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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 125 "Masonry", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies two methods for determining the air content of fresh mortars including those containing mineral binders and both dense and lightweight aggregates:

Method A "The pressure method" and Method B "The alcohol method".

For air content less than 20%, method A is applicable. For air content of 20% or more, method B is applicable.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

- prEN 998-1 Specification for mortar for masonry - Part 1 : Rendering and plastering mortar with inorganic binding agents
- prEN 998-2 Specification for mortar for masonry - Part 2 : Masonry mortar
- EN 1015-2 Methods of test for mortar for masonry - Part 2 : Bulk sampling of mortars and preparation of test mortars
- prEN 1015-3 Methods of test for mortar for masonry - Part 3 : Determination of consistence of fresh mortar (by flow table)

3 Principle

A volume of mortar is placed into a specified measuring vessel. Water is introduced on top of the mortar surface, and by means of applied air-pressure or the use of an alcohol-water mix water is forced into the mortar displacing air from within any pores. The water level falls and reflects the volume of air displaced from the mortar.

4 Symbols

- L air content of mortar, (%);
- $V_{m,i}$ initial volume of mortar, (ml);
- $V_{m,f}$ final volume of mortar plus alcohol, (ml).