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Foreword

This document (EN 12595:2014) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 336 "Bituminous binders", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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- changed/added wording of the Warning in the Scope;
- EN 12607-2, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Determination of the resistance to hardening under the influence of heat and air — Part 2: TFOT Method* was added as a normative reference in Clause 2;
- the reference to mercury thermometer has been deleted (see subclause 5.2) and Annex C is informative;
- alternative cleaning procedure added as optional in subclause 7.2.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for the determination of the kinematic viscosity of bituminous binders at 60 °C and 135 °C, in a range from 6 mm²/s to 300 000 mm²/s. Other temperatures are possible if calibration constants are known. Bituminous emulsions are not covered within the scope of this method.

NOTE Emulsions containing bituminous binders are not considered to be covered by this method. The method can be used for recovered and/or stabilized binders obtained from emulsions.

Results for this method can be used to calculate dynamic viscosity when the density of the test material is known or can be determined.

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2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 58, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Sampling bituminous binders*

EN 12594, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Preparation of test samples*

EN 12607-2, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Determination of the resistance to hardening under the influence of heat and air - Part 2: TFOT Method*

EN ISO 2592, *Determination of flash and fire points - Cleveland open cup method (ISO 2592)*

EN ISO 3696:1995, *Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)*

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