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Partie 1: Méthode d'essai de la stabilité thermique

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The main changes are as follows:

- in 6.1 a), a recommendation regarding the specification of the fine aggregate, as well as the necessary reference to the relevant standard, has been added;
- in 6.1 d), the text has been revised to provide clearer context;
- in Figure A.7, subfigure b) has been removed.

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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; The ISO/TS 16774 series proposes sample testing methods for evaluating the respective properties of the repair materials.

The test methods in this document are intended to serve as reference for nations that have not yet developed a test method for the six required performance properties of water-leakage repair materials. 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.

In this document, 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 are used to control the usage of repair materials for each testing cycle and enable repetition of the same test methods under the same conditions.

The repair material injected into a test specimen with an artificial crack is thermally stressed under the applied temperature conditions outlined in different national testing parameters that reflect different environmental conditions. As such, the results are only intended to provide a comparative performance evaluation of the waterproofing repair materials between different products of the same type of repair material under the same environmental conditions.

NOTE 1 The test method in this document classifies and categorizes materials that are tested into families of similar properties for the purpose of making relative comparisons with the data results.

NOTE 2 Each individual repair material can be further tested in an actual construction site application for a complete assessment.

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Part 1: Test method for thermal stability

1 Scope

This document specifies a laboratory test method for evaluating the thermal stress resistance of water-leakage crack repair materials through permeability testing.

This document outlines general principles and procedures for the test method. This document does not specify specific variables that control the quantifiable parameters of the testing.

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 repair material

<water-leakage cracks> material used for preventing the escape of water at cracks in concrete

EXAMPLE Injection type grouts, such as synthetic rubberized asphalt, mastic, urethane, poly-urea.

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

4 Principle

Resistance to physical change, loss, or disintegration due to thermal stress is one of the fundamental properties that water leakage repair materials should possess. Changes of repair material property due to high or low temperature conditions can potentially cause the repair material's performance to deteriorate. To evaluate the repair material's thermal stability performance, this test method uses two separate procedures:

- a) a thermal stress test method;
- b) a permeability test method.

The test specimen with an artificial crack is injected with repair material, and the specimen goes through thermal stress testing for a specified number of cycles, between hot and cold temperature conditions. Test specimens with the repair materials are placed in temperature chambers where the temperature is repeatedly changed from maximum to minimum temperature conditions for a period of time (time and temperature variables are subject to change in accordance to different national test parameters). To evaluate whether the repair material loses its waterproofing property due to thermal stressing, the specimen goes through water permeability testing for the last stage of the test method.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Temperature chamber, which should be able to handle temperature precision values of 2 °C ranging from (-20 ± 2) °C to (60 ± 2) °C and maintain a constant temperature in the interior of the chamber apparatus. Apparatus should also be equipped with a compartment dryer and freezers with temperature precision of ± 2 °C. The chamber should also be able to automatically alternate between high and low temperature conditions.

NOTE Temperature condition values are subject to change in accordance with different national testing parameters and requirements.

5.2 Air compressor, which should be able to handle a minimum air pressure value of 0,1 N/mm² to 0,3 N/mm².

5.3 Permeability test chamber, which should be able to handle a minimum water pressure value of 0,1 N/mm² to 0,3 N/mm² (output method).

NOTE Conditions outlined in [5.2](#) and [5.3](#) are subject to change in accordance with different national testing parameters and requirements.

6 Preparation

6.1 Test specimen and artificial crack conditions

- a) Two separate concrete or mortar substrate parts should be cured to form a water-leakage crack test specimen. The parts consist of upper and bottom parts, and they should be flat and cylindrical in shape and should be made using concrete or mortar.

The mix proportion is (water : cement : fine aggregate = 1 : 2 : 6, mass ratio). The fine aggregate used should be specified. A different standard specification can apply.

NOTE 1 The curing period for the mortar or concrete substrate parts is approximately 72 h, but can also be subject to change according to different national testing parameters and requirements.

- b) The bottom substrate is drilled with evenly spaced holes ($\varnothing 2,5$ mm) near the centre of the substrate. The pinholes shall be drilled all the way through from one surface of the substrate part to the other.

NOTE 2 The purpose of these pinholes is to check for signs of leakage during repair material injection and during permeability testing.

