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## Foreword

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This standard comprises two parts:  
Part 1 dealing with steel fibres for concrete,  
Part 2 dealing with polymer fibres

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by February 2007, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by May 2008.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of the Construction Products Directive.

For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

This European Standard should be given the status of a national standard.

No existing European Standard is superseded.

Not all fibre characteristics that may be relevant to the performance of a fibre concrete, structural or non-structural, such as early age effects, creep and chemical attack, have been addressed in this standard due to the difficulties of formulating meaningful and reproducible standardised test methods.

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## 1 Scope

This Part 2 of EN 14889 specifies requirements for polymer fibres for structural or non-structural use in concrete, mortar and grout.

NOTE Structural use of fibres is where the addition of fibres is designed to contribute to the load bearing capacity of a concrete element. This standard covers fibres intended for use in all types of concrete and mortar, including sprayed concrete, flooring, precast, in-situ and repair concretes.

## 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 10002-1, *Metallic materials – Tensile testing – Part 1: Method of test at ambient temperature*

EN 12350-3, *Testing fresh concrete – Part 3: Vebe test*

EN 13392, *Textiles – Monofilaments – Determination of linear density*

prEN 14845-1, *Test methods for fibres in concrete – Part 1: Reference concretes*

EN 14845-2, *Test methods for fibres in concrete – Part 2: Effect on concrete*

EN ISO 2062, *Textiles – Yarns from packages – Determination of single-end breaking force and elongation at break (ISO 2062:1993)*

ISO 11357-3, *Plastics – Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) – Part 3: Determination of temperature and enthalpy of melting and crystallization*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **polymer**

polymeric material such as polyolefin, e.g. polypropylene or polyethylene, polyester, nylon, pva, polyacrylic, aramids and blends of them

### 3.2

#### **polymer fibres**

straight or deformed pieces of extruded, orientated and cut material which are suitable to be homogeneously mixed into concrete or mortar

### 3.3

#### **length**

distance between the outer ends of the fibre

#### **3.3.1**

##### **developed length (for deformed fibres with irregular cross section)**

length of the deformed fibre after straightening the fibre without deforming the cross section

**3.4****equivalent diameter**

diameter of a circle with an area equal to the mean cross sectional area of the fibre. For circular fibres, the equivalent diameter is equal to the diameter of the fibres.

**3.5****aspect ratio**

ratio of length to equivalent diameter of the fibre

**3.6****fibre shape**

specific outer configuration of the fibre, both in the longitudinal direction and in the shape of the cross section and also the possible surface coatings and or bundling of the fibres

**3.7****tensile strength of the fibre**

stress corresponding to the maximum force a fibre can resist. The tensile strength is calculated by dividing the maximum force a fibre can resist by the mean cross sectional area of the fibre.

**3.8****elongation of the fibre**

elongation of the fibre is defined as the ratio of the length change of the fibre to the initial length expressed as a percentage

NOTE The length change should be measured on the fibre itself.

**3.9****elastic modulus of the fibre**

initial slope of the tensile stress versus elongation curve

**3.10****linear density**

mass per unit length of a yarn or filament expressed in tex or its multiples or submultiples

NOTE 1 tex = 1g/1000m

**3.11****tenacity**

breaking force of a fibre divided by its linear density

**3.12****melting point**

temperature at which a polymer becomes liquid

**3.13****point of ignition**

temperature at which combustion is initiated

**3.14****residual flexural strength**

notional stress at the tip of the notch which is assumed to act in an uncracked mid-span section, with linear stress distribution, of a prism subjected to the centre-point load  $F_j$  corresponding to  $CMOD_j$  where  $CMOD_j > CMOD_{FL}$ ; or to  $\delta_j$  where  $\delta_j > \delta_{FL}$  ( $j = 1,2,3,4$ ).

