i \geq f_k \]

where

- \( f_k \) is the characteristic indirect structural strength of the moulded samples for the last 5 production days.

After this calibration the same conformity criteria of B.2 can be applied to indirect structural strength with:

\[ \alpha f'_k \geq f'_k \]

where

\[ \alpha = 1/0.85 \] is the safety conversion factor according to 4.2.2.2.5.

## B.5 Direct assessment of possibly non-conforming units

When from testing it results that conformity verification of B.2, B.3 or B.4 is not satisfied, the units produced in the corresponding day can be submitted to a direct assessment.

This assessment should be made by means of testing of direct structural strength on cores drilled from the products themselves, with the following procedure:

- a representative unit is selected from the stock of products manufactured with the non-conforming concrete type;
- three cores are taken from different positions in the unit (i.e.: one upper end position, one lower end position, one middle position);
- the standard direct structural strength is measured (see 5.1.1) obtaining the three values \( f'_1 \leq f'_2 \leq f'_3 \);
- an equivalent design value \( f_d = (f'_m \cdot \Delta f) / \gamma_f \)
  is computed from the mean \( f_m = \left( f'_1 + f'_2 + f'_3 \right) / 3 \)
  and from the total deviation \( \Delta f = f'_3 - f'_1 \geq 3.5 \text{ MPa}; \)
- the product is accepted if
  \[ \alpha f'_1 > f'_k - 4 \text{ MPa} \]
and $\alpha_{fd} \geq f_{cd}/\alpha_{cc}$

where

- $f_{cd}$ is the intended potential design cylinder strength assumed in resistance calculations (ultimate limit state);
- $\alpha_{cc}$ is the related long term effect coefficient (see EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, 3.1.6(1));
- $\gamma$ is the additional confidence factor necessary to extend the result of the assessment from the selected unit to all the non-conforming stock of units (the value 1.2 is recommended);

otherwise the product is rejected, unless it can be appropriately strengthened, or downgraded for other suitable uses.

NOTE 1 Rules valid in the place of use may define the deviation $\Delta f$ differently and in that case the rule valid in the place of use should be used.

NOTE 2 In accordance with EN 1992-1-1, $\alpha_{cc}$ is a Nationally Determined Parameter (NDP).

NOTE 3 If the questionable stock is large or contains products manufactured with the same concrete type but with different production processes leading to different structural strengths, a single unit submitted to the procedure as described may not be representative for the whole stock. In that case the stock should be subdivided in appropriate batches and the procedure should be applied for a representative unit of each batch.
Annex C
(informative)

Reliability considerations

C.1 General

Following EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, A.3, the values of partial safety factors for materials may be assumed as given in C.2 to C.4.

If the recommended values in EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, 2 are changed in the National Annex, the reduced safety factors given in C.2 and C.3 should be modified proportionally.

These values should be used only when factory production control is under third party assessment.

C.2 Reduction based on quality control and reduced tolerances

If factory production control (see 6.3 and Annex D) ensures that unfavourable deviations of cross sectional dimensions are within the tightened tolerances given in Table C.1, the partial safety factor for reinforcement may be reduced to:

$$\gamma_s = 1.10$$

Under the condition given above, and if the coefficient of variation of the concrete strength is shown not to exceed 10 %, the partial safety factor for concrete may be reduced to:

$$\gamma_c = 1.4$$

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<tr>
<th>$h$ or $b$ (mm)</th>
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<td>Cross section dimension</td>
<td>$\Delta h$, $\Delta b$ (mm)</td>
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<td>$\leq 150$</td>
<td>$\pm 5$</td>
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<td>$400$</td>
<td>$\pm 10$</td>
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<tr>
<td>$\geq 2500$</td>
<td>$+ 25$</td>
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</table>

With linear interpolation for intermediate values.

$\Delta c$ refers to the mean value of reinforcing bars or prestressing tendons in the cross section or over a width of one meter (e.g. slabs and walls).
C.3 Reduction based on using reduced or measured geometrical parameters in design

If the calculation of design resistance is based on critical dimensions, including effective depth (see Figure C.1), which are either:

- reduced by tolerances, or
- measured in the finished structure

the following values may be used

$$\gamma_b = 1,05, \gamma_c = 1,45$$

Under the condition given above and provided that the coefficient of variation of the concrete strength is shown not to exceed 10 $\%$, the partial factor for concrete may be reduced to $\gamma_c = 1,35$.

![Figure C.1 — Cross-section tolerances](image)

C.4 Reduction based on assessment of concrete strength in finished structure

For concrete strength values based on testing of direct structural strength as defined in 4.2.2, $\gamma_c$ may be reduced with the conversion factor $\eta$; normally $\eta = 0,85$ may be assumed.

The value of $\gamma_c$ to which this reduction is applied may already be reduced according to C.2 or C.3. However, the resulting value of $\gamma_c$ should not be less than 1,30.

C.5 Reduction of $\gamma_G$ based on control of self-weight

Partial safety factor for self-weight of precast concrete product $\gamma_G$ may be reduced by factor 0,95 when the measured weight or the estimated weight of the product does not exceed that used in design calculations. The weight is determined according to clause 5.3.

Partial safety factor for self-weight of precast concrete product $\gamma_G$ may be reduced by factor 0,90 when statistical 95 $\%$ fractile of weighted or evaluated weight does not exceed that used in design calculations.

If the reduction of $\gamma_G$ is applied, tightened tolerances shall be used and controlled systematically, see Table C.1.
Annex D
(normative)

Inspection schemes

D.1 Equipment inspection

Inspection subjects do not apply if they are not relevant for the specific product or if their purpose is fulfilled by other appropriate inspection.