- c) Spacers are placed on one surface of the bottom substrate part without covering the pinholes; and the upper substrate part is placed on top of the spacers. The substrate parts, having formed the test specimen with the artificial crack, are held together with tape, silicone sealants or other applicable materials along the exterior side. The spacer height represents the width of the crack and can vary depending on the different national testing parameters and requirements.

Any material can be used to hold the two substrate parts together with a crack space in between, but an inlet should be left in one side for material injection.

- d) The specimen surface should be cleaned before injecting the repair material to remove any debris. After placing the test specimen under water to ensure that the substrate surface is sufficiently wet for repair material injection, inject the repair material into the specimen.

The injection method varies according to different national testing parameters and requirements. The manufacturer's instructions should be followed if available. Debris and other substances, if present, should be removed prior to material application.

NOTE 3 For detailed explanation, refer to [Annex A](#).

6.2 Ambient conditions

Keep the test room at a temperature of (22 ± 2) °C and a humidity of (55 ± 5) % (standard drying conditions of a drying shrinkage state conditions outlined in ISO 1920-8) during the experiment unless specifically required otherwise.

NOTE Temperature values are subject to change according to different national standards. For example, warmer countries have ranges that can reach up to (27 ± 2) °C and colder countries can have a range at (16 ± 3) °C. The same applies to humidity conditions.

7 Procedure

7.1 Thermal stress test

- a) Place the test specimens in the temperature chamber.

NOTE 1 This is after the test specimens have been fully injected with the repair materials and taken out of the water after the specified duration.

- b) Run the thermal stress testing.

NOTE 2 Thermal stress testing consists of alternating the interior temperature of the testing chamber between low and high temperatures for a set number of cycles within a set period of time. Temperature range, duration, and number of cycles are subject to change in accordance to different national testing parameters and requirements.

- c) Take the test specimen out of the temperature chamber and record its conditions. Proceed to the permeability test.

Record sample conditions at different intervals of cycles during thermal cycling for changes on for mass change and visual descriptions of failure like cracking, disintegration, erosion, etc. if such data are required.

7.2 Permeability test

- a) Place the specimen in the permeability test chamber.

NOTE 1 The procedure outlined follows the steps required for the output method of this permeability test. Other methods, if applicable, can be used for this step.

- b) Fill the chamber with water. Connect the air compressor valves to the air compression chamber.

- c) Run the permeability test.

NOTE 2 Water/air pressure values are subject to change in accordance with different national test parameter requirements.

- d) Observe and record if there is leakage or not with the test specimen.

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

NOTE 3 For detailed explanation, refer to [Annex A](#).

8 Presentation of results

The continually induced physical stress of the test cycles can affect the repair material's performance level. This test method evaluates the physical properties of the repair materials under the prescribed conditions of permeability testing through a qualitative evaluation of whether the repair material can maintain adequate waterproofing properties. These results can be used in the future as a database, which can provide guidance on selecting appropriate repair materials with the required properties of adhesion on leakage crack surfaces of underground concrete structures.

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 the repair material of the test target:

- a) producer (name, address and phone number);
- b) production date, time and place of the repair material;
- c) type, storage method and authentication of the repair material;
- d) manufacturer's product instructions and relevant repair material guidelines;
- e) data on the 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) project of the test target;
- b) application areas of the test specimen;
- c) result of some eco-toxicological performance tests to account for the release of hazardous substances and the subsequent effects on health and safety.

9.2 Information on the test

The test report shall record the following information on the test:

- a) a reference to this document (including its year of publication);
- b) test manager;
- c) name/purpose of the test;
- d) ambient condition of the laboratory (temperature, relative humidity, safety conditions etc.);
- e) production time and place of the specimens;
- f) shape and size of the specimens, and the number of replicates of the specimens for repeat test;
- g) identification of the specimens (lot No. etc.);
- h) curing and storage conditions;
- i) information on the test repair material (name, producer, validity etc.);

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- j) test data (production, measurement, test period etc.);
- k) type of facilities, equipment, tools;
- l) status of test equipment, tools;
- m) test results prepared in accordance with [Clause 8](#);
- n) details on other test programmes;
- o) any deviations from the procedure;
- p) any unusual features observed;
- q) the date of the test.

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Annex A (informative)

Example test method

A.1 Principle

This example test method evaluates a repair material's resistance to thermal stress using artificially cracked test specimens. The repair material is injected into these specimens and is placed in a temperature chamber where the specimen undergoes specific thermal stressing cycles. Afterwards, a permeability test can be conducted to see if leakages occur to determine whether the thermal stressing changed the repair material's waterproofing properties.

