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### General Part

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Trade name of the construction product

Blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund"

Product family  
to which the construction product belongs

Blast furnace cement CEM III/A with assessment of  
sulfate resistance (SR) and optional with low effective  
alkali content (LA) and/or low heat of hydrataion (LH)

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## Specific Part

### 1 Technical description of the product

The blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" is a cement which fulfils all requirements given in EN 197-1<sup>1</sup> for a common cement of strength class 52,5 N.

Furthermore the blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" has a high resistance against sulfate attack on concrete (SR) and a low effective alkali content (LA).

The assessment for the verification of the essential characteristic "sulfate resistance" (SR) and "low effective alkali content" (LA) was done on a blast furnace cement CEM III/A with a blast furnace slag content of 50 % by mass and a specific surface of the cement of 548 m<sup>2</sup>/kg.

The low effective alkali content (LA) can be verified by the Na<sub>2</sub>O-equivalent (Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>equ</sub>) and the blast furnace slag content of the blast furnace cement CEM III/A:

- Blast furnace slag content of  $\geq 50$  % by mass and Na<sub>2</sub>O<sub>equ</sub>  $\leq 1,10$  % by mass

The blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" can be manufactured by combined grinding of a Portland cement clinker, a blast furnace slag and an addition of gypsum or anhydrite or any mixture of them to control setting or by separately grinding of the raw materials and subsequent mixing with a specific surface (Blaine) of at least 548 m<sup>2</sup>/kg with following cement composition:

Portland cement clinker:	35 to 50 % by mass
Blast furnace slag:	50 to 65 % by mass

### 2 Specification of the intended use in accordance with the applicable European Assessment Document

The blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" is intended to be used for preparation of concrete, mortar, grouts and other mixes for construction and for the manufacturing of construction products.

Especially the blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" is characterized by an evidently high resistance against sulfate attack on concrete.

The blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" can be used to avoid a damaging alkali-silica reaction in concrete.

The verification and assessment methods on which the European Technical Assessment is based lead to the assumption of a working life of concrete incorporating the blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" of at least 50 years. The indications given on the working life cannot be interpreted as a guarantee given by the producer, but are to be regarded only as a means for choosing the right products in relation to the expected economically reasonable working life of the works.

<sup>1</sup> EN 197-1

Cement - Part 1: Composition, specification and conformity criteria for common cement

### 3 Performance of the product and references to the methods used for its assessment

#### 3.1 Mechanical resistance and stability (BWR 1)

Essential characteristic	Performance
(CaO + MgO)/SiO <sub>2</sub> -ratio of the blast furnace slag (Basicity = B)	B = 1,4
Glass content of the blast furnace slag	GC = 98 %
Specific surface of the cement (Blaine)	S <sub>m</sub> = 548 m <sup>2</sup> /kg
Sulfate resistance	see Annex A (A1 to A4)
Characteristics for a common cement (CEM III/A)	
Early strength (2 days)	Class N (≥ 20,0 N/mm <sup>2</sup> )
Standard strength (28 days)	Class 52,5 (≥ 52,5 N/mm <sup>2</sup> )
Initial setting time	Passed (145 min)
Soundness	Passed (0 mm)
Loss on ignition	Passed (0,9 % by mass)
Insoluble residue	Passed (0,3 % by mass)
Sulfate content (as SO <sub>3</sub> )	Passed (2,5 % by mass)
Chloride content	Passed (0,0 % by mass)
<u>Composition of the cement:</u> Clinker (K): Blast furnace slag (S):	<u>CEM III/A:</u> K = 50 % by mass (35 – 50 % by mass) S = 50 % by mass (50 – 65 % by mass)
Alkali-Content of the cement Na <sub>2</sub> O-equivalent	Na <sub>2</sub> O <sub>equ</sub> = 0,73 % by mass

### 4 Assessment and verification of constancy of performance (AVCP) system applied, with reference to its legal base

According to Decision 97/555/EC<sup>2</sup> of the European Commission amended by the Commission Decision 2010/683/EU<sup>3</sup>, the assessment and verification of constancy of performance system (AVCP system) (see Annex V to Regulation (EU) 305/2011 as amended by the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 568/2014) given in table 1 applies.

