
**Test methods for repair materials for
water-leakage cracks in underground
concrete structures —**

**Part 2:
Test method for chemical resistance**

*Méthodes d'essai pour matériaux de réparation pour fissures dues à
l'eau dans les structures en béton souterraines —*

Partie 2: Méthode d'essai de la résistance chimique



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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- ambient conditions in [6.3](#) and [A.3.3](#) have been modified;
- some clarifications have been made in [Clause 7](#) and [9.2](#);
- some editorial corrections have been made.

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Introduction

This document is linked to ISO/TR 16475. ISO/TR 16475 outlines six basic properties and the required performance levels of water leakage repair materials, and the ISO/TS 16774 series proposes sample testing methods that are capable of evaluating the respective properties of the repair materials.

The test methods in this document are intended to serve as a reference for nations that have not yet developed a test method on the six required performance properties of water leakage repair materials. If other forms of test methods that are simpler, more accurate or more organized are available, such methods are recommended for use instead. Many of the dependent variables outlined in the reference test methods of this document are subject to change in accordance with the environmental conditions (temperature and humidity, chemical solution and concentration, width of movement activity, water pressure or water flow velocity, etc.) outlined in the standards used in respective countries.

For ISO/TS 16774-1, ISO/TS 16774-5 and ISO/TS 16774-6, for the purpose of objectively comparing the performance of injected repair materials, artificial cracks of same width, height, and volume were used to control the usage of repair materials for each testing cycle and enable repetition of the same test methods under the same conditions.

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Test methods for repair materials for water-leakage cracks in underground concrete structures —

Part 2: Test method for chemical resistance

1 Scope

This document specifies a laboratory test method for the qualitative determination of the retention level of chemical resistance of repair materials in repaired cracks of concrete structures in conditions where the material is either underwater or in contact with water that can have various chemical components present.

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.

ISO/TR 16475, *General practices for the repair of water-leakage cracks in concrete structures*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/TR 16475 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

water leakage repair material

grouting materials used to prevent water leakages in concrete cracks

Note 1 to entry: In this document, target ingredients are limited to injection materials outlined in ISO/TR 16475.

4 Principle

A repair material's resistance to chemical attacks is one of the fundamental properties that water leakage repair materials should possess. Repair materials can undergo chemical property changes due to chemical attack. Harmful chemical substances can also corrode the repair material and reduce their ability to prevent water leakage. This test method evaluates a water leakage repair material's chemical resistance performance by determining if the tested material can maintain as closely as possible its original mass after being exposed to various types of chemical substances as a means to evaluate the material's resistance against chemical corrosion. In this method, comparing the mass difference of water leakage repair materials before and after chemical exposure can be used to determine the repair material's chemical resistance level. An example test method is provided in [Annex A](#).

The tested repair material sample prepared in a Petri dish is placed in a container and completely immersed in chemical solutions for predetermined number of hours or days (values subject to change

in accordance with different national standards). The concentration of the tested chemical solution follows the condition of the applied environment belonging to different national standards, meaning test chemical substances that represent common chemical substances that are exposed to concrete material and repair materials, as well as exposure time and chemical concentration range values should reflect the applicable environmental conditions.

Test specimens are treated so that they remain in a stable state prior to immersion in chemical substance so that physical factors such as swelling, pore-filling, or bubbling do not affect the principles of this test method. The mass of the test specimen after immersion in chemical substance is measured using an electronic scale and the mass difference is recorded. Tested types of repair materials in this document are limited to injection type water leakage repair materials.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Container

Any size of plastic or glass type of container used to contain the chemical solution and immerse the test specimens (quality of the material of container, bowl, or dish being used should be made with materials that are non-reactive to chemical substance).

5.2 Others

5.2.1 Glass testing dishes (Petri dish) and plate used to elevate the specimen above the floor of the container.

5.2.2 Electronic scale, capable of measuring up to two decimal places in grams.

5.2.3 Stirring rod and trowel used for specimen placement into Petri dish.

5.2.4 Other types of injecting apparatus (optional).

6 Preparation

6.1 Test specimens

a) Completely fill the glass Petri dish with repair material.

Repair material surface should be treated with a trowel or other surface treating tools to make sure the surface of the material is flat (tolerance for uneven surface allowed). Should there be a specific instruction provided by the manufacturer on how to prepare/inject material, such method should be used instead.

b) Cure the test specimens in the test room for predetermined number of hours or days until it dries to constant mass with +/- tolerance.

c) Prepare a set number of specimens for test repetition.

6.2 Chemical substance

Prepare the chemical substances. Example chemical substances can be used such as acid (HCl , H_2SO_4 and HNO_3 , etc.), alkali (NaOH , etc.), and NaCl which are commonly found in underground water. At this time, the concentration and mixture ratio of the chemical solution should be determined in accordance with the required environmental conditions. Other types of common harmful chemical substances can be used as well for this test method such as nitrate, carbonate, acetate, sulfate, etc.

6.3 Ambient conditions

Keep the test room at temperature $(22 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$ and humidity at $(55 \pm 5)\%$ during the experiment unless specifically required otherwise. Standard drying conditions of a drying shrinkage state conditions should be as outlined in ISO 1920-8.

NOTE Temperature values are subject to change according to different national standards. Examples include warmer countries with ranges that can reach up to $(27 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$ and colder countries at $(16 \pm 3)^\circ\text{C}$, etc. The same applies to humidity conditions.

7 Procedure

- a) Measure and record the mass (M_b , mass of specimen before chemical exposure) of the test specimens (up to two decimal places in grams).
- b) Place a plate on the bottom centre of the container used to maintain the height of test specimen.
- c) Place the test specimen on the centre of that plate. The specimen's position should be fixed at the centre of the plate in the chemical solution container.

