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- Part 1: RTFOT method;
- Part 2: TFOT method;
- Part 3: RFT method.

In this standard, Annex A is normative.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for measuring the combined effects of heat and air on a moving thin film of bitumen or bituminous binder, simulating the hardening which a bituminous binder undergoes during mixing in an asphalt mixing plant.

The method is referred to as RFT i.e. Rotating Flask Test.

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EN 58, *Sampling bituminous binders*

EN 1425, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Determination of perceptible properties*.

EN 1426, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Determination of needle penetration*.

EN 1427, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Determination of softening point - Ring and ball method.*

EN 12594, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Preparation of test samples.*

EN 12596, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Determination of dynamic viscosity by vacuum capillary.*

3 Principle

A moving film of bituminous binder is heated in the rotating flask of a rotary evaporator at a specified temperature and for a given period of time.

The effect of rotation is that material forming the surface of the sample in the flask is replaced constantly, preventing the formation of a skin.

The effects of heat and air are determined on the basis of the change in mass (expressed as a percentage) or as a change in the bituminous binders' characteristics such as penetration (EN 1426), softening point ring and ball (EN 1427) or dynamic viscosity (EN 12596) before and after hardening.

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