Table 1: AVCP system

Product	Intended use(s)	Level(s) or Classe(s) of performance	AVCP system
Blast furnace cement CEM III/A with assessment of sulfate resistance (SR) and optional with low effective alkali content (LA) and/or low heat of hydration (LH)	Preparation of concrete, mortar, grouts and other mixes for construction and for the manufacture of construction products	----	1+

<sup>2</sup> Official Journal of the European Communities L 229 of 20 August 1997  
<sup>3</sup> Official Journal of the European Communities L 293 of 11 November 2010

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**5 Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system, as provided for in the applicable EAD**

Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system are laid down in the control plan deposited with Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik.

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### Testing of sulfate resistance of blast furnace cement CEM III/A – Flat prism method $S_{FPM}$

The testing procedure was done according to EAD 150009-00-0301, Annex B.

Table A1: Expansion of length of mortar flat prisms

	Expansion of length [mm/m] after				
	14 days	28 days	56 days	90 days	180 days
<b>CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" – storage at 20 °C</b>					
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	0,05	0,08	0,03	0,12	0,13
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	0,11	0,18	0,19	0,30	0,53
<b>ΔL</b>	<b>0,06</b>	<b>0,10</b>	<b>0,16</b>	<b>0,18</b>	<b>0,40</b>
<b>CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" – storage at 5 °C</b>					
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	-0,14	-0,12	-0,11	-0,14	-
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	-0,09	-0,03	0,06	0,12	-
<b>ΔL</b>	<b>0,05</b>	<b>0,09</b>	<b>0,17</b>	<b>0,26</b>	-
<b>CEM III/B 42,5 N-LH/SR – storage at 20 °C</b>					
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	0,06	0,08	0,03	0,08	0,13
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	0,10	0,13	0,14	0,21	0,32
<b>ΔL</b>	<b>0,04</b>	<b>0,05</b>	<b>0,11</b>	<b>0,13</b>	<b>0,19</b>
<b>CEM III/B 42,5 N-LH/SR – storage at 5 °C</b>					
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	-0,14	-0,13	-0,13	-0,14	-
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	-0,09	-0,04	0,04	0,11	-
<b>ΔL</b>	<b>0,05</b>	<b>0,09</b>	<b>0,17</b>	<b>0,25</b>	-
<b>CEM I 42,5 R-SR3 – storage at 20 °C</b>					
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	0,00	0,00	-0,06	-0,03	-0,01
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	0,07	0,14	0,23	0,69	3,11
<b>ΔL</b>	<b>0,07</b>	<b>0,14</b>	<b>0,29</b>	<b>0,72</b>	<b>3,12</b>
<b>CEM I 42,5 R-SR3 – storage at 5 °C</b>					
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	-0,13	-0,14	-0,14	-0,17	-
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	-0,10	-0,06	0,01	0,16	-
<b>ΔL</b>	<b>0,03</b>	<b>0,08</b>	<b>0,15</b>	<b>0,33</b>	-

Blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund"

Results of the assessment "sulfate resistance (Flat prism method) –  $S_{FPM}$ "  
Expansion of length

**Annex A1**

### Testing of sulfate resistance of blast furnace cement CEM III/A – Flat prism method $S_{FPM}$

The testing procedure was done according to EAD 150009-00-0301, Annex B.

Table A2: Dynamic modulus of elasticity of mortar flat prisms

	Dynamic modulus of elasticity in kN/mm <sup>2</sup> after					
	0 days	14 days	28 days	56 days	90 days	180 days
<b>CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" – storage at 20 °C</b>						
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	31,23	34,17	35,89	38,59	39,99	41,29
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	31,11	38,11	38,86	39,63	38,12	34,96
<b>CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" – storage at 5 °C</b>						
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	31,11	31,93	32,77	34,17	35,44	-
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	31,23	34,57	35,47	36,30	35,75	-
<b>CEM III/B 42,5 N-LH/SR – storage at 20 °C</b>						
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	29,53	33,11	35,17	37,79	39,06	40,07
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	29,60	35,67	37,42	38,48	37,55	34,44
<b>CEM III/B 42,5 N-LH/SR – storage at 5 °C</b>						
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	30,64	31,61	32,11	33,50	35,06	-
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	30,58	34,64	34,92	35,96	36,11	-
<b>CEM I 42,5 R-SR3 – storage at 20 °C</b>						
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	36,36	37,61	37,88	38,60	38,83	39,01
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	36,21	38,16	39,15	39,49	39,17	37,12
<b>CEM I 42,5 R-SR3 – storage at 5 °C</b>						
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	34,47	36,57	36,76	37,92	37,94	-
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	35,72	37,86	38,20	39,37	38,84	-

Blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund"

Results of the assessment "sulfate resistance (Flat prism method) –  $S_{FPM}$ "  
Dynamic modulus of elasticity

**Annex A2**

### Testing of sulfate resistance of blast furnace cement CEM III/A – Flat prism method $S_{FPM}$

The testing procedure was done according to EAD 150009-00-0301, Annex B.

Table A3: Mass of mortar flat prisms

	Mass in g after					
	0 days	14 days	28 days	56 days	90 days	180 days
<b>CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" – storage at 20 °C</b>						
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	146,79	146,98	147,27	147,48	147,57	147,90
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	146,77	146,84	147,44	148,00	148,39	149,87
<b>CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" – storage at 5 °C</b>						
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	146,10	146,73	147,28	147,59	147,40	-
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	147,39	147,94	148,00	148,65	148,93	-
<b>CEM III/B 42,5 N-LH/SR – storage at 20 °C</b>						
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	146,63	146,96	146,92	146,77	147,45	147,74
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	146,75	146,99	146,89	146,89	147,39	147,95
<b>CEM III/B 42,5 N-LH/SR – storage at 5 °C</b>						
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	146,01	146,22	146,20	146,88	146,97	-
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	146,20	146,39	146,53	146,74	147,00	-
<b>CEM I 42,5 R-SR3 – storage at 20 °C</b>						
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	146,54	146,75	147,14	146,96	147,13	147,40
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	147,19	147,32	147,51	147,45	148,41	150,54
<b>CEM I 42,5 R-SR3 – storage at 5 °C</b>						
Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> -solution	146,55	147,01	147,11	147,37	147,47	-
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> -solution	146,64	147,16	147,39	147,87	148,26	-

Blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund"

Results of the assessment "sulfate resistance (Flat prism method) –  $S_{FPM}$ "  
Mass of the mortar flat prisms

**Annex A3**



### Testing of Sulfate Resistance of Blast-furnace cement CEM III/A – Flat prism method $S_{FPM}$

The testing procedure was done according to EAD 150009-00-0301, Annex B.

After a testing period of 180 days the specimens show no expansion damages, cracks or flaking based on formation of thaumasite, see figures A1 to A6.

