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Foreword

This document (EN 12878:2005) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 298 “Pigments and extenders”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the requirements and the test methods for pigments for use in the colouring of building materials based on cement and cement/lime combinations.

Pigments covered by this European Standard can also be used in pure lime mortar. For this application see EN 459-1 and EN 459-2.

Pigments for this purpose can be single pigments, blends of pigments, or blends of pigments and extenders, in powder or granular form, or aqueous preparations.

Pigments typically belong to one of the following classes of compounds:

- synthetic or natural oxides and hydroxides of iron;
- oxides of chromium, titanium and manganese;
- complex inorganic pigments, for example combinations of the above mentioned metal oxides and hydroxides with cobalt, aluminium, nickel and antimony oxides and hydroxides;
- ultramarine pigments;
- phthalocyanine blue and green;
- elemental carbon (should be regarded as an inorganic pigment);
- blends of the above materials (which may also include extenders).

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.

EN 196-1:2005, *Methods of testing cement — Part 1: Determination of strength*

EN 196-3, *Methods of testing cement — Part 3: Determination of setting times and soundness*

EN 197-1, *Cement — Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements*

EN 934-2, *Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout — Part 2: Concrete admixtures – Definitions, requirements, conformity, marking and labelling*

EN ISO 787-3, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders - Part 3: Determination of matter soluble in water - Hot extraction method (ISO 787-3:2000)*

EN ISO 787-9, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 9: Determination of pH value of aqueous suspension (ISO 787-9:1981)*

EN ISO 787-13, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders - Part 13: Determination of water-soluble sulfates, chlorides and nitrates (ISO 787-13:2002)*

EN ISO 1158, *Plastics - Vinyl chloride homopolymers and copolymers - Determination of chlorine content (ISO 1158:1998)*

EN ISO 15528, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling (ISO 15528:2000)*

ISO 787-7, *General methods of test for pigments and extenders — Part 7: Determination of residue on sieve — Water method — Manual procedure*

ISO 3310-1, *Test sieves — Technical requirements and testing — Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth*

ISO 7724-1, *Paints and varnishes — Colorimetry — Part 1: Principles*

ISO 9277, *Determination of the specific surface area of solids by gas adsorption using the BET method*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

pigment

substance, generally in the form of fine particles, which is insoluble in the application medium and whose sole purpose is to colour cement- and/or lime-based building materials

3.2

single pigment

pigment of singular (chemical) composition containing no substances other than those originating from the pigment manufacturing process

NOTE Surface treatment of the primary pigment particles is considered as a part of the pigment manufacturing process.

3.3

pigment blend

blend of at least two single pigments, or at least one single pigment and an extender

3.4

aqueous pigment preparation

preparation in which a pigment (single pigment or pigment blend) is dispersed in water, with or without a dispersion or other agent

NOTE Examples of agents are:

- dispersants;
- binding agents (resins);
- solvents;
- wetting agents;
- or combinations thereof.

3.5

pigment in granular form

preparation in which a pigment (single pigment or pigment blend) is converted into granules, by the use of a binding agent which retains the integrity of the granule

3.6

reference sample standard pigment

sample of a single pigment or a blend (powder, or preparation) retained by the interested parties for comparison for the evaluation of the product properties

3.7

extender

inorganic substance, generally a material in granular or powder form, which is insoluble in the application medium and has no inherent colour properties

4 Requirements

4.1 Effects on concrete properties

4.1.1 General

In addition to all other requirements, pigments for steel reinforced concrete shall meet the Category B requirements given in 4.1.3, 4.2.3 to 4.2.5.

The inorganic pigment dosage shall be 5,0 % solids, carbon black and organic pigment dosage of 2,0 % solids, by mass, based on the cement amount for testing according to 5.1.

If a higher dosage of pigment is recommended the tests shall be carried out with that dosage.

The dosage in percent by mass shall be specified by the manufacturer.

4.1.2 Setting time

4.1.2.1 Initial setting time

The initial setting time of cement with the single pigment or a blend (both as powder, granulate or preparation), determined in accordance with 5.1.1, shall not be less than 60 min.

The maximum difference between the initial setting time of mixes with and without the single pigment or a blend (both as powder, granulate or preparation) shall not be greater than 60 min.

4.1.2.2 Final setting time

The final setting time of cement with the single pigment or a blend (both as powder, granulate or preparation), determined in accordance with 5.1.1, shall not be longer than 720 min.