In the cases where the prepared specimen floats on the chemical solution, the Petri dish with the specimen sample should be fixed to the bottom of the container with dual sided tape.

- d) Carefully fill the container with the prepared chemical substance and let it rest for a specified duration (concentration ratio and duration can vary according to different national standards used to control the test method conditions).
- e) After the specified duration has passed, take the test specimens out of the container and lightly wash off any residues of chemical solution remaining on the repair material surface with distilled water. Let the test specimens dry to constant mass with $\pm$ tolerance and calculate the difference (up to two decimal places in grams). Tolerance range conditions should conform to the relevant national standard testing methods. Measure the mass (M_a , mass of specimen after chemical exposure) of test specimen after immersion and calculate the mass change ($M_c = M_b - M_a$, M_c : mass change) before and after immersion in the chemical substance.
- f) Record the mass of the test specimens (up to two decimal places in grams) and the mass loss as a percentage of the original mass such that the results are normalized to express relative loss.

Photos of the specimen and equipment conditions shall be taken at every stage during each and every test procedure for recording and information purposes.

8 Expression of results

In this test method, the tested repair material's resistance to corrosion due to exposure to chemical substance is measured via the changes in the mass. In this case, results of the tested repair material evaluation shall be based on how much mass was lost after immersion in the chemical solution, as this information can be used to determine that materials with higher loss of mass have relatively weaker resistance to chemical corrosion. These results ($M_b - M_a = M_c$) can be used as a data base for an evaluation guideline in future cases of selecting appropriate repair materials with the required properties against chemical corrosion.

9 Test report

9.1 Information on the repair material of the test target

9.1.1 General

The test report should record the following information on repair material of the test target:

- a) manufactured date, time, place of the repair material;
- b) manufacturer (name, address, phone number);
- c) type, storage method and authentication of the repair material;
- d) guideline and manual on how to use and apply the repair material;
- e) data on chemical composition of repair material as indicated in manufacturer's data sheet.

9.1.2 Other information

The following information is recorded on demand if required:

- a) objective of the testing and related project;
- b) applicable areas in construction sites using the test specimen;
- c) result of eco-toxicological performance tests to account for the release of hazardous substance and the subsequent effects on health and safety.

9.2 Information on the test

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) a declaration from the person technically responsible for the test that the testing was carried out in accordance with this document, i.e. ISO/TS 16774-2:2023, except any deviation from the standard test method;
- b) name, purpose of the test;
- c) ambient conditions of the lab (temperature, humidity, safety conditions, etc.);
- d) production time and place of the specimens;
- e) shape and size of the specimens;
- f) identification of the specimens (lot no., etc.);
- g) curing and storage conditions;
- h) information on the test repair material (name, producer, validity, etc.);
- i) test data (production, measurement, test period, etc.);
- j) type of facilities, equipment, tools;
- k) status of test equipment, tools;
- l) test results;
- m) details on other test programs and procedures.

Annex A (informative)

Example test method

A.1 Principle

This example test method evaluates the chemical resistance of the repair material after being exposed to various chemical samples commonly found in underground waters or soil around the repaired crack. The test method measures any mass changes of the repair material exposed to the chemical solution to determine its chemical resistance performance based on how much the repair material corroded away. The test specimens are placed in Petri dishes which are then placed in a container filled with chemical solutions for specified period (approximately 168 h) after which the mass of the specimen is measured again to calculate the amount of material lost to chemical corrosion.

A.2 Apparatus

NOTE Similar or alternative apparatus can be used instead of the ones provided here if they possess the same required outlined properties and functions.

A.2.1 Container (see [Figures A.1](#) and [A.2](#)).

Any size plastic or glass container to allow immersion of the glass Petri dish (use non-reactive materials with chemical substance).

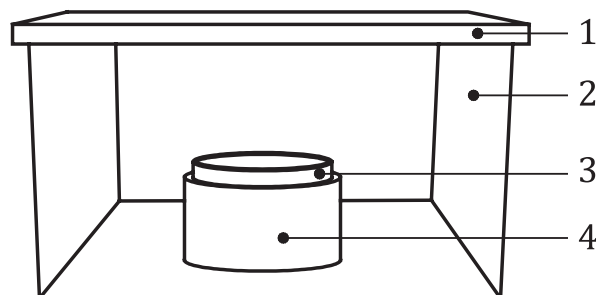
A.2.2 Others.

A.2.2.1 Glass Petri dish, $\varnothing$ 65 mm $\times$ 10 mm, use non-reactive materials with chemical substance.

A.2.2.2 Electronic scale, capable of measuring up to two decimal places in unit grams.

A.2.2.3 Stirring rod and trowel used for specimen placement in Petri dish.

A.2.2.4 Plate/support used to keep the height of specimen.



Key

- 1 cover plate
- 2 container
- 3 Petri dish (ø 65 mm × 10 mm)
- 4 plate used to maintain the height of the specimen (height: >20 mm)

Figure A.1 — Diagram of apparatus



Figure A.2 — Immersed test specimen

A.3 Preparation

A.3.1 Test specimens

Completely fill the Petri dish with repair material.

Repair material surface should be treated with a trowel or other surface treating tools to make sure the surface of the material is flat (tolerance for uneven surface allowed). Should there be a specific instruction provided by the manufacturer's end on how to prepare/inject material, such method should be employed.

A.3.2 Chemical substance

Prepare 2 % H_2SO_4 , 2 % HNO_3 , 2 % HCl , 10 % $NaCl$, and 0,1 % $NaOH$ in $(20 \pm 2) ^\circ C$.