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<td>1</td>
<td>Strength testing equipment</td>
<td>Except as indicated in the test method, calibrating against equipment which has been calibrated to National specifications and is used exclusively for this purpose</td>
<td>Correct functioning and accuracy</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Weighing equipment</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Dimension measuring equipment</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Temperature and humidity measuring equipment</td>
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<td><strong>D.1.2 - Storage and production equipment</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Storage of materials</td>
<td>Visual inspection or other appropriate method</td>
<td>Absence of contamination</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Weighing or volumetric batching equipment</td>
<td>Visual inspection</td>
<td>Correct functioning and cleanliness</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Calibrating against equipment which has been calibrated to National Standards and is used exclusively for this purpose</td>
<td>Manufacturer declared accuracy</td>
<td>— On (re)installation or after major repair — Weighing: once a year — Volumetric: twice a year — In case of doubt</td>
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<td>Equipment for continuous measurement of water content of fine aggregates</td>
<td>Comparison of the actual amount with the reading of the meter</td>
<td>Manufacturer declared accuracy</td>
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<td>— On (re)installation</td>
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<td>— In case of doubt</td>
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<td>Mixers</td>
<td>Visual inspection</td>
<td>Wear and correct functioning</td>
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<td>Moulds</td>
<td>Visual inspection</td>
<td>Condition (e.g. wear and deformation)</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Prestressing equipment</td>
<td>Calibrating against equipment which has been calibrated to National Standards and is used exclusively for this purpose</td>
<td>Correct functioning and accuracy</td>
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<td>Visual inspection</td>
<td>Wear of anchorage equipment</td>
<td>Weekly for each equipment used</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Casting machine/equipment</td>
<td>Manufacturer inspection instructions</td>
<td>Correct compaction of concrete</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Reinforcing steel</td>
<td>Visual inspection</td>
<td>To ascertain separate and clean storage, absence of contamination and of strongly rusted steel bars</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Prestressing steel</td>
<td>Visual inspection</td>
<td>Dry, airy storage, absence of contamination</td>
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a Only if the equipment is available and the purpose is not covered by appropriate inspection(s) under D.3.1. or D.4.1.

D.2 Materials inspection

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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>All materials</td>
<td>Inspection prior to discharge of delivery ticket and/or label on the package showing compliance with the order</td>
<td>To ascertain that the consignment is as ordered and from the correct source</td>
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<td>D.2.2 - Materials not submitted to an assessment of conformity before delivery</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Cement and other cementitious materials</td>
<td>Appropriate test methods</td>
<td>Conformity with requirements (see 4.1.2)</td>
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<td>Visual inspection prior to discharge with respect to the grading shape and impurities</td>
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<td>Sieve analysis according to EN 933-1</td>
<td>Compliance with agreed grading</td>
<td>1st delivery from new source</td>
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<td>Appropriate test method</td>
<td>Assessment of impurities or contamination</td>
<td>Periodically depending on local or delivery conditions</td>
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<td>Test for water absorption according to EN 1097-6 (^a)</td>
<td>Assessment of effective water content of concrete (see EN 206-1:2000, 5.4.2) (^b)</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Admixtures (^f)</td>
<td>Visual inspection</td>
<td>Conformity with normal appearance</td>
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<td>Test to EN 934-2</td>
<td>Uniformity of density</td>
<td>In case of doubt</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Tests for identification according to EN 934-2, e.g. density, infrared etc.</td>
<td>Conformity with suppliers stated data</td>
<td>In case of doubt</td>
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<td>Additions/ pigments (^f)</td>
<td>Visual inspection</td>
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<td>Appropriate test method (^g)</td>
<td>Uniformity of density (^g)</td>
<td>Each delivery</td>
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<td>Test of loss of ignition (^h)</td>
<td>Identification of changes in carbon content which may affect air entrained concrete</td>
<td>Each delivery</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>Water not taken from a public distribution system</td>
<td>Test according to EN 1008</td>
<td>To ascertain that the water is free from harmful constituents</td>
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<td>Recycled water</td>
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<td>Check for solid content and contaminants (see 4.1.2) (^d)</td>
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<td>Test to EN 1008</td>
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<td>In case of doubt</td>
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<td>Steel</td>
<td>Visual inspection</td>
<td>Conformity with requirements (see 4.1.3 and 4.1.4) (^d)</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>Appropriate test method</td>
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<td>17 Inserts and connections</td>
<td>Manufacturers method</td>
<td>Conformity with requirements (see 4.1.5)(^d)</td>
<td>Each delivery</td>
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\(^{a}\) The order shall mention the specification(s).
\(^{b}\) Materials not audited before delivery by the precast concrete product manufacturer or by a third party acceptable to him.
\(^{c}\) It is recommended that samples are taken and are stored once per week per type of cement for testing in case of doubt.
\(^{d}\) The requirements of this standard may be completed by the manufacturers requirements.
\(^{e}\) Not necessary if the purpose is fulfilled by other appropriate inspection(s) under D.3.1 or D.4.1.
\(^{f}\) It is recommended that samples are taken at each delivery and stored for testing in case of doubt.
\(^{g}\) Only for additions in suspension.
\(^{h}\) Only for bulk powder additions to be used for air-entrained concrete.