This example test method employs test parameters and environmental conditions outlined in the test standards used in the Republic of Korea.

NOTE This test method uses fabricated and simulated artificial cracks as illustrated with the specimen used in this example.

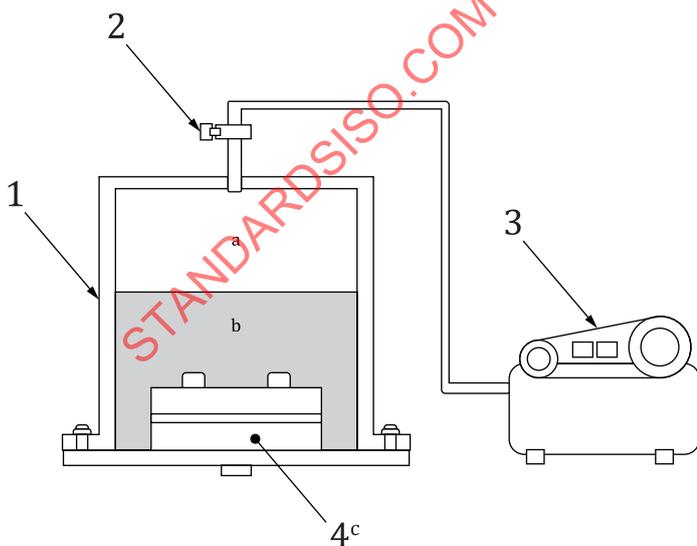
A.2 Apparatus

A.2.1 Temperature chamber, with automatic temperature control ranging from $(-20 \pm 1) ^\circ\text{C}$ to $(60 \pm 1) ^\circ\text{C}$.

A.2.2 Air compressor, which should be able to handle a minimum air pressure value of $0,1 \text{ N/mm}^2$ to $0,3 \text{ N/mm}^2$.

A.2.3 Permeability test chamber, which should be able to handle a minimum water pressure value of $0,1 \text{ N/mm}^2$ to $0,3 \text{ N/mm}^2$ (output method).

NOTE Refer to [Figure A.1](#) a) and b).



a) Permeability test chamber (output)

b) Compressor and water pressure chamber

Key

1	watertightness chamber	a	Pressure: 0,3 N/mm ² .
2	pressure regulator	b	Water: 1 L.
3	air compressor	c	See Figure A.2 .
4	test specimen		

Figure A.1 — Apparatus for example test method

A.2.4 Test specimen.

NOTE Refer to [Figures A.2](#) and [A.3](#).

A.2.4.1 Fixing bolt for connecting test specimen to the universal testing machine (UTM) (\varnothing 6 mm).

A.2.4.2 Upper substrate part (acrylic, \varnothing 100 mm \times 30 mm).

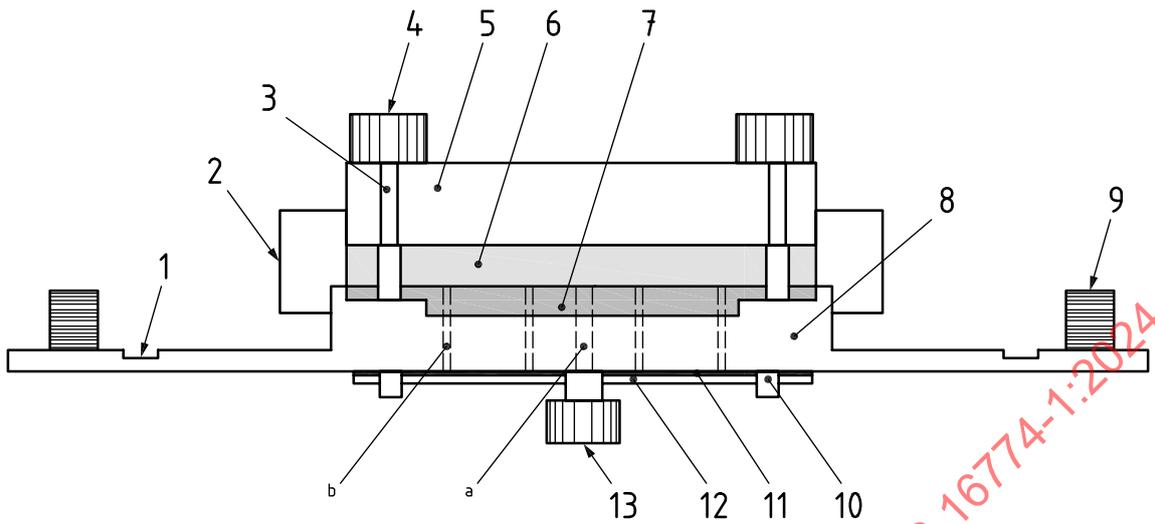
A.2.4.3 Repair material, see [3.1](#).

