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Foreword

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This part of BS 5385 is one of a series dealing with the installation of floor and wall tiling the other parts being:

- Part 1: *Design and installation of ceramic natural stone and mosaic wall tiling in normal internal conditions – Code of practice*
- Part 3: *Design and installation of internal and external ceramic and mosaic floor tiling in normal conditions – Code of practice*
- Part 4: *Design and installation of ceramic and mosaic tiling in special conditions – Code of practice*
- Part 5: *Design and installation of terrazzo, natural stone, agglomerated stone tile and slab flooring – Code of practice*

Information about this document

This is a full revision of the standard, and introduces the following principal changes.

- includes recommendations on natural stone.
- expanded cement and sand mortar information.
- restrictions on mesh-backed mosaics above 3 m.
- includes repairs in existing buildings.

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- Building and Construction Regulations under the Factories Act [1]
- Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations [2]
- Manual Handling Operations Regulations [3].

1 Scope

This part of BS 5385 gives recommendations for the design and installation of external ceramic, natural stone and mosaic wall tiles in normal climatic conditions in the UK. It deals with the types of backgrounds and their suitability to receive tiling using the following fixing methods:

- a) bedding in cementitious or reaction resin adhesives on an intermediate substrate or as a direct bedding method;
- b) bedding mosaics in cement and sand mortar on rendering or as a direct bedding method on appropriate backgrounds.

NOTE Cement and sand mortar is seldom used as the bed for external wall tiling but, if needed, see BS 5385-1.

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.

BS 410-1, *Test sieves – Technical requirements and testing – Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth*

BS 1210, *Specification for wood screws*

BS 4483, *Steel fabric for the reinforcement of concrete – Specification*

BS 4551, *Mortar – Methods of test for mortar – Chemical analysis and physical testing*

BS 5385-1, *Wall and floor tiling – Part 1: Design and installation of ceramic natural stone and mosaic wall tiling in normal internal conditions – Code of practice*

BS 5974, *Code of practice for the planning, design, setting up and use of temporary suspended access equipment*

BS 6100-6, *Building and civil engineering – Vocabulary – Part 6: Construction parts*

BS 6213, *Selection of construction sealants – Guide*

BS 8000-11, *Workmanship on building sites – Part 11: Internal and external wall and floor tiling – Ceramic and agglomerated stone tiles, natural stone and terrazzo tiles and slabs, and mosaics – Code of Practice*

BS EN 197-1, *Cement – Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements*

BS EN 12004:2001, *Adhesives for ceramic tiles – Requirements, evaluation of conformity, classification and designation –*

BS EN 12057, *Natural stone products – Modular tiles – Requirements*

BS EN 12371, *Natural stone test methods – Determination of frost resistance*

BS EN 13139:2002, *Aggregates for mortar*

BS EN 13888:2009, *Grouts for tiles – Requirements, evaluation of conformity, classification and designation*

BS EN 13914-1:2005, *Design, preparation and application of external rendering and internal plastering – Part 1: External rendering*

BS EN 14411:2012, *Ceramic tiles – Definitions, classification, characteristics, evaluation of conformity and marking*