### D.3 Process inspection

Table D.3 — Process inspection

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<td>D.3.1  Concrete(^a)</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 Mixture composition (except water content)</td>
<td>— Visual on weighing equipment — Checking against production documents</td>
<td>Conformity with intended composition (weight or volumetric batched)</td>
<td>Daily for each composition used After each change</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Appropriate analysis</td>
<td></td>
<td>Conformity with intended mixture values (only volumetric batched)</td>
<td>Monthly for each composition used</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Water content of fresh concrete</td>
<td>Appropriate method</td>
<td>To provide data for the water/binder ratio</td>
<td>Daily for each composition used After each change In case of doubt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Chloride content of concrete</td>
<td>Calculation</td>
<td>To ensure that the maximum chloride content is not exceeded</td>
<td>In case of an increase in the chloride content of the constituents</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Water/binder ratio of fresh concrete</td>
<td>Calculation (see EN 206-1:2000, 5.4.2)</td>
<td>To assess specified water/binder ratio</td>
<td>Daily, if specified</td>
</tr>
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<td>6 Air content of fresh concrete where specified(^b)</td>
<td>Test according to EN 12350-7 for normal- weight and heavy- weight concrete ASTM C 173 for light weight concrete</td>
<td>To assess conformity with the specified content of entrained air</td>
<td>First batch of each production day until values stabilise</td>
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<td>7 Concrete mix</td>
<td>Visual check</td>
<td>Correct mixing</td>
<td>Daily for each mixture</td>
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<td>8 Potential strength</td>
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<td>To assess conformity with intended value7</td>
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<td>Density of hardened light- or heavyweight concreteb</td>
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<td>To assess specified density (see 4.2.2…..)</td>
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<td>Intended value (see 4.3.7.5 and Annex G)</td>
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D.3.2 - Other process subjectsh

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<td>Reinforcement and inserts (including lifting inserts)</td>
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<td>Welding</td>
<td>Visual inspection</td>
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<td>Appropriate test method(s)</td>
<td>Conformity of welded steel (see 4.2.3.1)</td>
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<td>Conformity of straightened steel (see 4.2.3.1)</td>
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<td>Moulds and beds</td>
<td>Visual inspection</td>
<td>Cleanliness and oiling</td>
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<td>Measuring</td>
<td>Check for wear and deformation</td>
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<td>Measuring of force or elongation</td>
<td>Correct force (see 4.2.3.2)</td>
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<td>Concrete placing</td>
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<td>Verification of relevant process conditions</td>
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<td>Accelerated hardening (by heat treatment)</td>
<td>Verification of relevant process conditions</td>
<td>Conformity with specification and documented factory procedures</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>Measuring temperatures</td>
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<td>Depending on process</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>Postcasting processing</td>
<td>As appropriate</td>
<td>Conformity with specifications and documented factory procedures</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>Slippage of tendons</td>
<td>Appropriated check/measurement</td>
<td>Conformity with specification (see 4.2.3.2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>Temperature</td>
<td>When relevant, check the temperature (outdoor, in the production and storage areas)</td>
<td>Take appropriate measures</td>
</tr>
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</table>

\[a\] The indicated tests and frequencies may be adapted or even deleted when equivalent information is obtained directly or indirectly from the product (see 6.3.9).
\[b\] Only for concrete containing entrained air (see, Table F.1 of EN 206-1:2000).
\[c\] e.g. required strength class in the case of compressive strength (see 4.2.2.1).
\[d\] Alternatively 8.2.1.2 of EN 206-1:2000 may apply.
\[e\] Only if the property is specified.
\[f\] According to the manufacturers process requirements.
\[g\] This inspection scheme may be adapted or completed for specific product purposes.
\[h\] Check against approved production drawings.
\[i\] Frequency of effective measurement may depend on the possibility of visual check on sawn sections.

D.4 Finished product inspection

Table D.4 — Finished product inspection

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<td>D.4.1 - Product Testing(b)</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Production tolerances (including concrete cover)</td>
<td>Testing according to Annex J.1 to J.3 and/or other appropriate method</td>
<td>Conformity with the requirements of this standard and the manufacturer declared properties</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Surface characteristics</td>
<td>Testing according to Annex J.4 and/or other appropriate method</td>
<td>Conformity with the requirements for the manufacturer declared properties</td>
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### Table D.4 — Finished product inspection *(concluded)*

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<td>3 Mechanical resistance by testing (^a)</td>
<td>Appropriate test method</td>
<td>Conformity with the requirements for the manufacturer’s declared mechanical resistance properties</td>
<td>Depending on product and mechanical resistance properties</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Marking/ Labelling</td>
<td>Visual check</td>
<td>Conformity with the requirements of this standard</td>
<td>Daily</td>
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<tr>
<td>5 Storage</td>
<td>Visual check</td>
<td>Conformity with the requirements of this standard</td>
<td>Daily</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Segregation of non-conforming products</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Delivery</td>
<td>Visual check</td>
<td>Correct delivery age, loading and loading documents</td>
<td>Daily</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 Final inspection</td>
<td>Visual check</td>
<td>To ascertain intactness</td>
<td>Daily</td>
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</table>

\(^a\) This inspection may be adapted and/or completed for specific product purposes.

\(^b\) Only if regular inspection by full scale testing is relevant in addition to type testing (e.g. if full scale testing of mechanical resistance replaces concrete strength inspection).
D.5 Switching rules

Switching rules only apply for inspection subjects of Tables D.2 to D.4 providing quantified results checked against specified declared or documented values.

Switching rules apply for each selected subject separately.

Depending on the subject, a result considered for applying switching rules may be an individual result or may be related to a group of results obtained from a sample.

### Table D.5 — Switching rules

<table>
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<tr>
<th>D.5.1 - Normal inspection</th>
<th>The inspection rate shall be in accordance with Tables D.2 to D.4.</th>
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<tr>
<td>D.5.2 - Normal to reduced inspection</td>
<td>Reduced inspection corresponds to half the rate of normal inspection. It may be used when normal inspection is effective and the 10 preceding successive results had been accepted.</td>
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| D.5.3 - Reduced to normal inspection | When reduced inspection is effective, normal inspection shall be reinstated if any of the following occurs:  
- a result is not accepted;  
- OR the production becomes irregular or delayed;  
- OR other conditions warrant that normal inspection shall be instituted. |
| D.5.4 - Normal to tightened inspection | Tightened inspection corresponds to double the rate of normal inspection. It shall be used when on normal inspection of five or less consecutive results, two have not been accepted. |
| D.5.5 - Tightened to normal inspection | Tightened inspection continues until five consecutive results have been accepted. Then normal inspection may be resumed. |
| D.5.6 - Stoppage of production | When inspection has to remain tightened for 10 consecutive results, production shall be stopped. The cause of the failure shall be investigated and any necessary remedial action shall be taken to restore product conformity. Production shall be resumed using tightened inspection. |
Annex E
(normative)

Assessment of compliance by a third party

E.1 General

NOTE The assignment of tasks for the manufacturer and for the notified body in consideration of CE marking is defined in the relevant Annex ZA of the product standard. Care should be taken in respect of the fact that some tasks described in this Annex are not relevant for CE marking, but can be relevant for voluntary marks.