A.2.4.4 Concrete or mortar substrate part (water : cement : fine aggregate = 1 : 2 : 6, mass ratio). Height of the concrete or mortar mould is 15 mm.

A.2.4.5 Steel plate for setting the concrete or mortar substrate in place (STS 304, \varnothing 220 mm \times 5 mm).

A.2.4.6 Non-woven fabric for filtering repair material particulates when testing cementitious grout material (synthetic fibre, \varnothing 100 mm, 180 g/m²).

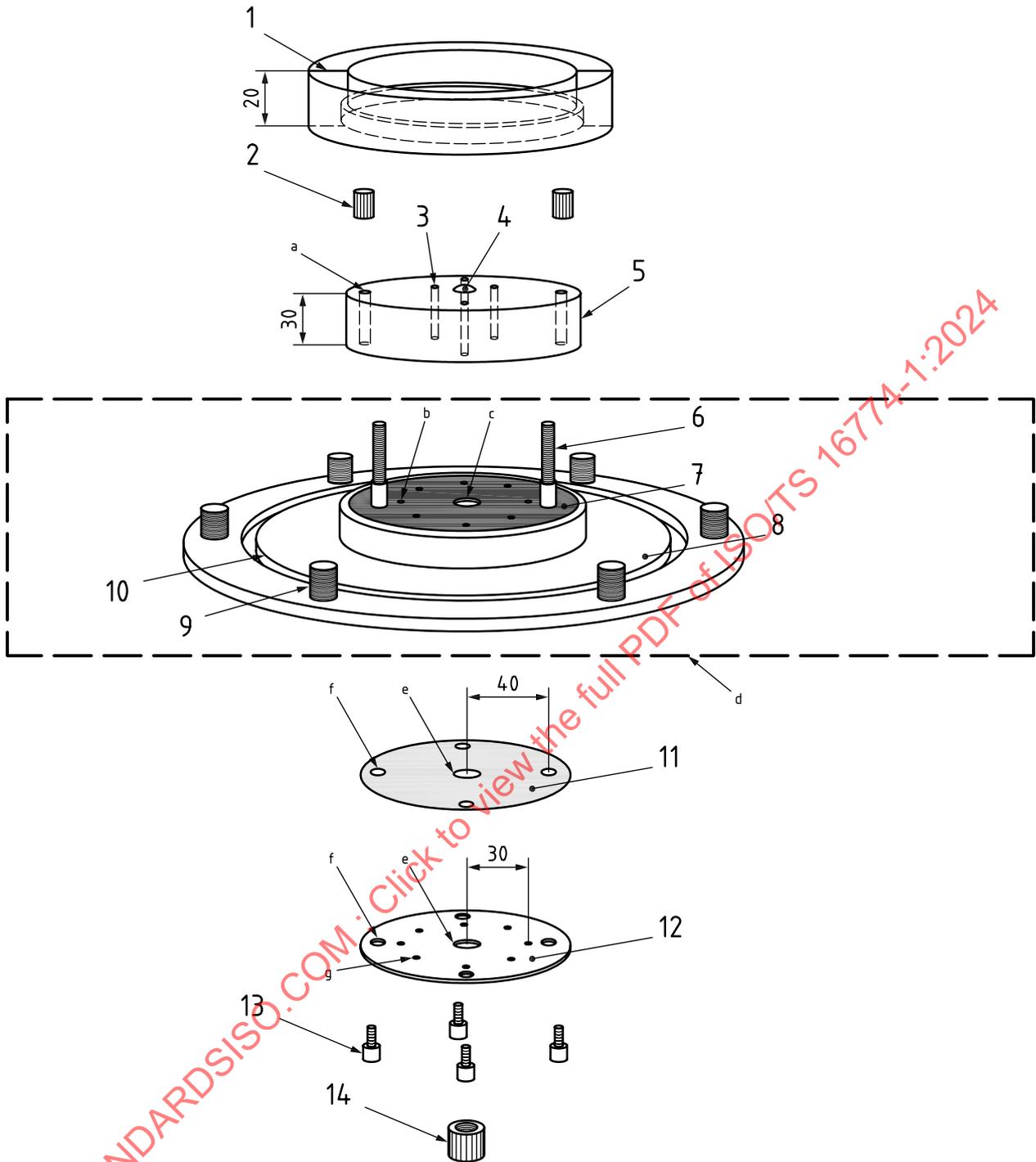
A.2.4.7 Acrylic plate for setting the non-woven fabric in place (acrylic, \varnothing 100 mm \times 5 mm).



