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# Foreword

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## 1 Scope

This British Standard specifies requirements for the use of bituminous spray stress absorbing membrane interlayers (SAMIs).

*NOTE 1* There are a range of different materials and techniques available for SAMIs, including asphalt, geosynthetics, and bituminous binders, which can include bitumen emulsion, paving grade and modified bitumen.

*NOTE 2* PD 6691 gives guidance on the requirements for asphalt.

*NOTE 3* ISO/CD TR 18228-10 gives guidance on the design of interlayers with geosynthetics.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions, or limits the application of this document<sup>1)</sup>. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

### Standards publications

[BS 1707](#), *Road surface dressing, bond coats, seals, preservatives and other sprays – Specification for the method of test for binder sprayers for accuracy of spread of binder (spray bar bench test)*

BS 594987, *Asphalt for roads and other paved areas – Specification for transport, laying, compaction, and product type testing protocols<sup>2)</sup>*

BS EN 1426, *Bitumen and bituminous binders – Determination of needle penetration*

BS EN 1427, *Bitumen and bituminous binders – Determination of the softening point – Ring and Ball method*

BS EN 12272-1, *Surface dressing – Test methods – Part 1: Rate of spread and accuracy of spread of binder and chippings*

BS EN 12273, *Slurry surfacing – Requirements*

BS EN 12274-6, *Slurry surfacing – Test methods – Part 6: Rate of application*

BS EN 12591:2009, *Bitumen, and bituminous binders – Specifications for paving grade bitumen*

BS EN 12593, *Bitumen and bituminous binders – Determination of the Fraass breaking point*

BS EN 12607-1, *Bitumen and bituminous binders – Determination of the resistance to hardening under influence of heat and air – Part 1: RTFOT method*

BS EN 13036-1:2010, *Road and airfield surface characteristics – Test methods – Part 1: Measurement of pavement surface macrotexture depth using a volumetric patch technique*

BS EN 13043:2022, *Aggregates for bituminous mixtures and surface treatments for roads, airfields and other trafficked areas*

BS EN 13108-1, *Bituminous mixtures – Material specifications – Part 1: Asphalt concrete*

BS EN 13108-5, *Bituminous mixtures – Material specifications – Part 5: Stone mastic asphalt*

BS EN 13398, *Bitumen and bituminous binders – Determination of the elastic recovery of modified bitumen*

BS EN 13589, *Bitumen and bituminous binders – Determination of the tensile properties of modified bitumen by the force ductility method*

<sup>1)</sup> Documents that are referred to solely in an informative manner are listed in the Bibliography.

<sup>2)</sup> This document also gives an informative reference to BS 594987:2017.