E.1.1 Compliance of factory production control

When compliance of factory production control is assessed by a third party, the tasks of the third party shall be:

a) initial inspection of the factory and of the factory production control;

b) continuous surveillance, assessment and approval of factory production control.

E.1.2 Compliance of the product

When compliance of the product is assessed by a third party, additional tasks of the third party to E1.1. (initial inspection and continuous surveillance) shall be:

a) supervision, assessment and approval of the type testing of the product;

b) audit testing on samples taken at the factory or possibly from the construction site.

E.2 Initial inspection

Initial inspection of the factory and of the factory production control is intended to determine whether the requirements of 6.3 are fulfilled. All the results of the initial inspection, especially those related to the system of factory production control operated by the manufacturer and the assessment of the acceptability of the system shall be documented in a report.

E.3 Continuous surveillance

For the continuous surveillance, assessment and approval of factory production control, the third party's principal objective is to check whether the compliance with the relevant requirements of 6.3 and Annex D are maintained.

The third party shall define and operate such a schedule that all the relevant aspects of factory production control are inspected at least once a year for the system aspects (organisation and document control as defined in chapter 6) and at least twice a year for the other aspects.

During continuous surveillance, the results of the manufacturer's production control shall also be examined to ensure that the required testing and factory production control, including calibration and maintenance of the test equipment have been carried out at the appropriate frequency, and that appropriate corrective actions have been undertaken. When relevant, the requirements of the marking clauses should be checked.

During continuous surveillance, the third party may attend the execution of routine strength tests on concrete samples and the checks on tolerances and other particular characteristics of the product, which are part of the inspection schemes of the control system of factory production.
The third party shall examine each year that the correlations or safe relationships for indirect testing as established by the manufacturer are still valid.

The results of continuous surveillance shall be reported.

**E.4 Audit testing**

Since the basis of evaluation of conformity is factory production control, the aim of audit testing is to check the reliability of the factory production control results.

The audit testing shall be performed only on products declared consistent with this standard. Unless otherwise agreed with the manufacturer, audit testing is normally carried out using the manufacturer’s calibrated equipment.

The third party shall define and operate an audit testing schedule in such a way as to ensure that a representative range of products is verified and/or tested during each three year period.

In case of necessity, the third party may take undamaged samples from the site or from the market.
Annex F
(informative)

Acceptance testing of a consignment at delivery

Acceptance testing of a product, when required, may apply to all or some properties selected from those defined in this standard.

The sampling procedure and compliance criteria for a consignment at delivery should be defined taking into account any assessment of conformity already given to the product by a third party.

Inspection of visual aspects should be carried out prior to the inspections and tests for the other properties. The test should be performed by the client and manufacturer jointly at a location agreed by them, but preferably in the factory.

Tests, other than for visual aspects, should be carried out in a laboratory agreed by the client and the manufacturer. Both should be given a reasonable opportunity to witness the sampling and testing. The tests may be carried out with the manufacturer’s test equipment, which shall be reliably calibrated.
Annex G
(normative)

Test of water absorption

G.1 Method
After conditioning, the test specimen shall be immersed in water to constant mass and then oven-dried to constant mass. The water absorption of the concrete by immersion is considered to be the loss of mass expressed as a percentage of the mass of the dry test specimen.

G.2 Sampling
The test may be carried out on a whole product unit, on a specimen either sawn or drilled from the product, or on a moulded specimen cast with the same concrete as for the product and stored under similar ambient conditions as the product.

As a reference, the test specimen shall be at least 28 days old when starting the test procedure (see G.6).

NOTE If the same test specimens are used for the determination of density, the minimum volume required by EN 12390-7 is 1 000 cm³.

Test specimen consisting of a whole product unit
If the test specimen have a mass at least 1.5 kg and less or equal than 5.0 kg, the whole product unit is tested without protection of any surface with resin.

Test specimen cut by sawing or drilling
The test specimen may be either a cylindrical specimen cut by drilling or a prismatic specimen cut by sawing from a product unit.

The size of a cylindrical specimen having a diameter D and a height H, and a prismatic specimen with a square section having a side length A and a height H, shall fulfil the size requirements of table G.1. in which two types of specimens have to be considered:

- thin products (thickness E at least 30 mm and less than 100 mm);
- thick products (thickness E at least 100 mm).

If no cylindrical or prismatic specimen satisfying the above conditions can be taken from the product unit, other shapes of specimen are admitted provided its volume V and its developed surface S fulfil the requirements of table G.1.

Thin products
The test specimen is cut (by sawing or drilling) through the full thickness of the product. The cut sides may be protected with a resin (see preparation in paragraph G.5). The two opposite sides which are not cut shall be left unprotected (figure G.1).

Thick products
The test specimen is cut (by sawing or drilling) through the full thickness of the product. This specimen can be shortened, if required, by cutting the sample, taking care that the exposed surface is included in the test specimen and that the size requirements of table G.1. are fulfilled. The cut sides corresponding to the surrounding of the
specimen may be protected with a resin (see preparation in paragraph G.5). The two remaining opposite faces shall be left unprotected (figure G.1).