**3.15****crack mouth opening displacement (CMOD)**

linear displacement measured by a transducer installed on a prism subjected to a centre-point load  $F$

**3.16  
declared value**

value for a product property, determined in accordance with this standard, that a manufacturer is confident of achieving within the given tolerances bearing in mind the variability of the manufacturing process

## 4 Symbols

Symbols used in this standard are defined as follows:

- $A$  area of the cross section of the fibre, in  $\text{mm}^2$ ;
- $d$  diameter of a fibre with a circular cross section, in mm;
- $d_e$  equivalent diameter of the fibre, in mm;
- $l$  measured length of the fibre, in mm;
- $l_d$  developed length of the fibre in mm;
- $\lambda = l / d$  and is the aspect ratio of the fibre;
- $m$  mass of the fibre, in g;
- $\rho$  density of the polymer, in  $\text{kg/m}^3$ ;
- $T_s$  melting point of the polymer, in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;
- $T_i$  point of ignition of the polymer, in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;
- $P_{\text{max}}$  maximum tensile load carrying capacity of the fibre, in N;
- $R_m$  tensile strength of the fibre, in MPa;
- $\varepsilon$  elongation of the fibre, in %;
- $E$  elastic modulus of the fibre, in Mpa.

## 5 Requirements

### 5.1 Classification of fibres

Polymer fibres shall be characterised by the manufacturer in accordance with their physical form:

Class Ia: Micro fibres: < 0,30 mm in diameter; Mono-filamented

Class Ib Micro fibres: < 0,30 mm in diameter; Fibrillated

Class II: Macro fibres: > 0,30 mm in diameter

NOTE Class II fibres are generally used where an increase in residual flexural strength is required.

## 5.2 General

### 5.2.1 Polymer type

The basic polymer(s) or blends of polymers of the fibre shall be declared.

### 5.2.2 Shape

Polymer fibres may be either straight or deformed. The type of deformation shall be declared.

### 5.2.3 Bundled polymer fibres

The type and size of the fibre bundle (e.g. glued, wrapped) shall be declared.

### 5.2.4 Surface treatment or coating

Any surface treatment or coating (type and quantity), and any chemical or physical treatment of polymer fibres shall be declared and controlled.

**NOTE** Spin finish is a term used to describe the addition of chemical(s) used to coat the fibres that will then help the fibre to disperse in concrete. Without this coating some fibres will not easily disperse in concrete and will tend to ball up. However some types of chemical used to coat the fibres can induce air into the concrete or mortar. It is therefore important that any coating added to the fibre is controlled and is recorded as part of the initial type testing and as part of the factory control procedures.

## 5.3 Dimensions and tolerances

### 5.3.1 General

The length, diameter and aspect ratio shall be declared for all fibres. The linear density shall be declared for Class I fibres.

Specimens of fibres, when sampled in accordance with 6.2.2 and measured in accordance with 5.3.2 and 5.3.3 shall not deviate from the declared value by more than the tolerances given in Table 1.

Table 1 — Tolerance limits for the dimensions of the fibres

Property	Symbol	Deviation of the individual value relative to the declared value	Deviation of the average value relative to the declared value
Length and developed length (all fibres)	$l, l_d$		
>30 mm	(if applicable)	± 10 %	± 5 %
≤ 30 mm			± 1,5 mm
Class II fibres > 0,30 mm			
(equivalent) diameter	$d_e$	± 50 %	± 5 %
length/diameter ratio	$\lambda$	± 50 %	± 10 %
Class I fibres ≤ 0,30 mm			
linear density	$\rho_L$	± 10 %	± 10 %

### 5.3.2 Length

The length shall be measured with a marking gauge with an accuracy of 0,1 mm.

In the case of an irregular cross section, the developed length of the fibre shall be determined.

### 5.3.3 Determination of (equivalent) diameter

#### 5.3.3.1 Fibre with circular cross section

For Class I fibres with a diameter less than 0,3 mm, the diameter shall be measured using optical measuring equipment.

For Class II fibres with a diameter greater than 0,3 mm, the diameter of the fibre shall be measured with a micrometer to a precision of 0,001 mm.

#### 5.3.3.2 Fibre with elliptical cross section

The diameter of the fibre shall be measured with a micrometer, in two directions, approximately at right angles, to a precision of 0,001 mm. The fibre diameter shall be the mean of the two diameters.

