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European foreword

This document (EN 196-2:2025) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 51 “Cement and building limes”, the secretariat of which is held by NBN.

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This document supersedes EN 196-2:2013.

EN 196-2:2025 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 196-2:2013:

- redefinition of the introduction;
- introduction of concept;
- determination of reactive silica;
- introduction of the concept of determination of total carbonate content instead of determination of CO₂;
- determination of chloride by potentiometric titration as alternative method;
- determination of total carbonate content by gas volumetric method as alternative method;
- determination of total carbonate content by infrared detection system (method A and B) as alternative method;
- determination of SO₃ by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy as alternative method.

This European Standard series, under the general title *Methods of testing cement*, comprises the following parts:

- *Part 1: Determination of strength;*
- *Part 2: Chemical analysis of cement;*
- *Part 3: Determination of setting times and soundness;*
- *Part 5: Pozzolanicity test for pozzolanic cement;*
- *Part 6: Determination of fineness;*
- *Part 7: Methods of taking and preparing samples of cement;*
- *Part 8: Heat of hydration — Solution method;*
- *Part 9: Heat of hydration — Semi-adiabatic method;*

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- *Part 10: Determination of the water-soluble chromium (VI) content of cement;*
- *Part 11: Heat of hydration — Isothermal conduction calorimetry method.*

NOTE Another document, CEN/TR 196-4 Methods of testing cement — Part 4: Quantitative determination of constituents, has been published as a CEN Technical Report.

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Introduction

In this document, the elemental chemical analysis of a clinker or cement, as of any natural or artificial mineral material (volcanic pozzolan, blast furnace slag, fly ash, etc.) is expressed in a conventional manner in the form of the mass proportions of the common oxides corresponding to the most frequent and stable degree of oxidation (Si: SiO_2 ; Al: Al_2O_3 , etc.). This expression of the chemical analysis does not indicate how these elements are combined into minerals such as silicates, oxides, carbonates, sulphates or sulphides.

This means that the presence of SiO_2 in a chemical analysis sheet does not necessarily imply the presence of crystalline silica e.g. quartz or cristobalite, but most likely silicates. Moreover, even if quartz is detected in the material, this does not necessarily imply an inhalation hazard if the particle size is larger than the inhalable fraction. Similarly, the presence of TiO_2 in a chemical analysis report does not necessarily imply the presence of the mineralogical phase(s) corresponding to this formula (rutile, anatase, brookite), although the presence of the mineralogical phase(s) does not necessarily imply an inhalation hazard if the particle size is larger than the inhalable fraction. In the same way, determination of total carbonate content (TCC) can be done by dosing CO_2 induced by acid attack, which does not mean, in any case, that the material contains CO_2 .

The only way to identify mineralogical phases in a powdered mineral material is by X-ray diffraction, which is the only analytical technique that is sensitive to the crystalline character of minerals. For an accurate quantification of inhalable fractions, it advisable be necessary to perform a quantitative particle size selection (e.g. by aerosolization technique) in order to eliminate coarse fractions that could reduce the quantitative character of the X-ray diffraction analysis.

Standardization to 100 made it possible to know if no constituent element had been left out. Hence the expression “percentage by mass of oxides” in the chemical analysis.

EN 196-2:2025 (E)**1 Scope**

This document specifies the methods for the chemical analysis of cement.

This document describes the reference methods and, in certain cases, an alternative method which can be considered to be equivalent. In the case of a dispute, only the reference methods are used.

An alternative performance-based method using X-ray fluorescence (XRF) is described for SiO₂, Al₂O₃, Fe₂O₃, CaO, MgO, SO₃, K₂O, Na₂O, TiO₂, P₂O₅, Mn₂O₃, SrO, Cl and Br. This method is based on beads of fused sample and analytical validation using certified reference materials, together with performance criteria. A method based on pressed pellets of un-fused sample can be considered as equivalent, providing that the analytical performance satisfies the same criteria.

An alternative performance-based method using inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy (ICP-OES) is described for SO₃.

When correctly calibrated according to the specified procedures and reference materials, XRF and ICP-OES provides methods equivalent to the reference methods but has not been validated for use yet as a reference procedure for conformity and dispute purposes. They can be applied to other relevant elements when adequate calibrations have been established.

Any other methods can be used provided they are calibrated, either against the reference methods or against internationally accepted reference materials, in order to demonstrate their equivalence.

This document describes methods which apply principally to cements, but which can also be applied to their constituent materials. They can also be applied to other materials, the standards for which call up these methods. Standard specifications state which methods are to be used.

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 196-7, *Methods of testing cement — Part 7: Methods of taking and preparing samples of cement*

EN 13656, *Soil, treated biowaste, sludge and waste — Digestion with a hydrochloric (HCl), nitric (HNO₃) and tetrafluoroboric (HBF₄) or hydrofluoric (HF) acid mixture for subsequent determination of elements*

EN ISO 385, *Laboratory glassware — Burettes (ISO 385)*

EN ISO 835, *Laboratory glassware — Graduated pipettes (ISO 835)*

ISO 33401, *Reference materials — Contents of certificates, labels and accompanying documentation*

ISO Guide 30, *Reference materials — Selected terms and definitions*

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