![Diagram of specimen and moulded test specimen with keys (a) unprotected exposed surfaces, (b) unprotected opposite side surface (exposed or cut surfaces), (c) unprotected moulded surfaces.](image)

**Figure G.1 — Test specimen cut from a product**

**Moulded test specimen (either cylinder or prism)**

The moulded test specimen shall fulfil the size requirements of table G.1. It may be either a cylinder having a diameter $D$ and a height $H$, or a prism with a squared section having a side length $A$ and a height $H$.

For cylinders, the top and bottom faces may be protected with a resin (see preparation in clause G.5). The surrounding of the test specimen shall be left unprotected. Unprotected surfaces should be moulded surfaces (figure G.2).

For prism, the surrounding of the test specimen may be protected with a resin (see preparation in clause G.5). The two remaining opposite sides shall be left unprotected. Unprotected faces should be two opposite moulded sides (figure G.2).

![Diagram of moulded test specimen with keys (a) possibly protected levelling surfaces, (b) possibly protected moulded surfaces, (c) unprotected moulded surfaces.](image)

**Figure G.2 — Moulded test specimen**

NOTE: Whatever preparation method is chosen (i.e. with or without resin), the results must fulfil the criteria.

**Size requirements for test specimens**

The requirements on the specimen size are indicated in the following Table G.1:
### G.3 Materials

Potable water shall be used for immersing the specimen.

### G.4 Apparatus

The following equipment shall be used:

- ventilated drying oven with enforced ventilation or with a ratio of capacity in litres to area of natural ventilation channels in square millimetres less than 0.2 in which the temperature is controlled to (105 ± 5) °C. It shall have a volume at least 2½ times greater than the volume of test specimens to be dried at any one time;

- flat based vessel having a capacity at least 2½ times the volume of the test specimens to be immersed and a depth at least 50 mm greater than the height of the test specimens in the attitude that they will be soaked;

- balance reading in grams and accurate to 0,1 % of the reading;

- stiff brush;

- sponge or drying leather.

### G.5 Preparation

Remove all dust, flashing, etc. with a brush and ensure that the test specimen is at a temperature of (20 ± 3) °C. The surfaces defined in G.2 may be protected with a resin. The choice of the resin and the way of sheltering shall ensure full protection of the treated surface during the whole testing procedure.

### G.6 Procedure

Immerse the test specimen in potable water at a temperature of (20 ± 5) °C using the vessel. Test specimens shall be distanced from each other by at least 15 mm and have a minimum of 20 mm water above them. The minimum period of immersion shall be three days and continued until constant mass M1 is reached. Constant mass is deemed to be reached when two weighings performed at an interval of 24 h show a difference in mass of the test specimen of less than 0,1 %.

Before each weighing wipe the test specimen with a drying leather or sponge which has been moistened and squeezed to remove any excess water. The condition is correct when the surface of the concrete is dull. The mass M1 of the test specimen is then recorded.
Then place the test specimen inside the oven in such a way that the distance between specimens is at least 15 mm. Dry the specimen at a temperature of (105 ± 5) °C to constant mass. The minimum period of drying shall be three days and continued until constant mass M₂ is reached. Constant mass shall be deemed to be reached when two weighings performed at an interval of 24 h show a difference in mass of the specimen of less than 0,1 %. The specimen shall be allowed to cool down between 30 minutes to 1 hour before it is weighed and the mass M₂ is recorded.

NOTE The oven should not be filled with new wet specimen when the cycle of already drying specimen has reached 48 h.

G.7 Results

Calculate the value of the water absorption 100 × (M₁-M₂)/M₂ for each test specimen.

The test report shall indicate for each specimen tested the nature of the test specimen (moulded, sawn or drilled), the specimen dimensions, the conditions of preparation, the age of the test specimen when starting the test procedure, eventually the wet mass M₁, the dry mass M₂ and the value of water absorption of the test specimen.

NOTE: If the test is made on more than one specimen from the same sample, the result is the average of the test results on these specimens.
Annex H
(informative)

Shape correlation factor for cores

When direct structural strength of concrete is tested in drilled cores, cores with \( d \geq 50 \) mm diameter should be employed; the length \( h \) should be not less than \( 0.7d \); the end faces of the test sample should be ground; as a function of the size ratio \( h/d \) a proper shape correlation for the measured strength \( f' \) may be calculated from the equation:

\[
 f^0 = f^1 \left[ 0.20 - 0.20 \left( 1 - e^{-1.7(h/d-1)} \right) \right]
\]

in order to obtain the standard (cylinder) strength \( f^0 \).
Annex J
(informative)

Measurement of dimensions

J.1 Length, height, width and thickness

Dimensions should not be measured along the edges.

Key

1  Either - or

Figure J.1 — Measuring points for length, height, width and thickness
J.2 Warp and straightness

Figure J.2 — Measurement of warp and straightness

J.3 Out of squareness

Figure J.3 — Measurement of diagonals

The tolerance requirement should be given as the difference in length between the two diagonals:

\[ d_1 - d_2 \]

J.4 Surface characteristics

For the specification of the surface characteristics of a finished product, reference should be made to the vocabulary defined in Figure J.4.

Specially treated surfaces, such as with exposed aggregate, polished, cast against a matrix, etc., are not covered by these tolerance recommendations.
**Key**

1. Recess
2. Lump
3. Groove
4. Ridge
5. Step discontinuity
6. Undulation

**Figure J.4 — Definitions of surface characteristics**
The ruler should be shifted to find the largest lump and recess. The largest value of the differences is governing. The distances are to be measured at the highest and lowest point within the ruler.

**Figure J.5 — Measurement of surface characteristics**

The distance given in Figure J.5 is from the concrete surface at the location of the support of the reference ruler to the ruler. In most cases this will be the height of the supporting piece.