#### 5.3.3.3 Rectangular fibres

The width ( $w$ ) and thickness ( $t$ ) of the fibres shall be measured with a micrometer to a precision of 0,001 mm.

The equivalent diameter,  $d_e$ , is calculated as 
$$d_e = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot w \cdot t}{\pi}}$$

#### 5.3.3.4 Fibres with irregular cross section

The mass,  $m_f$  [g], and the developed length,  $l_d$  [mm], of the fibre shall be determined. The mass shall be determined to an accuracy of 0,001 g and the length to an accuracy of 0,01 mm. The equivalent diameter shall be computed from the mass and the developed length using the following formula with the nominal density of the fibre,  $\rho$ , in [g/cm<sup>3</sup>]:

$$d_e = \sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot m_f \cdot 10^6}{\pi \cdot l_d \cdot \rho}}$$

NOTE The nominal density  $\rho$  of Polypropylene is 0,9 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

### 5.3.4 Linear density

The linear density of Class I fibres shall be determined in accordance with EN 13392 and shall be declared.

### 5.3.5 Shape of fibres

The manufacturer may freely choose the shape of the fibre. The control and tolerances on the shape shall be declared for each different shape. Control may be carried out using optical equipment.

## 5.4 Tensile properties

### 5.4.1 Tenacity of Class I fibres

The tenacity of Class I fibres shall be determined by either method A or method B of EN ISO 2062. 30 individual fibres shall be tested and all results for the breaking force shall be included in the calculation for the average and standard deviation. The tenacity shall be calculated from the mean breaking force divided by the linear density determined by 5.3.4.

#### 5.4.2 Tensile strength of Class II fibres

The tensile strength,  $R_m$ , shall be determined in accordance with the method according to EN 10002-1, except that the rate of extension shall not exceed 10 mm/min, and shall be declared.

The tensile strength shall be determined on individual fibres which have a minimum length of 20 mm. 30 individual fibres shall be tested and all results shall be included in the calculation for the average and standard deviation.

The accepted tolerance on the declared value of  $R_m$  shall be 15 % for individual values and 7,5 % for the mean value.

#### 5.5 Modulus of elasticity

The modulus of elasticity for polymer fibres shall be tested according to EN 10002-1 and shall be declared. The modulus shall be calculated using the stress and deformation at 10% and 30% of  $R_m$ .

30 individual strands shall be tested and all results shall be included in the calculation for the average and standard deviation. The acceptable tolerance on the declared value of the Modulus of Elasticity is 15% for individual values and 10% for the mean value.

#### 5.6 Melting point and point of ignition

The melting point and point of ignition shall be determined in accordance with ISO 11357-3 and shall be declared.

NOTE The melting point is an important characteristic where the fibre is to be used to modify the performance of concrete in fire.

#### 5.7 Effect on consistence of concrete

The effect of fibres on the consistence of a reference concrete conforming to prEN 14845-1 shall be determined.

The consistence according to EN 12350-3 shall be determined on the reference concrete without fibres and then on an identical mix with fibres. The effect on consistence shall be declared.

The amount of fibres added shall be declared by the manufacturer and shall be the minimum amount of fibres needed to obtain the required strength specified in 5.8. If a plasticiser or superplasticiser is needed in order to meet the consistence requirements when determining the required addition level of fibres, the amount and type shall also be declared by the manufacturer.

The fibre manufacturer may additionally declare the consistence for the reference concrete with a range of dosages of fibres.

#### 5.8 Effect on the strength of concrete

The effect on strength shall be determined according to EN 14845-2 using a reference concrete conforming to prEN 14845-1. The unit volume of fibres in  $\text{kg/m}^3$  shall be declared by the manufacturer that achieves a residual flexural strength of 1,5 MPa at 0,5 mm CMOD (equivalent to 0,47 mm central deflection) and a residual flexural strength of 1MPa at 3,5 mm CMOD (equivalent to 3,02 mm central deflection).

## 5.9 Mixing

Mixing instructions shall be supplied by the manufacturer which recommend the mixing sequence to be adopted when introducing the fibre into both a centrally mixed concrete plant and for a dry batch truck mixed plant.

