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

**Part 3:
Test method for water (wash out)
resistance**

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

Partie 3: Méthode d'essai de la résistance à l'eau (de lixiviation)



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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- ambient conditions in [6.2](#) and [A.3.2](#) have been modified;
- some clarifications have been made in [Clause 7](#) and [9.2](#);
- some editorial corrections have been made.

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Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

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 references 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 3: Test method for water (wash out) resistance

1 Scope

This document specifies a laboratory test method on the quantitative determination of repair materials performance and resistance against erosion and wash out due to underground water flow.

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.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 16774-2:2023, 3.1]

4 Principle

Resistance to water flow is one of the fundamental properties that water leakage repair materials should possess. Repair materials are, in most cases, under constant pressure due to water flow, meaning there are risks of erosion, and/or washout and eventual reopening of leakage paths. This test method evaluates the performance of repair materials for water-leakage cracks by observing how closely the materials can maintain their original state after being exposed to long term water flow. This is done by comparing the mass difference of water leakage repair materials before and after flow testing in order to determine the repair material's wash out resistance. An example test method is provided in [Annex A](#).

The test repair material is placed in a Petri dish container, which is then placed under exposure to water flow for predetermined duration in a water flow chamber apparatus (flow velocity, duration of flow testing and other relevant conditions are subject to change in accordance with regulated values and figures outlined in different national standards). The mass of the test specimen prior to and after the

exposure to water flow is measured using an electronic scale and the data is recorded. For the purpose of this test, specimens should try to retain its original mass as closely as possible as an indicator of strong physical resistance against water flow.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Water flow chamber, shall be able to maintain and control a constant velocity of water flow.

Water flow velocity can be set in accordance with the relevant environmental condition of the appropriate national standard.

5.2 Others

5.2.1 Glass Petri dish for repair material placement and water flow chamber testing.

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

5.2.3 Stirring rod and **trowel** used for material placement in the Petri dish.

5.2.4 Injector, injection method shall be as close as possible to manufacturer instructions if provided.

5.2.5 Non-woven fabric cloth, filters eroded particulates that are washed out during flow testing.

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 injection 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 $\pm$ tolerance. Tolerance range conditions should conform to the relevant national standard testing methods.

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

6.2 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) Record the condition of specimen surface placed in the Petri dish. Measure and record the mass (M_b , mass of specimen before water flow exposure) of the test specimens (up to two decimal places in grams). Cover the surface with non-woven fabric to act as a filter for eroded particulates. When

covering the specimen with the non-woven fabric cloth, the cloth should not be directly touching the exposed surface of the test material.

- b) Place the Petri dish specimens on the chamber bottom and fill the chamber with water.

Petri dish specimens shall be fixed so that they are not displaced due to the water flow.

- c) Let the water flow over the test specimens for a specified duration and flow velocity (time and velocity subject to change according to the different national standards applied in this test method).
- d) Take the test specimens out of the water flow chamber and remove the fabric filters from the specimens. Dry the test specimens to constant mass with +/- tolerance.
- e) Measure and record the mass (M_a , mass of specimen after water flow exposure) of the test specimen (up to two decimal places in grams).
- f) Calculate the mass change ($M_c = M_b - M_a$, M_c : Mass change) of the test specimens.
- g) 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 possible 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 erosion due to exposure to water flow 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 the flow testing in the water flow chamber as this information can be used to determine that materials with higher loss of mass have relatively weaker resistance to water flow erosion. 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 water flow erosion.

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 16774-3:2023, 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.

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Annex A (informative)

Example test method

A.1 Principle

This example test method evaluates the washout resistance of the repair material against water flow erosion. Repair material once injected into water-leakage cracks should be able to maintain its repair material performance under constant physical pressure provided by continuous underground water flow. Under these conditions, test specimens injected with water leakage repair material is placed in a water flow chamber for approximately 48 h at a flow velocity of 0,2 m/s. Information on the mass changes of the test specimen can be used to determine how resistant they are against water flow erosion and washout.

A.2 Apparatus

A.2.1 Water flow chamber (see [Figures A.1](#) and [A.2](#)).

Chamber should have specimen slots at the bottom floor for placement of specimens.