Recommended values for surface deviations are given in Table J.1.

**Table J.1 — Surface deviations**

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<th>Length of ruler</th>
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<td>Recess</td>
<td>200 mm</td>
<td>4 mm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lump</td>
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<td>2 mm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Groove</td>
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<td>2 mm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ridge</td>
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<td>5 mm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Step discontinuity</td>
<td>200 mm</td>
<td>3 mm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Undulation</td>
<td>3000 mm</td>
<td>15 mm</td>
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</table>

**NOTE** Requirements on surface tolerances cannot be used to describe the appearance of the surface.
J.5 Angular deviation lateral bow, camber and sag

Figure J.6 — Measurement of angular deviation, lateral bow, camber and sag

Key
1 Angular deviation
2 Camber
3 Sag
4 Lateral bow
Annex K
(informative)

Prestressing losses

K.1 General

NOTE This Annex refers to pretensioning techniques and contains additional information for the calculation of prestressing losses.

Three stages should be considered for the calculation of the final loss in the case of pretensioned members:

— before the transfer of the prestressing force to the concrete;
— at transfer;
— after transfer.

K.2 Calculation of losses (general method)

K.2.1 Losses before transfer of the prestress force

Before transfer, the prestress loss is due to:

— the anchorage slip. This loss, \( \Delta P_{s1} \), is very small for long length casting beds;

— the short term steel relaxation:

where accelerated hardening is applied, this loss, \( \Delta P_{P1} \), is accelerated by the temperature of the treatment.

Appropriate methods taking into account this acceleration should be applied. Otherwise, if the degree of hardening reached by the concrete after 10 h or less is at least 50 % of the required strength after 28 days, it may be assumed that this relaxation loss is equal to 75 % of the total relaxation at 20 °C of the tendon submitted to the same tension;

— the shrinkage of the concrete;

This loss may be ignored when protection against drying out is maintained during manufacturing;

— the loss of tension in the tendons and the restrained dilatation of the concrete due to the temperature in the case of accelerated hardening. When a production inspection is applied this loss \( \Delta P_\theta \) may be estimated by the following expression:

\[
\[ \Delta P_\theta \] = 0.5 \, A_p \, E_p \, \alpha_c \, (\theta_{\text{max}} - \theta_0)
\]

where

\( A_p \) is the cross-section of tendons;
$E_p$ is the elastic modulus of tendons;

$\alpha_c$ concrete thermal expansion (\(10 \times 10^{-6}/\circ C\));

$\theta_{\text{max}} - \theta_0$ is the difference between the maximum and initial temperature in the concrete near the tendons, in $\circ C$;

in case of compensation of the elongation due to thermal curing or preheating of the tendons before casting, the loss $[\sigma P_0]$ will be negligible;

— the possible friction on deflectors or guides. This loss $[\sigma P_0]$ should be based on experimental data.

K.2.2 Loss at transfer of the prestress force

Before transfer, the force in the tendons is equal to:

$$P_0 - \{[\sigma P_{01} + [\sigma P_{11} + [\sigma P_{10}]]\}$$

when neglecting shrinkage on the casting bed.

The loss at transfer of the prestress force $\Delta P_c$ is due to the elastic shortening of the concrete. Its value should be calculated by taking into account the elastic modulus of the concrete at the time of transfer in the ratio $n = E_p/E_{cm}$.

K.2.3 Losses after transfer of the prestressing force

After transfer, the loss $\Delta P$ is due to the combination of losses associated to the long-time properties of materials (creep, shrinkage, and remaining relaxation in the tendons). Its value should be calculated according to equation (5.46) of EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010 with the following consideration:

— in the case of accelerated hardening, if the degree of hardening reached by the concrete after 10 h or less is at least 50 % of the required strength after 28 days, the shrinkage and the creep of the concrete may be reduced 25 % and 15 % respectively and the rate of relaxation may be considered as reduced by the treatment.

K.2.4 Final prestress loss at infinite time

The final prestress loss at infinite time is equal to the sum of losses obtained before transfer, at transfer and after transfer at infinite time.

K.3 Simplified method

For current elements produced for stock (e.g.: beams for beam and block systems with a length lower than 6 m, thin floor-plates, hollow core slabs with $h_1 \leq 320$ mm, ..) the value of the final loss at infinite time may be estimated according to table K.1 when all the following conditions a) to e) are met:

a) the concrete is a normal weight concrete and its consistence is stiff;

b) the relaxation of prestressing steel is very low: class 2;

c) the hardening of the concrete is accelerated by thermal treatment and reaches at least 50 % of the 28 days strength after 10 h or less;
d) the compressive stress in the concrete after transfer at the level of the tendons is not greater than 12 MPa;

e) the compressive stress in the concrete adjacent to the tendons due to the prestress, the self-weight and any other permanent action is not greater than 4 MPa.

Conditions c), d) and e) may be adapted for specific products.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Initial stress in the tendons ((\sigma_{0\text{max}}))</th>
<th>Final loss at infinite time in percentage of initial prestress force ((\Delta P/P_0%))</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(\min (0,85 f_{pk}; 0,95 f_{0,1k}))</td>
<td>22 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0,80 (f_{pk})</td>
<td>21 %</td>
</tr>
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<td>0,75 (f_{pk})</td>
<td>20 %</td>
</tr>
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<td>0,70 (f_{pk})</td>
<td>19 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>0,65 (f_{pk})</td>
<td>17 %</td>
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Tables of thermal conductivity of concrete

In EN 1745 tables are given with values of thermal conductivity related to density of concrete with dense aggregate and concrete with expanded clay aggregate. As this standard deals with concrete of density \( \geq 800 \text{ kg/m}^3 \) the following two tables are taken from EN 1745. For light weight concrete with expanded clay aggregate, that part of Table A.6 of EN 1745:2002, which deals with densities of \( \geq 800 \text{ kg/m}^3 \), is given as Table L.1 and for normal weight concrete with dense aggregate Table A.3 of EN 1745:2002 is given as Table L.2.