## 5.10 Release of dangerous substances

Materials used in products shall not release any dangerous substances in excess of the maximum permitted levels specified in a relevant European Standard for the material or permitted in the national regulations of the member state of destination.

## 6 Evaluation of conformity

### 6.1 General

The conformity of a fibre to the requirements of this standard and with the declared values shall be demonstrated by the manufacturer by carrying out both:

- initial type testing of the product (see 6.2)
- factory production control (see 6.3)

Alternative methods of test to the methods specified in this standard may be adopted except for the initial type tests and in case of dispute, provided that these alternative methods satisfy the following:

- a) a correlation can be shown to exist between the results from the specified test and those from the alternative test and,
- b) the information on which the relationship is based is available.

### 6.2 Initial type testing

#### 6.2.1 General

Initial type testing shall be performed to show conformity with this standard. Tests previously performed in accordance with the provisions of this standard (same product, same characteristic(s), test method, sampling procedure, system of attestation of conformity, etc.) may be taken into account.

The appropriate initial tests shall be repeated whenever a change in the basic materials or manufacturing procedures occurs, or a new product type is being produced.

The tests to be conducted shall be the tests and/or calculations as described in this standard for the following properties:

- dimensions and tolerances (see 5.3);
- shape (see 5.3.5);
- tensile properties (see 5.4);
- modulus of elasticity (for Class II only, see 5.5);
- melting point and point of ignition (see 5.6);
- effect on consistence (see 5.7);

- effect on strength of concrete (for Class II only, see 5.8).

The results of initial type tests shall be recorded and be available for inspection. Sampling for initial type testing shall be in accordance with 6.2.2.

**6.2.2 Sampling**

The minimum sample size shall be as given in Table 2 and shall be drawn at random to be representative of the batch or consignment. Pre-production samples may be used for initial type tests where it is possible to demonstrate that the characteristics of performance are representative of products from the full production process.

**Table 2 - Sampling — number of specimens**

Type test			Minimum number per test
Clause	Normative (N), or Optional (O)	Characteristic	
5.3	N	Dimensions; tolerances	30 fibres
5.3.4	N	Shape; tolerances	30 fibres
5.3	N	Tensile properties; tolerances	30 fibres or fibre bundles
5.5	O	Modulus of elasticity (Class II only)	30 fibres
5.6	N	Melting point and point of ignition	30 fibres
5.7	N	Consistence	mean value of 3 tests
5.8	N	Effect on strength of concrete (Class II only)	12 beams

NOTE For the performance characteristics to be determined in order to address the provisions of Annex ZA, see Table ZA.1.

## 6.3 Factory production control (FPC)

### 6.3.1 General

The manufacturer shall establish, document and maintain a FPC system to ensure that the products placed on the market conform to the requirements of this standard and the declared performance characteristics. The FPC system shall consist of procedures, regular inspections, tests and/or assessments and the use of the results to control raw and other incoming materials or components, equipment, the production process and the product.

Subsequently, any fundamental changes in basic materials, manufacturing procedures or the control scheme that affects the properties or use of a product shall be recorded in the manual or relevant document, together with the test data that identifies the new characteristics of the fibre.

The results of inspections, tests or assessments requiring action shall be documented, as shall any action taken. The action to be taken when control values or criteria are not met shall be recorded.

NOTE An FPC system conforming with the requirements of the relevant part(s) of EN ISO 9001, and made specific to the requirements of this standard, is considered to satisfy the above requirements.

### 6.3.2 Equipment

All weighing, measuring and testing equipment shall be calibrated and regularly inspected according to documented procedures, frequencies and criteria.

### 6.3.3 Raw materials

The specifications of all incoming raw materials shall be documented, as shall the inspection scheme for ensuring their conformity.

### 6.3.4 Design process

The factory production control system shall document the various stages in the design of products, identify the checking procedure and those individuals responsible for all stages of design.

During the design process itself, a record shall be kept of all checks, their results, and any corrective actions taken. This record shall be sufficiently detailed and accurate to demonstrate that all stages of the design phase, and all checks, have been carried out satisfactorily.

### 6.3.5 Product testing and evaluation

The manufacturer shall establish procedures to ensure that the declared values of the characteristics are maintained, as confirmed by the initial type tests.