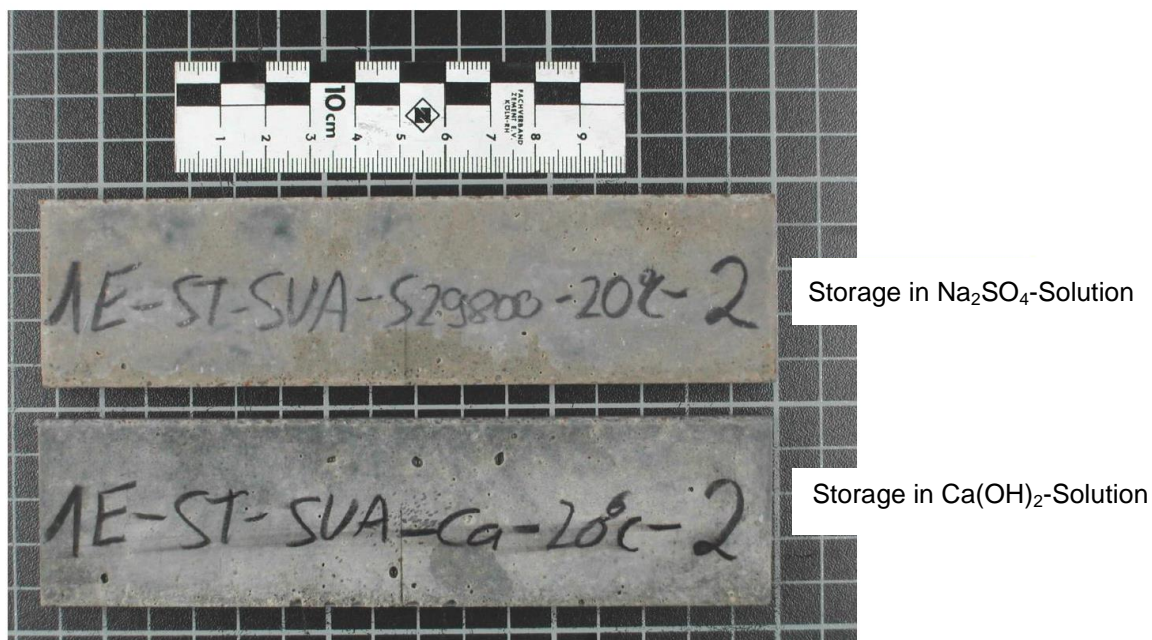


Figure A1: Specimens with CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" after 180 days; Storage: 20 °C in  $Na_2SO_4$ -Solution (top) and in  $Ca(OH)_2$ -Solution (bottom)

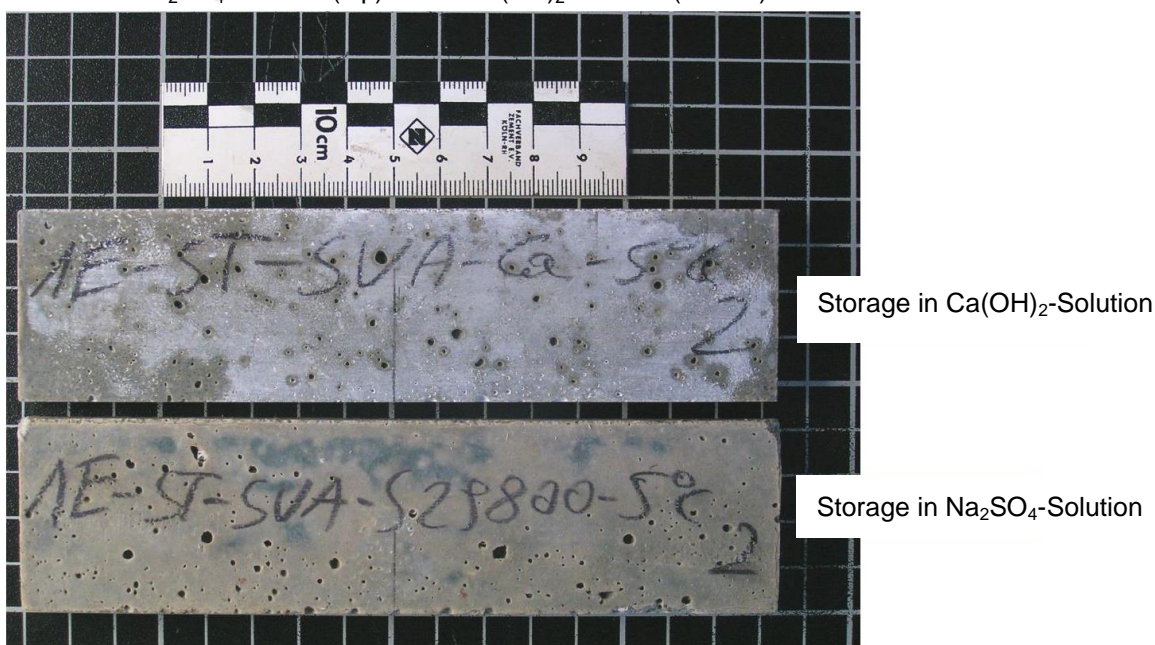


Figure A2: Specimens with CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund" after 180 days; Storage: 5 °C in  $Ca(OH)_2$ -Solution (top) and in  $Na_2SO_4$ -Solution (bottom)

Blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund"

Results of the assessment "sulfate resistance (flat prism method) –  $S_{FPM}$ "  
Visual examination of the flat prisms with blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund"