The thermal conductivities given in this Annex are for dry conditions and have to be converted to the relevant moisture content depending on the application (design thermal conductivity). These corrections are made in accordance with EN ISO 10456:2007/AC:2009, 7.

### Table L.1 —Lightweight concrete with expanded clay aggregate

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Density of the material [kg/m³]</th>
<th>( \lambda_{0,\text{dry}} ) P = 50 % [W/(m K)]</th>
<th>( \mu )</th>
<th>c  [kJ/(kg K)]</th>
</tr>
</thead>
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<tr>
<td>800</td>
<td>0.22</td>
<td>5/15</td>
<td>1.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>900</td>
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<td>5/15</td>
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<td>0.39</td>
<td>5/15</td>
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<tr>
<td>1600</td>
<td>0.60</td>
<td>5/15</td>
<td>1.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1700</td>
<td>0.67</td>
<td>5/15</td>
<td>1.0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\( f_u = 4 \text{ kg/kg} \) if expanded clay is the predominant aggregate.

\( f_u = 2.6 \text{ kg/kg} \) if expanded clay is the only aggregate.

**NOTE** For light weight aggregates other than expanded clay appropriate tables of EN 1745 may be used.

Commentaire [A13]: Check if WG4 wants to keep it or not
### Table L.2 — Normal concrete with dense aggregate

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Density of material [kg/m³]</th>
<th>( \lambda_{10,dry} ) [W/(m K)]</th>
<th>( \mu )</th>
<th>( c ) [kJ/(kg K)]</th>
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<tr>
<td>1600</td>
<td>0.69</td>
<td>0.88</td>
<td>5/15 1.0</td>
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<td>0.75</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>1.00</td>
<td>1.19</td>
<td>5/15 1.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>2100</td>
<td>1.11</td>
<td>1.30</td>
<td>5/15 1.0</td>
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<td>2200</td>
<td>1.24</td>
<td>1.42</td>
<td>30/100 1.0</td>
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<td>2300</td>
<td>1.37</td>
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<td>2400</td>
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<td>1.72</td>
<td>50/150 1.0</td>
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</table>

\( f_v = 4 \frac{m^3}{m^3} \)

Symbols used in the Tables L.1 and L.2 are:

- \( \lambda_{10,dry} \): thermal conductivity in dry state at an average temperature of 10 °C [W/(m K)]
- \( P \): fractile of population [%]
- \( \mu \): water vapour diffusion coefficient [1]
- \( c \): specific heat [kJ/(kg K)]
- \( f_u \): moisture conversion coefficient mass by mass [kg/kg]
- \( f_v \): moisture conversion coefficient volume by volume [m³/m³]
Annex M
(informative)

Technical documentation

M.1 General
For precast concrete products the technical documentation (including references to national requirements in the place of use) comprises the following items:

a) product documentation (see M.2);

b) production documentation (see M.3);

c) erection documentation (see M.4).

The documentation may refer unambiguously to product catalogues presented by the manufacturer, containing the general data describing the product and its destination for building and other civil engineering works as well as sketches with principal dimensions, indications about the relevant performances and any other information useful to define the use of the product.

M.2 Product documentation
The product documentation contains all the relevant product specifications.

When design calculations are requested, the load conditions and the consequent principal ultimate and serviceability verifications and safety factors used shall be given.

NOTE If CE marking applies, methods of declaration are given in Annex ZA of individual product standards.

Since the design of the product may be performed partly by the client and partly by the manufacturer the documentation will usually be separated into:

a) Client's specifications
b) Manufacturers specifications
c) Design calculations, with the load conditions and the consequent principal ultimate and serviceability verifications and safety factors used.

M.3 Production documentation
Production documentation consists of:

a) production drawings with the detailing of the precast concrete products (dimensions, reinforcing and prestressing steel, lifting devices, inserts, etc.);

b) production data with the required material properties and the product tolerances and weights.

M.4 Erection documentation
Erection documentation consists of:
a) installation drawings consisting of plans and sections showing the position and the connections of the products in the completed works;

b) installation data with the required in-situ material properties where applicable;

c) installation instructions with the necessary data for the handling, storing, setting, adjusting, connection and completion works.
Annex N
(informative)

Properties of indented bars and wire

Indented bars and wires, to be used in precast concrete products, should comply with Annex C of EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010, excepted bond properties which are given in Table C.2N of that standard.

According to EN 10080 indented steel should present values of indentation parameters within the range given in Table N.1, where \( d \) is the nominal diameter of the bar or wire. Other values may be given in National Annex of EN 1992-1-1.

The indentations should form an angle of inclination with the longitudinal axis, \( \beta \) of at least 45°.

Sufficient bond strength may also be achieved (as an alternative to Table N.1) where bars or wires, tested using the beam test defined in Annex C of EN 10080:2005, present bond stresses compliant with expressions, see clause C.1 (1) of Annex C of EN 1992-1-1:2004/AC:2010:

\[
\tau_m \geq 0,098 \left( 80 - 1,2 \phi \right) \quad (N.1) \\
\tau_r \geq 0,098 \left( 130 - 1,9 \phi \right) \quad (N.2)
\]

where

- \( \phi \) is the nominal bar size (mm);
- \( \tau_m \) is the mean value of bond stress (MPa) at 0,01 mm, 0,1 mm and 1 mm slip;
- \( \tau_r \) is the bond stress at failure by slipping.