The characteristics that shall be controlled are:

- coating (see 5.2.4)
- shape (see 5.3.4)
- dimensions and tolerances (see 5.3)
- tensile properties (see 5.4)
- elastic modulus (see 5.5)

The frequency and volume of testing shall be at least that given in Table 3.

**Table 3 — Minimum number of units for production control**

Characteristic	Clause	Assessment method	Number of units		
			Tightened control <b>T</b>	Normal control <b>N</b>	Reduced control <b>R</b>
Shape	5.3.4	5.3.4	1 test/shift/machine	1 test /day /machine	3 tests /week/machine
Control of shape			1 test/shift/machine	1 test /day /machine	3 tests /week/machine
Coating	5.2.4	Depending on type of coating	1 test / shift /machine	1 test/day/machine	3 tests/week/machine
Dimensions and tolerances	5.3	5.3	1 test / shift /machine	1 test/day/machine	1 test/week/machine
Tensile properties	5.4	5.4	1 test per shift.	1 test per day.	3 tests per week.
Elastic modulus	5.5	5.5	1 test per shift.	1 test per day.	3 tests per week.
NOTE By machine is meant that operation that cuts the fibre to its final dimension. By shift is meant a continuous period of production of up to 8 h.					

The data, together with details and results of inspection, checks and tests shall be recorded. The conditions for switching between the type of control are given in Annex A.

Where possible and applicable, the results of inspections, checks and tests shall be interpreted statistically by attributes or by variables to determine whether the corresponding production conforms to the requirements in this standard and the declared values for the products.

**6.3.6 Traceability**

Systems of traceability and control of designs, incoming materials, and the use of materials shall be given in the manual or relevant document.

The stock control system of manufactured products shall be given in the manual or relevant document.

### **6.3.7 Corrective actions for non conforming products**

The immediate actions to be taken when incoming materials or finished products do not conform to the specified requirements shall be described and recorded.

These actions shall include the steps necessary to rectify the deficiency, modify the manual or relevant document if required, identify and isolate the deficient raw or incoming materials and finished products and determine whether they shall be discarded or re-specified under a concessionary system.

## Annex A (normative)

### Conditions for switching between the control regimes T-N-R

The T-regime shall be applied when starting up a new plant and for at least 6 months.

The manufacturer may switch from the T to the N-regime when all of the following conditions apply:

- Testing has been undertaken for at least 6 months under the T-regime;
- The fibres produced during the last 3 months of production conform to specification.

The manufacturer may switch from the N to the R-regime when all of the following conditions apply:

- the fibres fall within Groups I or II;
- testing has been undertaken for at least 12 months under the N-regime;
- the fibres produced during the last 12 months of production conform to specification;
- the Cpk's of tensile strength and dimensions, calculated from the 3-monthly period of production, are greater than 1 for the last two successive quarters.

The manufacturer shall switch back from R to the N regime if the Cpk on tensile strength or geometry for one quarter becomes smaller or equal to 0,67. Switching back to R is permitted if the Cpk for the next quarter is again higher than 0,67, and if results are according to specification.

NOTE The Cpk is the capability index which accounts for process centering and is defined as the minimum of

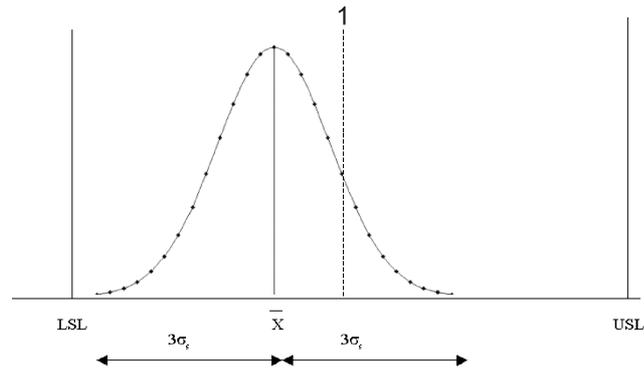
$$\frac{USL - \bar{X}}{3\sigma_s} \text{ or } \frac{\bar{X} - LSL}{3\sigma_s}$$

*USL*: upper spread limit, is the declared value plus the deviation of the individual value from Table 1 (or 5.3) times the declared value

*LSL*: lower spread limit, is the declared value minus the deviation of the individual value from Table 1 (or 5.3) times the declared value

$\bar{X}$ : average value of the characteristic (dimension, tensile strength) of the group of individual results (the number of group given in Table 3), taken over one quarter.