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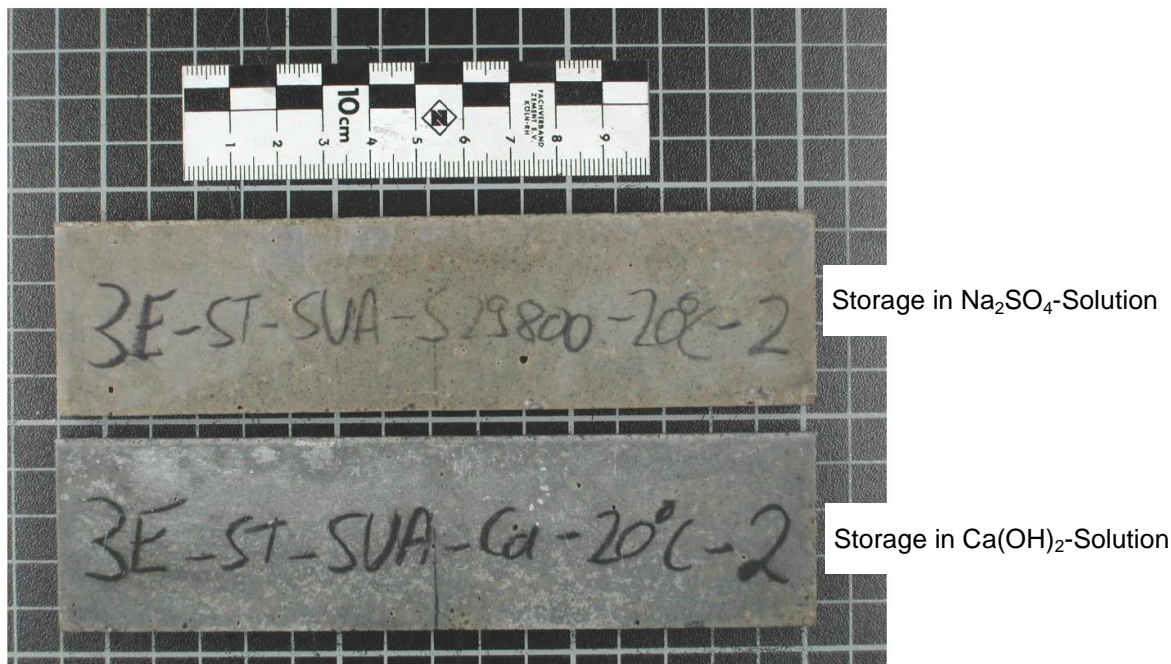


Figure A3: Specimens with CEM III/B 42,5 N-LH/SR after 180 days; Storage: 20 °C in Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-Solution (top) and in Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>-Solution (bottom)