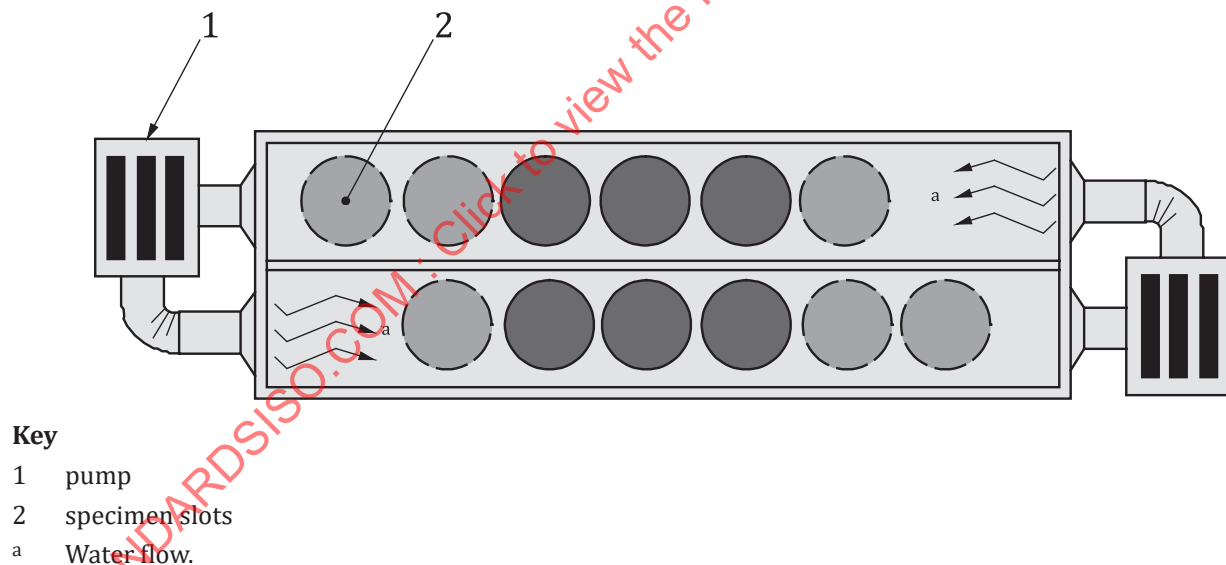


Figure A.1 — Placement of specimens and water flow direction

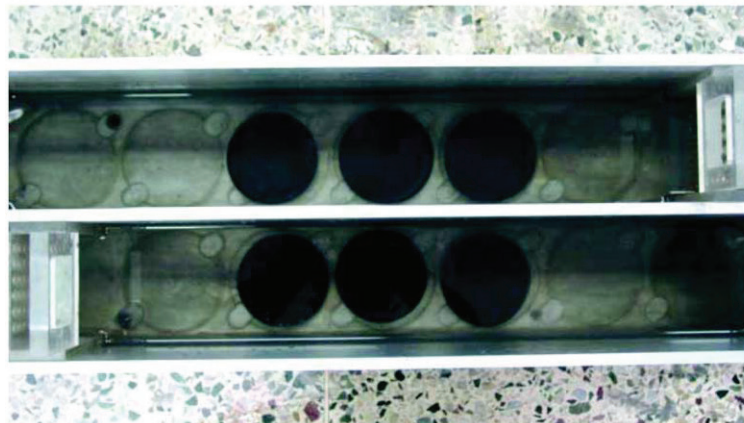


Figure A.2 — Test conditions

A.2.2 Others.

A.2.2.1 Glass Petri dish, $\varnothing$ 100 mm $\times$ 10 mm $\times$ 6 units, for repair material placement and water flow testing.

A.2.2.2 Non-woven fabric (180 g/m²) for filtering eroded particulates during flow testing.

A.2.2.3 Electronic scale capable of measuring up to two decimal places in grams.

A.2.2.4 Stirring rod and **trowels** used to make the material surface even and flat.

A.2.2.5 Injector, injecting methods shall be as close to manufacturer instructions if provided.

A.3 Preparation

A.3.1 Test specimens

- a) Completely fill the glass Petri dish with repair material. Prepare six separate specimens for one test cycle.

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.

- b) Cure the test specimens in the test room for 72 h.

A.3.2 Ambient conditions

Keep the test room at temperature (22 $\pm$ 2) °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.