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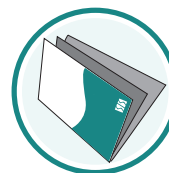
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## Natural stone test methods - Determination of sensitivity to changes in appearance produced by thermal cycles

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d'aspect induits par des cycles thermiques

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## European foreword

This document (EN 16140:2019) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 246 “Natural stones”, the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

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In comparison with the previous edition, the changes concern essentially the interpretation of the modification of aspect after the thermal cycles.

In Annex A, the figures are completed and clarified.

This European Standard is one of the series of standards for tests on natural stone.

Test methods for natural stone consist of the following standards:

- EN 1925, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of water absorption coefficient by capillarity;*
- EN 1926, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of uniaxial compressive strength;*
- EN 1936, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of real density and apparent density, and of total and open porosity;*
- EN 12370, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of resistance to salt crystallization;*
- EN 12371, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of frost resistance;*
- EN 12372, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of flexural strength under concentrated load;*
- EN 12407, *Natural stone test methods — Petrographic examination;*
- EN 12440, *Natural stone — Denomination criteria;*
- EN 12670, *Natural stone — Terminology;*
- EN 13161, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of flexural strength under constant moment;*
- EN 13364, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of the breaking load at dowel hole;*
- EN 13373, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of geometric characteristics on units;*
- EN 13755, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of water absorption at atmospheric pressure;*
- EN 14066, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of resistance to ageing by thermal shock;*
- EN 14146, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of the dynamic modulus of elasticity (by measuring the fundamental resonance frequency);*

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- EN 14147, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of resistance to ageing by salt mist;*
- EN 14157, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of the abrasion resistance;*
- EN 14158, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of rupture energy;*
- EN 14231, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of the slip resistance by means of the pendulum tester;*
- EN 14579, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of sound speed propagation;*
- EN 14580, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of static elastic modulus;*
- EN 14581, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of linear thermal expansion coefficient;*
- EN 16301, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of sensitivity to accidental staining.*

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method to assess possible alterations of natural stones (mainly visible sensitivity to oxidation processes) under the effect of sudden changes in temperature (thermal shock).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 ISO 11664-2, *Colorimetry - Part 2: CIE standard illuminants (ISO 11664-2)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

## 4 Symbols and abbreviations

*e* Thickness of the test specimens, in mm

## 5 Principle

The specimens are subjected to successive cycles, each formed by drying at  $(70 \pm 5)$  °C followed by immediate immersion in water at  $(20 \pm 5)$  °C.

## 6 Apparatus

- 6.1 A ventilated oven capable of maintaining a temperature of  $(70 \pm 5)$  °C.
- 6.2 A covered tank with a flat base, comprising small non-oxidising and non-absorbent supports for the specimens.
- 6.3 A digital camera of a minimum 2,5 MPixels, uncompressed or a scanner, with a sufficient resolution.
- 6.4 Daylight or artificial light D65 (6 500 K) according to EN ISO 11664-2.
- 6.5 A magnifying glass of at least five increases.

## 7 Preparation of specimens

### 7.1 Sampling

The sampling is not the responsibility of the test laboratory except where specially requested. At least seven specimens shall be selected from a homogeneous batch. One of these specimens is used as reference specimen and is not subjected to any tests.

The samples shall be representative of the stone and avoid irrelevant particularities.

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### **7.2 Test specimens**

#### **7.2.1 Surface finish**

As a standard reference (identification test) surface finish of the faces of the specimens shall be sawn.

In case of necessity as required for application (technological test), other surface finishes (e.g. honed, polished, flamed, sandblasted, splitting) may be tested.

#### **7.2.2 Dimensions**

As a standard reference (identification test) the test specimens shall be  $(200 \times 200) \text{ mm} \pm 10 \text{ mm} \times e$ .

In case of necessity as required for application (technological test), other dimensions may be used. In this case, test specimens may be final products or sawn from final products.

## **8 Test procedures**

### **8.1 Control measurements before cycling**

The standardized surfaces of dried specimens are submitted to a thorough visual inspection, with the aid of a magnifying glass of at least five increases. All relevant features of its texture and also all visual and structural alterations of each specimen shall be noted, such as cracks, holes, swelling, spots, oxidations, or presence of metallic minerals or other sensitive minerals (e.g. biotite, hornblendes, etc.). A photographic (or scanner) record of all specimens to be tested shall be made. Daylight or artificial light D65 is used during the photography and the evaluation.