Table N.5 — Limits for indentation parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Nominal diameter ( d ) (mm)</th>
<th>Depth of indentations ( t ) (mm) (mini)</th>
<th>Width ( b ) (mm) (mini)</th>
<th>Indentation spacing ( c ) (mm) (maxi)</th>
<th>Sum of gap ( \sum \varepsilon ) (mm) (maxi)</th>
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<tr>
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<td>0,20</td>
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<td>7,0</td>
<td>3,1</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>0,25</td>
<td>1,2</td>
<td>7,8</td>
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<td>0,30</td>
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<td>10,5</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>0,30</td>
<td>1,6</td>
<td>11,0</td>
<td>5,0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>0,35</td>
<td>2,0</td>
<td>11,0</td>
<td>5,7</td>
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Commentaire [A14]: Check Finnish comment 510 with WG4: … In Annex N requirements for surface geometry of indented bars and wire are given in table N.1. Misleadingly the reader gets the impression that the same bond properties as for ribbed bars will be reached….
Resistance to fire: recommendations for the use of EN 1992-1-2

O.1 Use of tabulated data

Tabulated data is a recognised design solution for resistance to fire classification. Less conservative design may be achieved e.g. by using the actual design load level in fire situation $\mu_{fl}$ (columns and walls) or the actual steel stress $\sigma_{s,fl}$ (beams and slabs).

More specific tabulated data can be found in the product standards for some particular types of concrete products or developed on the basis of calculation methods (see EN 1992-1-2:2004/AC:2008, NOTE in 5.1).

O.2 Use of calculation methods


NOTE The choice of the curve for thermal conductivity is a Nationally Determined Parameter in EN 1992-1-2. The lower limit of thermal conductivity has been derived from comparisons with temperatures measured in fire tests of different types of concrete structures. The lower limit gives more realistic temperatures for concrete structures than the upper limit, which has been derived from tests for steel/concrete composite structures.

Alternatively, thermal profiles may be derived from tests, see EN 1992-1-2:2004, 4.2.2.
Annex P
(Informative)

Survey of type testing

Table P.1 – Type testing related to process items (hardened concrete properties included)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Nr</th>
<th>Aspect</th>
<th>Reference</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Potential compressive strength</td>
<td>4.2.2.1 A.4 and A.5 of EN 206-1</td>
<td>Assessment that a new concrete type satisfies the intended strength class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
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<td>A.4 and K of EN 206-1</td>
<td>Assessment that a multiple of concrete types belong to the same family</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Structural strength</td>
<td>4.2.1.3</td>
<td>Acceptance of a hardening law for estimation of structural strength as an alternative for direct tests on specimens</td>
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<td>4</td>
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<td>Check of the effect of a curing compound on direct or indirect structural strength</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
<td>Table 3, footnote b</td>
<td>Assessment that the required direct or indirect structural strength at 90 days is achieved if a concrete heat treatment is performed with $70 , ^\circ C \leq T \leq 85 , ^\circ C$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
<td>4.2.2.2.4</td>
<td>Initial check relationship between direct and indirect structural strength</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>Concrete strength (general)</td>
<td>5.1.1</td>
<td>Assessment of the relationship between normalized (cylinder or cube) strength and the strength of test specimens which have sizes deviating from those mentioned in 5.1.1 and for which conversion factor given in 5.1.1 cannot be applied.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Water absorption</td>
<td>4.2.2.6</td>
<td>Assessment that a new concrete type satisfies the intended maximum water absorption level.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Dry density</td>
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<td>Assessment that a new concrete type satisfies the intended minimum or maximum dry density level.</td>
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### Table P.2 – Type testing related to finished product properties

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<th>Reference</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
<th>Method (only one is used)</th>
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<td>4.3.1.1, 5.2,</td>
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<td>X</td>
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<td>4.3.2, 5.2</td>
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<tr>
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<td>Resistance and reaction to fire</td>
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</table>
Annex Q
(Informative)

Use of reclaimed crushed and recycled coarse aggregates in concrete

Q.1 General

When reclaimed crushed or recycled coarse aggregates are used in percentage up to 5% in weight of the total content of aggregates in the concrete mix, no verification of the concrete properties other than concrete strength is required.

Q.2 Reclaimed crushed aggregates ()

The amount of crushed recycled aggregates obtained from precast concrete products manufactured in the same factory, can be used up to 10% in weight of the total content of aggregates in the concrete mix with no further testing of the mechanical strength of the product or of hardened concrete properties other than testing of compressive concrete strength.

The amount may be increased up to 20% if one of the following cases applies:

— The mechanical strength of the concrete product is determined by calculation aided or not by full scale testing and all of the hardened concrete properties relevant for calculation are determined by testing.
— The mechanical strength of the concrete product is determined by full scale testing.

Amounts above 20 % may be used when all the hardened concrete properties relevant for calculation are determined by testing and the mechanical strength of the precast concrete product determined by calculation is verified by initial full scale testing.

A maximum amount could be determined by provisions valid in the place of use.

Contamination of crushed recycled aggregates from internal source by impurities shall not be allowed.

NOTE Typical contaminations may be organic material, steel, plastic or insulation debris and oil.

Recycled aggregates should not be used in concrete for which durability requirements are higher than those for the concrete from which the recycled aggregates originate. This does not apply for concrete in exposure class X0, XC1 and XC2.

Q.3 Recycled coarse aggregates (aggregates from external source) assessed by the manufacturer

Recycled coarse aggregates from an external source made of pure concrete debris may be used under the same conditions as indicated in Q.2 provided the source and mix properties of the crushed concrete are known by the manufacturer.
Q.4 Other recycled coarse aggregates

Recycled coarse aggregates which do not satisfy the conditions of Q.3 should conform to the category of constituents RC90 according to EN 12620 and their amount in concrete mixes shall be limited to half of the percentages admitted for recycled aggregates of internal factory source as indicated in Q.2.

NOTE Provisions are under development in the upcoming version of EN 206 and should be considered.
Bibliography