4.1.3 Compressive strength

The 28 day compressive strength of mixes with the single pigment or a blend (both as powder, granulate or preparation), determined in accordance with 5.1.2, shall not be reduced in comparison with the mix without pigment more than

Category A: the manufacturer's declared value

Category B: 8 %.

4.2 Composition

4.2.1 General

Where dispersion agents, binding agents and/or grinding aids are used, their total content shall be equal to or less than 5,0 % by mass, based on pigment solids. If admixtures are used for the preparation of single pigments or blends in the form of granulates or preparations they shall conform to EN 934-2. Admixture type according to EN 934-2 shall be reported.

The stability of a pigment with respect to colour shall be linked to the intended end use conditions.

The solids content, as a percentage (%) of aqueous preparations, shall be declared by the manufacturer.

4.2.2 Composition of the pigment

The main constituents of the pigments are determined in accordance with 5.2.2.

4.2.3 Water soluble substances

The content of water soluble substances, determined in accordance with 5.2.3, shall not be greater than

Category A: the manufacturer's declared value

Category B: 0,5 % by mass.

For pigment blends in powder form, evidence of compliance may be calculated from data recorded for constituent single pigments.

4.2.4 Soluble chloride

The soluble chloride content of a single pigment or a blend (powder, granulate or preparation), determined in accordance with 5.2.4, shall not be greater than

Category A: the manufacturer's declared value

Category B: 0,10 % by mass.

For pigment blends in powder form, evidence of compliance may be calculated from data recorded for constituent single pigments.

NOTE Where pigment blends, pigment/extender mixtures, or granulates or aqueous preparations thereof, are used in excess of 5 % based on cement, the total content of halides and of anions precipitated by Ag⁺ which are admitted into the concrete should not exceed 0,005 % based on the cement.

4.2.5 Total chlorine

The total chlorine content of a single pigment or a blend (powder, granulate or preparation), determined in accordance with 5.2.5, shall not be greater than

Category A: the manufacturer's declared value

Category B: 0,10 % by mass.

For pigment blends in powder form, evidence of compliance may be calculated from data recorded for constituent single pigments.

4.3 Loss on ignition

The loss on ignition of a single pigment or a blend (powder, granulate or preparation), determined in accordance with 5.3, shall be declared by the manufacturer.

4.4 Emission of radioactivity

Where subject to regulatory requirements, the emission of radioactivity by the pigment shall be declared.

NOTE See Annex ZA.

4.5 Release of dangerous substances

Where subject to regulatory requirements, the release of dangerous substances by the pigment shall be declared.

NOTE See Annex ZA.

4.6 Relative colour strength

The relative colour strength in comparison with the standard pigment, determined in accordance with 5.4, shall be 100 % $\pm$ 5 %.

4.7 Residue on sieve

The residue on the sieve of pigment in powder form, determined in accordance with 5.7, shall be declared by the manufacturer.

4.8 pH value

The pH value, determined in accordance with 5.8, shall conform with the manufacturer's specified value ± 2 .

4.9 Alkali stability

The manufacturer shall declare that the pigment, tested in accordance with 5.9, is alkali stable.

4.10 Resistance to weathering

The manufacturer shall declare that the pigment, tested in accordance with 5.10, is resistant to weathering.

4.11 Thermal stability

The manufacturer shall declare that the pigment, tested in accordance with 5.11, is thermally stable.

4.12 Colour comparison against standard pigment

The manufacturer shall declare the ΔE value, compared against the standard pigment, tested in accordance with 5.12.

NOTE Research into the repeatability and reproducibility of this test method has shown that samples prepared using the same pigments at five separate laboratories produced results within a ΔE range of 0,5.

5 Test methods

5.1 Effect on concrete properties

5.1.1 Setting time

The influence on the setting time of cement shall be tested using the test method described in EN 196-3, using a paste made with Portland cement CEM I 42,5 R conforming to EN 197-1, with and without the addition of pigment.

5.1.2 Compressive strength

The influence of a pigment on the 28-day compressive strength of the mortar shall be tested in accordance with EN 196-1. The mortar shall be made with Portland cement CEM I 42,5 R conforming to EN 197-1 (same cement as in 5.1.1) with and without the addition of pigment.

The water content of aqueous pigment preparations shall be taken into account.

5.2 Composition

5.2.1 General

Any physical effects are determined by way of comparative tests on pigmented and unpigmented cement paste, mortar or concrete mixes, as appropriate. When using pigment preparations (3.4 and 3.5), the pigment solids content shall be taken into consideration in the mix composition.

Generally, an amount of not more than 10,0 % pigment should be added to cement or lime.

Sampling shall be in accordance with 6.2.