### **8.2 Description of the cycles**

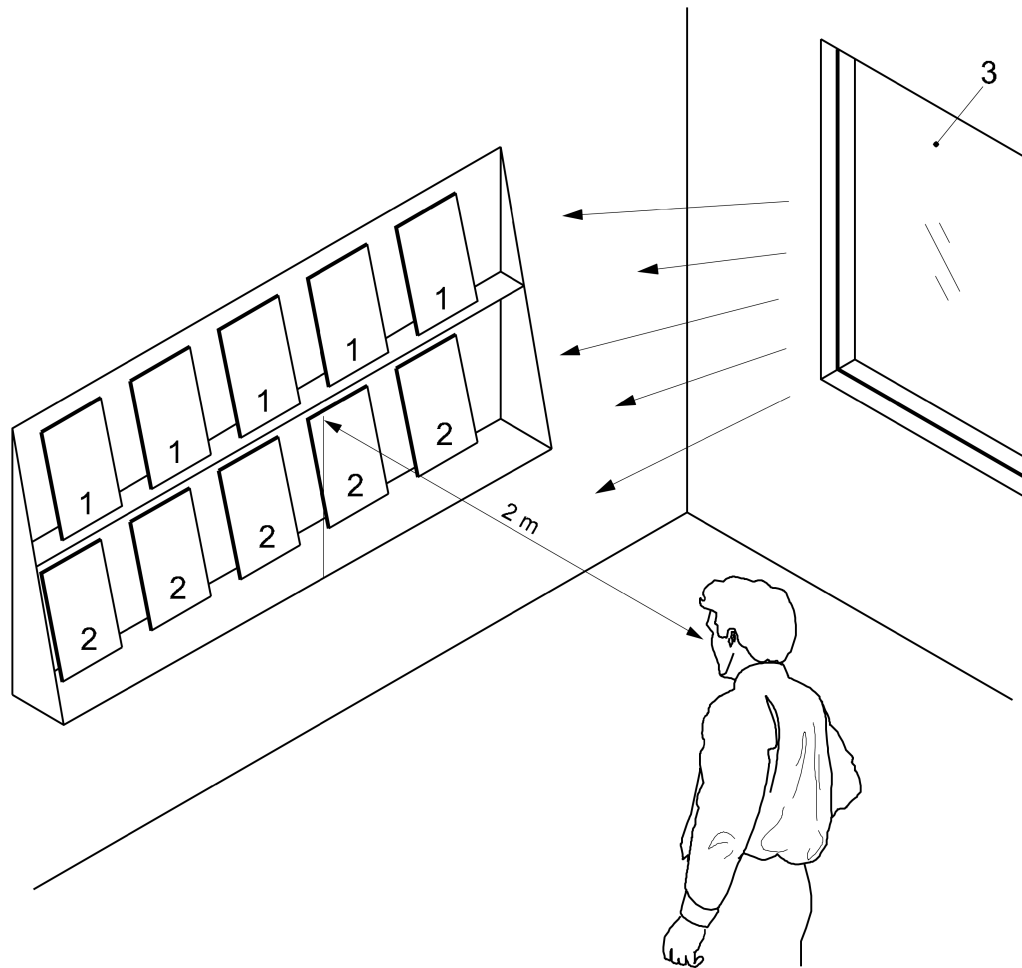
As a standard reference (identification test) the specimens are subjected to changes of temperature according to the following procedure:  $(18 \pm 1) \text{ h}$  in a ventilated oven at  $(70 \pm 5) \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , immediately followed by  $(6 \pm 0,5) \text{ h}$  of complete submersion in distilled or demineralized water, whose temperature before the immersion of the specimens is  $(20 \pm 5) \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

Both in the oven and in the water container, the specimens are placed in vertical position on the supports at a distance of at least 50 mm from one another and from the wall. In the water container, the specimens are placed on supports located at the bottom of the container which has been filled with water to such a height that its level above the specimens is  $(60 \pm 10) \text{ mm}$ . The procedure described above constitutes one cycle. If the test is to be interrupted at any time, other than for testing, then the specimens are to be immersed in water at  $(20 \pm 5) \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The test consists in a total of 20 cycles.

### **8.3 Control measurements after cycling**

After the 20<sup>th</sup> cycle, the standardized surfaces of the specimens are visually inspected and compared general aspect or colour with the reference specimen. All alterations are noted. A photographic (or scanner) record shall be made, which includes both tested specimens and reference specimen placed next to one another.

The observation shall be carried out by placing the reference specimen against the tested specimens and viewing them at a distance of about two metres under normal daylight conditions and recording any visible differences in the characteristics of the stones (see Figure 1).



**Key**

- 1 reference specimen
- 2 tested specimen
- 3 daylight

**Figure 1 — Comparison between tested specimens and reference specimen**

Only noticeable changes visible are to be taken into account if they reach more than 1 % of the surface of the specimen. If visible changes are typical or accepted for the tested stone and as its technical performances are not adversely affected, they are permitted.

The concentration of any observed change shall be accurately identified and expressed: mean dimension/diameter of the occurrence, percentage of the affected surface. The percentage shall be given according to Figure 2.