$\sigma_s$ : standard deviation of the same group of results as the average value, taken over one quarter.

**Key**

- 1 Declared value

**Figure A.1 — Calculation of the Cpk-value**

## Annex ZA (informative)

### Relationship between this European Standard and the Essential Requirements of EU Directive for Construction products (89/106/EEC)

#### ZA.1. Scope and relevant characteristics

This European Standard has been prepared under Mandate M/128, as amended, 'Products related to concrete mortar or grout' given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association.

The clauses of this European Standard, shown in this annex, meet the requirements of the mandate given under the EU Construction Products Directive (89/106/EEC).

Compliance with these clauses confers a presumption of fitness of the polymer fibres covered by this annex for the intended uses indicated herein; reference shall be made to the information accompanying the CE marking.

**WARNING :** Other requirements and other EU Directives, not affecting the fitness for intended use(s), may be applicable to the polymer fibres falling within the scope of this European Standard.

**NOTE 1** In addition to any specific clauses relating to dangerous substances contained in this standard, there may be other requirements applicable to the products falling within its scope (e.g. transposed European legislation and national laws, regulations and administrative provisions). In order to meet the provisions of the EU Construction Products Directive, these requirements need also to be complied with, when and where they apply.

**NOTE 2** An informative database of European and national provisions on dangerous substances is available at the Construction Web Site on EUROPA (accessed through <http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/construction/internal/dangsub/dangmain.htm>).

This annex establishes the conditions for the CE marking of polymer fibres intended for the uses indicated in Table ZA.1 and shows the relevant clauses applicable.

This annex has the same scope as Clause 1 of this standard and is defined by Table ZA.1.

Table ZA.1 - Scope and relevant clauses

Product	<b>Polymer fibres in concrete mortar or grout</b>		
Intended use			
Essential Characteristics	Requirement clauses in this or other European Standard.  (This standard unless otherwise stated)	Mandated level(s) and/or class (es)	Notes
Tensile properties/ Modulus of elasticity	5.4 and 5.5	none	declared values
Effect on consistence (workability) of concrete	5.7	none	declared value
Effect on strength of concrete	5.2, 5.3 and 5.8	none	declared values
Release of dangerous substances	5.10 and ZA.1	none	requirements are dependent on regulations in the place of use
Durability	–	–	Durability relates to the concrete incorporating fibres

The requirement on a certain characteristic is not applicable in those Member States where there are no regulatory requirements on that characteristic for the intended end use of the product. In this case, manufacturers placing their products on the market of these Member States are not obliged to determine nor declare the performance of their products with regard to this characteristic and the option “No performance determined” (NPD) in the information accompanying the CE marking (see Clause ZA.3) may be used. The NPD option may not be used, however, where the characteristic is subject to a threshold level.

**ZA.2 Procedure(s) for the attestation of conformity of products**

**ZA.2.1 Systems of attestation of conformity**

The system(s) of attestation of conformity of the polymer fibres indicated in Table ZA.1, in accordance with the Decision of the Commission 99/469/EC of 1999-07-17 amended by 01/596/EC of 2001-08-02, as given in Annex III of the mandate is shown in Table ZA.2 for the indicated intended use(s) and relevant level(s) and class(es) :

**Table ZA.2 - Systems of attestation of conformity**

Product(s)	Intended use(s)	Level(s) or class(es)	Attestation of conformity system(s)
Polymer fibres	for structural uses in concrete mortar or grout	See Table ZA.1	<b>1</b>
Polymer fibres	for other uses in concrete mortar or grout	See Table ZA.1	<b>3</b>
System 1: See Directive 89/106/EEC (CPD) Annex III.2.(i), without audit testing of samples. System 3: See Directive 89/106/EEC (CPD) Annex III.2.(ii), Second possibility.			

