Concrete — Specification, performance, production and conformity
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European foreword

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Based on a CEN/BT Decision (T 42/2013) EN 12620:2013 was withdrawn. Therefore, this document has been aligned with the specifications given in EN 12620:2002+A1:2008. As soon as CEN/TC 154 publishes a new version of EN 12620, CEN/TC 104 intends to amend EN 206.

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In particular, the following main items had been subject to revision when preparing EN 206:2013:

a) adding application rules for fibre concrete and concrete with recycled aggregates;

b) revising $k$-value concept for fly ash and silica fume and adding new rules for ground granulated blast furnace slag;

c) introduction of principles for the performance concepts for the use of additions, e.g. equivalent concrete performance concept and equivalent performance of combinations concept;

d) revising and adding new concepts for the conformity assessment;

e) including EN 206-9 “Additional rules for self-compacting concrete (SCC)”;

f) including additional requirements for concrete for special geotechnical works (Annex D).

NOTE Annex D was jointly prepared by CEN/TC 104 and CEN/TC 288.

Amendment 2 are changes deemed necessary to clarify guidance for conformity assessment in clause 10.2 and correcting the status of Annex C to informative.

Figure 1 illustrates the relationships between EN 206 and standards for design and execution, standards for constituents and test standards.
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Introduction

This European Standard will be applied under different climatic and geographical conditions, different levels of protection and under different, well established, regional traditions and experience. Classes for concrete properties have been introduced to cover these situations. Where such general solutions were not possible, the relevant clauses contain permission for the application of provisions valid in the place of use of the concrete.

This European Standard incorporates rules for the use of constituents that are covered by European Standards. Constituents not covered by European Standards may be used in accordance with provisions valid in the place of use of the concrete.

If the concrete is in conformity with the limiting values, the concrete in the structure is deemed to satisfy the durability requirements for the intended use in the specific environmental condition, provided:

— the appropriate exposure classes were selected;
— the concrete has the minimum cover to reinforcement in accordance with the relevant design standard required for the specific environmental condition, e.g. EN 1992-1-1;
— the concrete is properly placed, compacted and cured, e.g. in accordance with EN 13670 or other relevant standards;
— the appropriate maintenance is applied during the working life.

Performance based concepts as alternatives to the concept of limiting values are under development.

Concrete conforming to this European Standard may be assumed to satisfy the basic requirements for materials to be used in all three Execution Classes as defined in EN 13670.

This European Standard defines tasks for the specifier, producer and user. For example, the specifier is responsible for the specification of concrete, Clause 6, and the producer is responsible for conformity and production control, Clauses 8 and 9. The user is responsible for placing the concrete in the structure. In practice there may be several different parties specifying requirements at various stages of the design and construction process, e.g. the client, the designer, the contractor, the concreting subcontractor. Each is responsible for passing the specified requirements, together with any additional requirements, to the next party in the chain until they reach the producer. In the terms of this European Standard, this final compilation is known as the "specification of concrete". Conversely, the specifier, producer and user may be the same party (e.g. a precast concrete manufacturer or a contractor doing design and build). In the case of ready-mixed concrete, the purchaser of the fresh concrete is the specifier who gives the specification of concrete to the producer.

This European Standard also covers the necessary exchange of information between the different parties. Contractual matters are not addressed. Where responsibilities are given for parties involved, these are technical responsibilities.

Notes and footnotes in tables of this standard are normative unless stated otherwise; other notes and footnotes are informative.

Further explanations and guidance on the application of this standard are given in other documents, such as CEN Technical Reports.
1 **Scope**

(1) This European Standard applies to concrete for structures cast in situ, precast structures, and structural precast products for buildings and civil engineering structures.

(2) The concrete under this European Standard can be:

- normal-weight, heavy-weight and light-weight;
- mixed on site, ready-mixed or produced in a plant for precast concrete products;
- compacted or self-compacting to retain no appreciable amount of entrapped air other than entrained air.

(3) This standard specifies requirements for:

- the constituents of concrete;
- the properties of fresh and hardened concrete and their verification;
- the limitations for concrete composition;
- the specification of concrete;
- the delivery of fresh concrete;
- the production control procedures;
- the conformity criteria and evaluation of conformity.

(4) Other European Standards for specific products e.g. precast products or for processes within the field of the scope of this standard may require or permit deviations.

(5) Additional or different requirements may be given for specific applications in other European Standards, for example:

- concrete to be used in roads and other trafficked areas (e.g. concrete pavements according to EN 13877–1);
- special technologies (e.g. sprayed concrete according to EN 14487).

(6) Supplementing requirements or different testing procedures may be specified for specific types of concrete and applications, for example:

- concrete for massive structures (e.g. dams);
- dry mixed concrete;
- concrete with a $D_{\text{max}}$ of 4 mm or less (mortar);
- self-compacting concretes (SCC) containing lightweight or heavy-weight aggregates or fibres;
- concrete with open structure (e.g. pervious concrete for drainage).

(7) This standard does not apply to:

- aerated concrete;