

Concrete paving blocks — Requirements and test methods

The European Standard EN 1338:2003 has the status of a
British Standard

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National foreword

This British Standard is the official English language version of EN 1338:2003, including Corrigendum May 2006.

EN 1338 is a candidate “harmonized” European Standard and fully takes into account the requirements of the European Commission mandates M/119, *Floorings*, and M/122, *Roof Coverings*, given under the EU Construction Products Directive (89/106/EEC), and intended to lead to CE marking. The date of applicability of EN 1338 as a harmonized European Standard, i.e. the date after which this standard may be used for CE marking purposes, is subject to an announcement in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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EN 1338 is the subject of transitional arrangements agreed under the Commission mandate. In the UK, the corresponding national standard is:

— BS 6717:2001, *Precast, unreinforced concrete paving blocks — Requirements and test methods*;

and based on this transition period of twenty-one months, BS 6717:2001 would be withdrawn in February 2005.

NOTE This date is approximate. Users of this standard should contact BSI Customer Services for confirmation of withdrawal.

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- present to the responsible international/European committee any enquiries on the interpretation, or proposals for change, and keep the UK interests informed;
- monitor related international and European developments and promulgate them in the UK.

A list of organizations represented on this subcommittee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

Attention is drawn to National Annex NA (informative), which contains additional information and advice on the use of different performance classes for users in the UK.

Cross-references

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