Key

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|---|---|----|--|
| 1 | O-ring (width 5 mm) | 9 | bolt for fixing with chamber (Ø 10 mm) |
| 2 | acrylic band for seal | 10 | bolt for fixing acrylic plate (Ø 6 mm) |
| 3 | bolt for connecting upper substrate | 11 | non-woven fabric for filtering repair material |
| 4 | fixing nut for connecting mortar substrate (Ø 6 mm) | 12 | acrylic plate for fixing non-woven fabric |
| 5 | upper substrate (acrylic, Ø 100 mm × 30 mm) | 13 | inlet cover for injecting (Ø 12 mm) |
| 6 | repair material | a | Injection hole (Ø 10 mm). |
| 7 | mortar substrate | b | Leakage hole (Ø 2,5 mm). |
| 8 | steel plate for fixing mortar substrate (Ø 220 mm × 5 mm) | | |

Figure A.2 — Diagram of the test specimen



Key

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|---|--|----|--|
| 1 | acrylic band for seal | 12 | acrylic plate for fixing non-woven fabric |
| 2 | fixing nut for fixing mortar substrate (\varnothing 6 mm) | 13 | bolts for fixing acrylic plate (\varnothing 6 mm) |
| 3 | injection hole (\varnothing 10 mm) | 14 | inlet bar for injection (\varnothing 12 mm) |
| 4 | level instrument | a | Hole for connecting bolt (\varnothing 8 mm). |
| 5 | upper substrate (acrylic) | b | Leakage hole (\varnothing 2,5 mm). |
| 6 | bolt for connecting upper substrate | c | Injection hole (\varnothing 10 mm). |
| 7 | mortar substrate | d | See Figure A.5 . |
| 8 | steel plate for fixing mortar substrate | e | Injection hole (\varnothing 20 mm). |

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| 9 | bolt for fixing with chamber (Ø 10 mm) | f | Hole for fixing (Ø 7 mm). |
| 10 | O-ring (width: 5 mm) | g | Leakage hole (Ø 2,5 mm). |
| 11 | non-woven fabric for filtering repair material | | |

Figure A.3 — Basic parts planar of test specimen

A.2.5 Other apparatus.

A.2.5.1 Injector suitable for the application of the tested repair material into the concrete specimen.

A.2.5.2 Water container.