NOTE For a definition of structural use see Clause 1 of this standard.

The attestation of conformity of the polymer fibres in Table ZA.1. shall be based on the evaluation of conformity procedures indicated in Tables ZA.3.1 and ZA.3.2 resulting from application of the clauses of this or other European Standard indicated therein.

Table ZA.3.1 - Assignment of evaluation of conformity tasks for polymer fibres under system 1

Tasks		Content of the task	Evaluation of conformity clauses to apply
Tasks under the responsibility of the manufacturer	Factory production control (FPC)	Parameters related to all characteristics of Table ZA.1 relevant for the intended use	6.3
	Further testing of samples taken at the factory	All characteristics of Table ZA.1 relevant for the intended use	6.2
	Initial type testing by the manufacturer	Those characteristics of Table ZA.1 relevant for the intended use not tested by the notified body	6.2
Tasks under the responsibility of the product certification body	Initial type testing	Those characteristics of Table ZA.1 relevant for the intended use :  Tensile strength/modulus of elasticity,  Effect on strength of concrete,  Effect on consistence of concrete,	6.2
	Initial inspection of factory and of FPC	Parameters related to all characteristics of Table ZA.1, relevant for the intended use, in particular:  Tensile strength/modulus of elasticity,  Effect on strength of concrete,  Effect on consistence of concrete,  Release of dangerous substances	6.3
	Continuous surveillance, assessment and approval of FPC	Parameters related to all characteristics of Table ZA.1, relevant for the intended use, in particular:  Tensile strength/modulus of elasticity,  Effect on strength of concrete,  Effect on consistence of concrete,  Release of dangerous substances	6.3

Table ZA.3.2 - Assignment of evaluation of conformity tasks for polymer fibres under system 3

Tasks		Content of the task	Evaluation of conformity clauses to apply
Tasks under the responsibility of the manufacturer	Factory production control (FPC)	Parameters related to all characteristics of Table ZA.1 relevant for the intended use	6.3
	Initial type testing by a notified test laboratory	Tensile strength/modulus of elasticity, Effect on strength of concrete, Effect on consistence of concrete.	6.2
	Initial type testing by the manufacturer	Those characteristics of Table ZA.1 relevant for the intended use not tested by the notified test lab	6.2

**ZA.2.2 EC Certificate and Declaration of conformity**

*(In case of products with system 1+ or 1):* When compliance with the conditions of this annex is achieved, the certification body shall draw up a certificate of conformity (EC Certificate of conformity), which entitles the manufacturer to affix the CE marking. The certificate shall include:

- name, address and identification number of the certification body;
- name and address of the manufacturer, or his authorised representative established in the EEA, and place of production;

NOTE 1 The manufacturer may also be the person responsible for placing the product onto the EEA market, if he takes responsibility for CE marking.

- description of the product (type, identification, use, ...);
- provisions to which the product conforms (i.e. Annex ZA of this EN);
- particular conditions applicable to the use of the product (e.g. provisions for use under certain conditions);
- the number of the certificate;
- conditions of validity of the certificate, where applicable;
- name of, and position held by, the person empowered to sign the certificate.

In addition, the manufacturer shall draw up and retain a declaration of conformity (EC Declaration of conformity) including the following:

- name and address of the manufacturer, or his authorised representative established in the EEA;
- name and address of the certification body;
- description of the product (type, identification, use, ...), and a copy of the information accompanying the CE marking;

NOTE 2 Where some of the information required for the Declaration is already given in the CE marking information, it does not need to be repeated.

- provisions to which the product conforms (i.e. Annex ZA of this EN), and a reference to the ITT report(s) and factory production control records (if appropriate);
- particular conditions applicable to the use of the product (e.g. provisions for use under certain conditions);
- number of the accompanying EC Certificate of conformity;
- name of, and position held by, the person empowered to sign the declaration on behalf of the manufacturer or of his authorised representative;

*(In case of products under system 3):* When compliance with the conditions of this annex is achieved, the manufacturer or his agent established in the EEA shall draw up and retain a declaration of conformity (EC Declaration of conformity), which entitles the manufacturer to affix the CE marking. This declaration shall include:

- name and address of the manufacturer, or his authorised representative established in the EEA, and place of production;

NOTE 1 The manufacturer may also be the person responsible for placing the product onto the EEA market, if he takes responsibility for CE marking.

