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## Foreword

This document (EN 12697-25:2005) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 227 “Road materials”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2005, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by October 2005.

This European Standard is one of a series of standards as listed below:

EN 12697-1, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 1: Soluble binder content.*

EN 12697-2, *Bituminous mixtures - Test method for hot mix asphalt - Part 2: Determination of particle size distribution.*

EN 12697-3, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 3: Bitumen recovery: Rotary evaporator.*

EN 12697-4, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 4: Bitumen recovery: Fractionating column.*

EN 12697-5, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 5: Determination of the maximum density.*

EN 12697-6, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 6: Determination of bulk density of bituminous specimens.*

EN 12697-7, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 7: Determination of bulk density of bituminous specimens by gamma rays.*

EN 12697-8, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 8: Determination of void characteristics of bituminous specimens.*

EN 12697-9, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 9: Determination of the reference density.*

EN 12697-10, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 10: Compactability.*

EN 12697-11, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 11: Determination of the affinity between aggregate and bitumen.*

EN 12697-12, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 12: Determination of the water sensitivity of bituminous specimens.*

EN 12697-13, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 13: Temperature measurement.*

EN 12697-14, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 14: Water content.*

EN 12697-15, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 15: Determination of the segregation sensitivity.*

EN 12697-16, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 16: Abrasion by studded tyres.*

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EN 12697-17, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 17: Particle loss of porous asphalt specimen.*

EN 12697-18, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 18: Binder drainage.*

EN 12697-19, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 19: Permeability of specimen.*

EN 12697-20, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 20: Indentation using cube or Marshall specimens.*

EN 12697-21, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 21: Indentation using plate specimens.*

EN 12697-22, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 22: Wheel tracking.*

EN 12697-23, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 23: Determination of the indirect tensile strength of bituminous specimens.*

EN 12697-24, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 24: Resistance to fatigue.*

EN 12697-25, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 25: Cyclic compression test.*

EN 12697-26, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 26: Stiffness.*

EN 12697-27, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 27: Sampling.*

EN 12697-28, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 28: Preparation of samples for determining binder content, water content and grading.*

EN 12697-29, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 29: Determination of the dimensions of a bituminous specimen.*

EN 12697-30, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 30: Specimen preparation by impact compactor.*

EN 12697-31, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 31: Specimen preparation by gyratory compactor.*

EN 12697-32, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 32: Laboratory compaction of bituminous mixtures by vibratory compactor.*

EN 12697-33, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 33: Specimen prepared by roller compactor.*

EN 12697-34, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 34: Marshall test.*

EN 12697-35, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 35: Laboratory mixing.*

EN 12697-36, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 36: Determination of the thickness of a bituminous pavement.*

EN 12697-37, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 37: Hot sand test for the adhesivity of binder on precoated chippings for HRA.*

EN 12697-38, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 38: Common equipment and calibration.*

EN 12697-39, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 39: Binder content by ignition.*

prEN 12697-40, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 40: In-situ drainability.*

prEN 12697-41, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 41: Resistance to de-icing fluids.*

prEN 12697-42, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 42: Amount of foreign matters in reclaimed asphalt.*

prEN 12697-43, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 43: Resistance to fuel.*

No existing European Standard is superseded.

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

**EN 12697-25:2005 (E)****Introduction**

This European Standard contains two test methods to determine the resistance to permanent deformation of a bituminous mixture by cyclic compression tests with confinement. The tests make it possible to rank various mixes or to check on the acceptability of a given mix. They do not allow making a quantitative prediction of rutting in the field to be made. The choice for confinement was made in order to obtain realistic test results for gap-graded mixes.



## 1 Scope

This European Standard describes two test methods (A and B) for determining the resistance of bituminous mixtures to permanent deformation.

Test method A describes the method for determining the creep characteristics of bituminous mixtures by means of an uniaxial cyclic compression test with some confinement present. In this test a cylindrical specimen is subjected to a cyclic axial stress. To achieve a certain confinement, the diameter of the loading platen is taken smaller than that of the sample.

NOTE 1 Confinement of the sample is necessary to predict realistic rutting behaviour, especially for gap-graded mixes with a large stone fraction.

Test method B describes the method for determining the creep characteristics of bituminous mixtures by means of the triaxial cyclic compression test. In this test a cylindrical specimen is subjected to a confining stress and a cyclic axial stress. This test is most often used for the purpose of evaluation and development of new types of mixtures.

This European Standard applies to specimens prepared in the laboratory or cored from the road. The maximum size of the aggregates is 32 mm.

NOTE 2 For purposes of compliance with EN 13108, the test conditions are given in prEN 13108-20.

## 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 12697-6, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 6: Determination of bulk density of bituminous specimens.*

EN 12697-27, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 27: Sampling.*

EN 12697-29, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 29: Determination of the dimensions of a bituminous specimen.*

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EN 12697-33, *Bituminous mixtures - Test methods for hot mix asphalt - Part 33: Specimen prepared by roller compactor.*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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