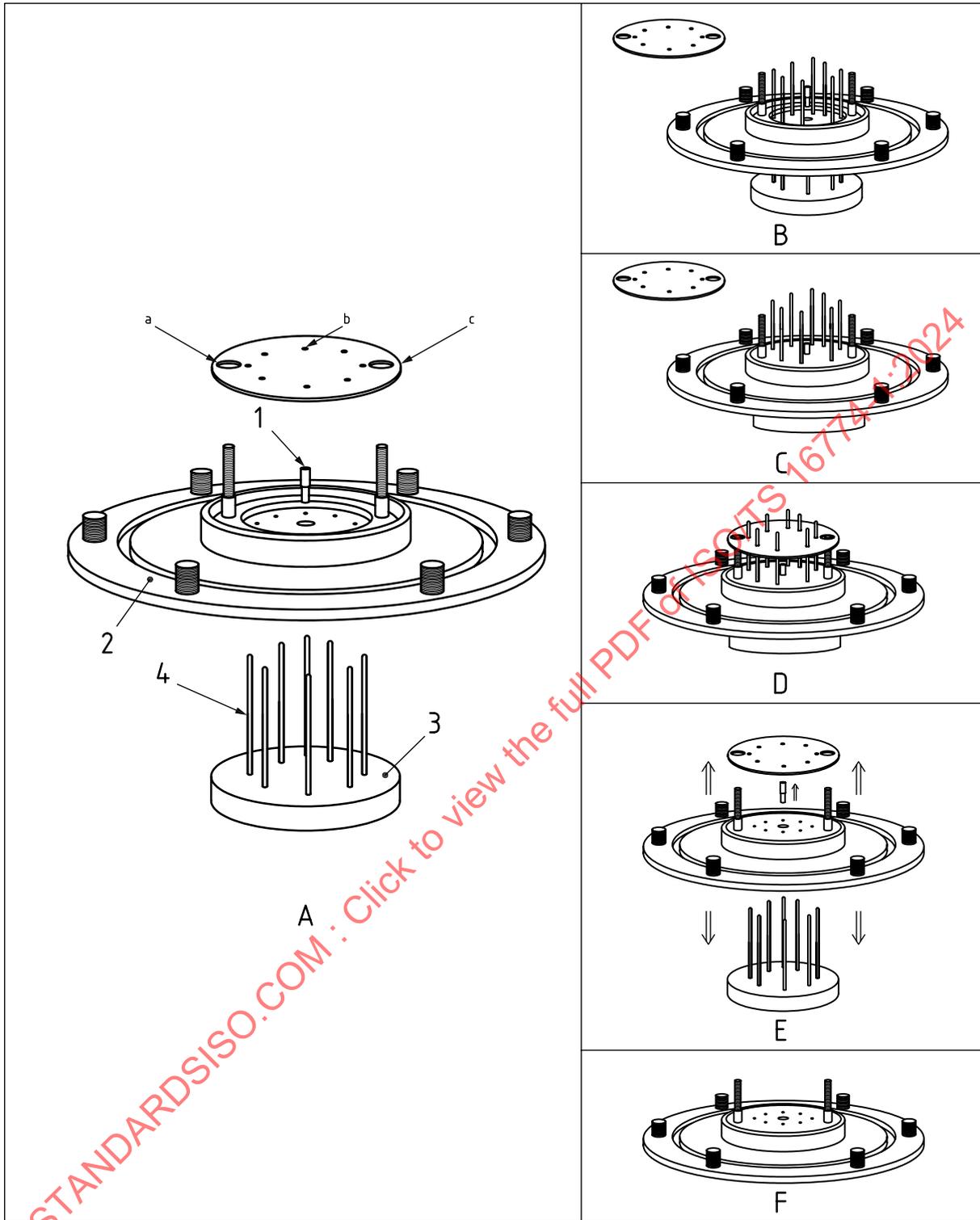
A.2.5.3 Masking tape, silicone sealant and/or additional sealing materials.

A.3 Preparation

A.3.1 Test specimen assembly part 1

- Insert the inlet bar and the pin plate on the steel plate. Next, pour the mortar (the mortar substrate part) in the mould inside the steel plate (see steps 1,2 and 3 in [Figure A.4](#)).
- Cure the mortar substrate part for 72 h at $(20 \pm 3) ^\circ\text{C}$ and $>65\%$ RH, then remove the hole plate, pin plate and inlet bar (see step 4 in [Figure A.4](#)).
- Place the entire specimen at rest for more than 168 h at $(20 \pm 3) ^\circ\text{C}$ and $>65\%$ RH (see step 5 in [Figure A.4](#)).

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Key

- 1 inlet bar
- 2 steel plate
- 3 pin plate
- 4 pins for leakage hole ($\varnothing 2,4 \text{ mm} \times 100 \text{ mm}$)

- D step 3
- E step 4
- F step 5

a Hole for connecting bolt ($\varnothing 10 \text{ mm}$).