- description of the product (type, identification, use,...), and a copy of the information accompanying the CE marking;

NOTE 2 Where some of the information required for the Declaration is already given in the CE marking information, it does not need to be repeated.

- provisions to which the product conforms (i.e. Annex ZA of this EN), and a reference to the ITT report(s) and factory production control records (if appropriate);
- particular conditions applicable to the use of the product, (e.g. provisions for use under certain conditions);
- name and address of the notified laboratory(ies);
- name of, and position held by, the person empowered to sign the declaration on behalf of the manufacturer or his authorised representative.

### **ZA.3.CE Marking and labelling**

The manufacturer or his authorised representative established within the EEA is responsible for the affixing of the CE marking. The CE marking symbol to affix shall be in accordance with Directive 93/68/EC and shall be shown on the accompanying label, the packaging or on the accompanying commercial documents, e.g. a delivery note. The following information shall accompany the CE marking symbol :

- identification number of the certification body (only for system 1);
- name or identifying mark and registered address of the producer;
- the last two digits of the year in which the marking is affixed;
- number of the EC Certificate of conformity or factory production control certificate (if relevant);
- reference to this European Standard;
- description of the product: generic name, material, group, dimensions, shape ... and intended use;
- information on those relevant essential characteristics listed in Table ZA.1 which are to be declared
- declared values and, where relevant, level or class to declare for each essential characteristic as indicated in "Notes" in Table ZA.1
  - "No performance determined" for characteristics where this is relevant.
    - as an alternative, a standard designation which shows some or all of the relevant characteristics (where the designation covers only some characteristics, it will need to be supplemented with declared values for other characteristics as above).

The "No performance determined" (NPD) option may not be used where the characteristic is subject to a threshold level. Otherwise, the NPD option may be used when and where the characteristic, for a given intended use, is not subject to regulatory requirements in the Member State of destination.

Figure ZA.1 gives an example of the information to be given on the label, packaging and/or commercial documents of fibres in structural use.

<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">01234</p>	<p><i>CE conformity marking, consisting of the "CE"-symbol given in Directive 93/68/EEC.</i></p> <p><i>Identification number of the certification body (where relevant)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AnyCo Ltd, PO Box 21, B-1050</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">06</p> <p style="text-align: center;">01234-CPD-00234</p>	<p><i>Name or identifying mark and registered address of the producer</i></p> <p><i>Last two digits of the year in which the marking was affixed</i></p> <p><i>Certificate number (where relevant)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EN 14889-2</b></p> <p>Polymer fibres for use in concrete mortar and grout</p> <p>Polymer type: polypropylene</p> <p>Class II</p> <p>Length: 50 mm</p> <p>Diameter: 0,60 mm</p> <p>Shape: deformed</p> <p>Tensile strength: 700 N/mm<sup>2</sup></p> <p>Elastic modulus: 4 kN/mm<sup>2</sup></p> <p>Consistence with 5 kg/m<sup>3</sup> fibres: Vebe time: 25 s</p> <p>Effect on strength of concrete: 5kg/m<sup>3</sup> to obtain 1,5 N/mm<sup>2</sup> at CMOD=0,5 mm and 1N/mm<sup>2</sup> at CMOD=3,5 mm.</p>	<p><i>No. of European Standard</i></p> <p><i>Description of product</i></p> <p><i>Information on regulated characteristics</i></p>

**Figure ZA.1 — Example of CE marking information**

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In addition to any specific information relating to dangerous substances shown above, the product should also be accompanied, when and where required and in the appropriate form, by documentation listing any other legislation on dangerous substances for which compliance is claimed, together with any information required by that legislation.

NOTE 1 European legislation without national derogations need not be mentioned.

NOTE 2 Affixing the CE marking symbol means, if a product is subject to more than one directive, that it complies with all applicable directives.

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