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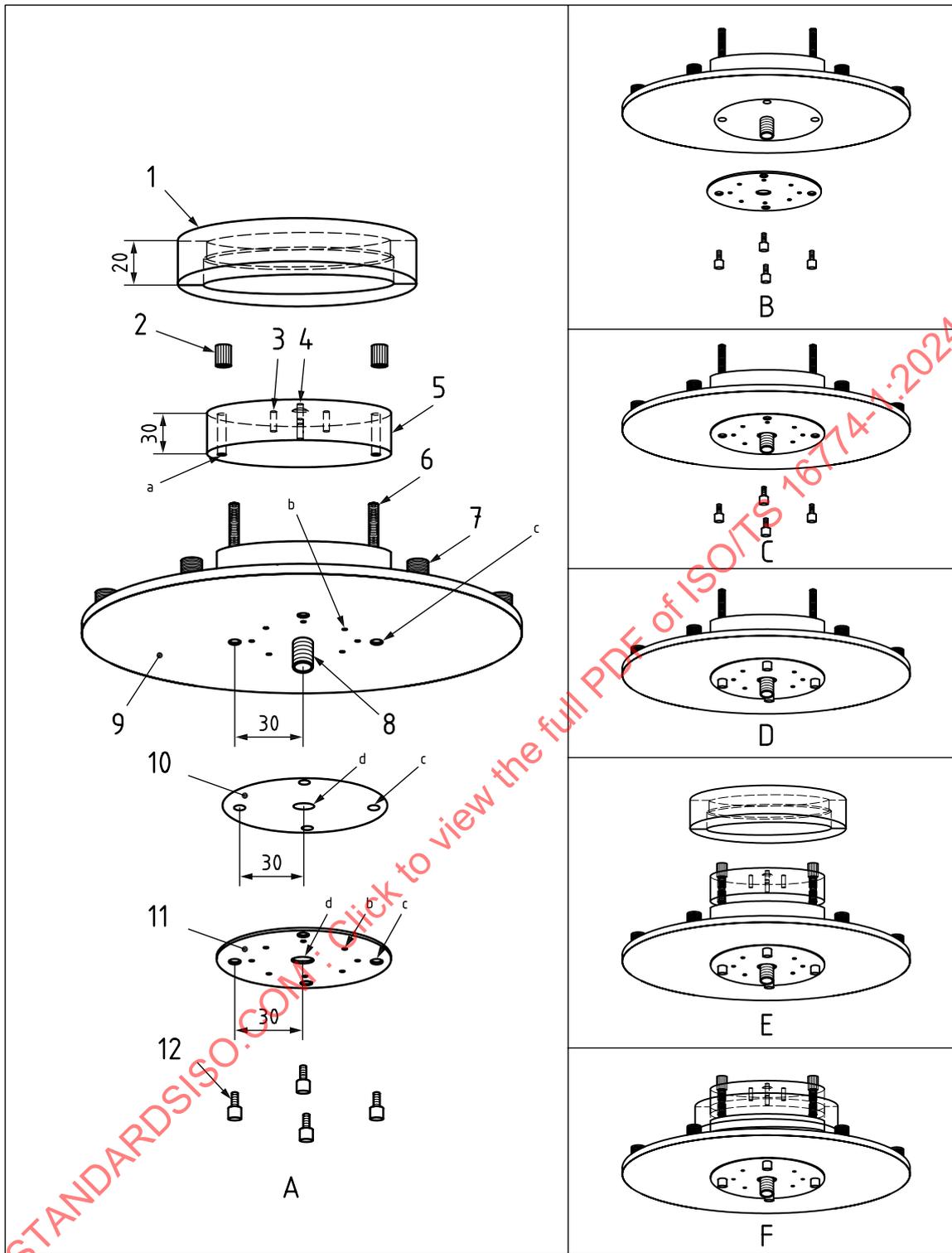
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|---|-----------------------------|---|---|
| A | diagram of mortar substrate | b | Hole for fixing pins (\varnothing 2,5 mm). |
| B | step 1 | c | Hole plate. |
| C | step 2 | | |

Figure A.4 — Test specimen assembly part 1

A.3.2 Test specimen assembly part 2

- a) Attach the non-woven fabric for filtering repair material particulates on the bottom of the steel plate and fix it in place with the acrylic plate (see steps 1, 2 and 3 in [Figure A.5](#)).
- b) Place the upper acrylic substrate part on the bolts so that it lies horizontally over the steel plate, parallel to the placement of the mortar substrate part (see step 4 in [Figure A.5](#)).
- c) Place the acrylic band around the two substrate parts to cover the space openings on the side to prevent leakage during repair material injection. Apply silicone sealing if needed to close off the seams of the acrylic band for reinforced sealing (see step 5 in [Figure A.5](#)).

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Key

- 1 acrylic band for seal
- 2 fixing nut for fixing mortar substrate (Ø 6 mm)
- 3 nut for fixing (Ø 6 mm)
- 4 level instrument
- 5 upper substrate (acrylic)
- 6 bolt for connecting upper substrate specimen
- 7 bolt for fixing with chamber (Ø 10 mm)
- 8 bolt type inlet bar injection (Ø 20 mm)

- A diagram of back side of the steel plate
- B step 1
- C step 2
- D step 3
- E step 4
- F step 5
- a Hole for connecting bolt (Ø 8 mm).
- b Leakage hole (Ø 2,5 mm).