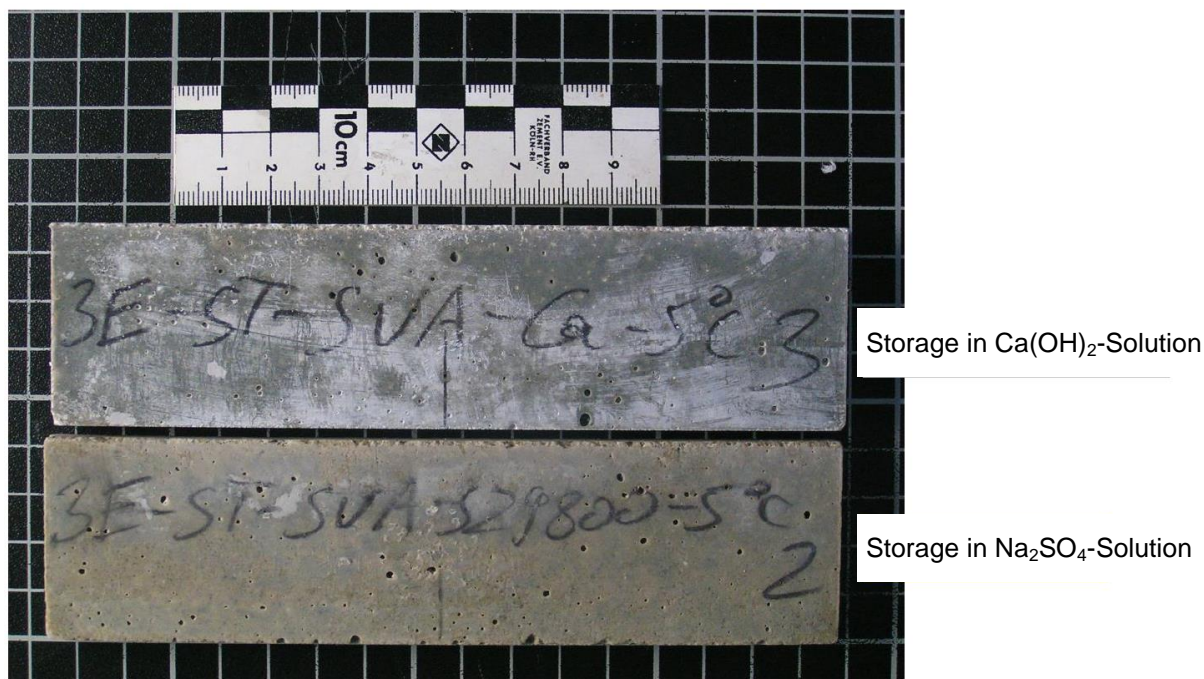


Figure A4: Specimens with CEM III/B 42,5 N-LH/SR after 180 days; Storage: 5 °C in Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>-Solution (top) and in Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-Solution (bottom)

Blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund"

Results of the assessment "sulfate resistance (flat prism method) – S<sub>FPM</sub>"  
Visual examination of the flat prisms with blast furnace cement CEM III/B 42,5 N-LH/SR

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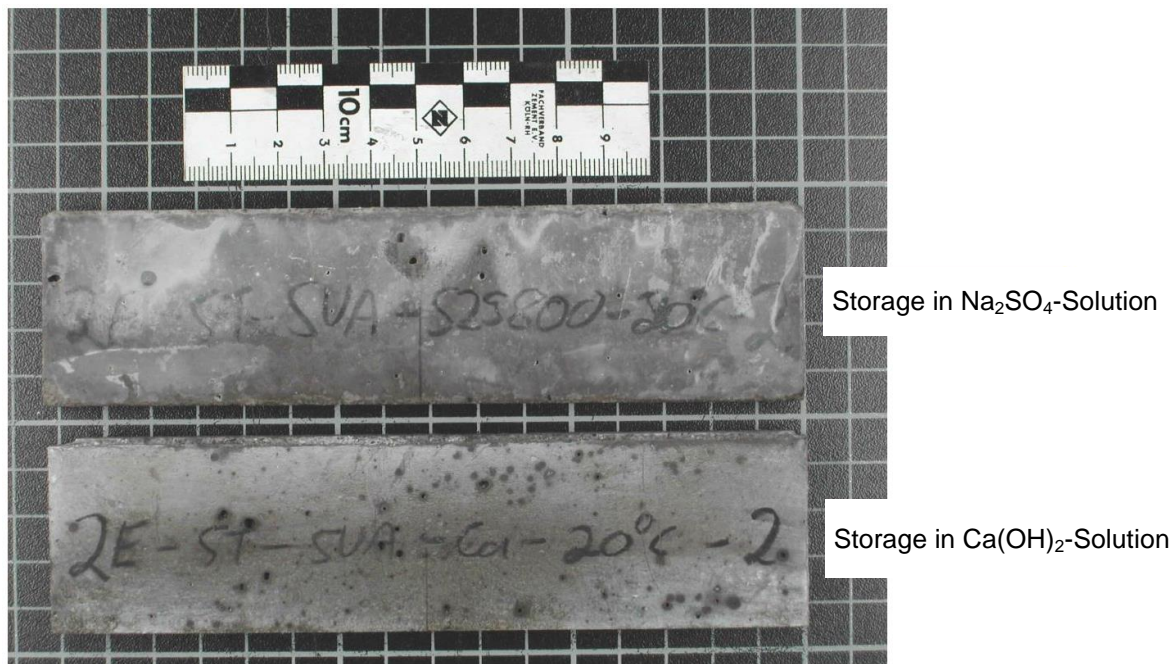


Figure A5: Specimens with CEM I 42,5 R-SR3 after 180 days; Storage: 20 °C in Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-Solution (top) and in Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>-Solution (bottom)

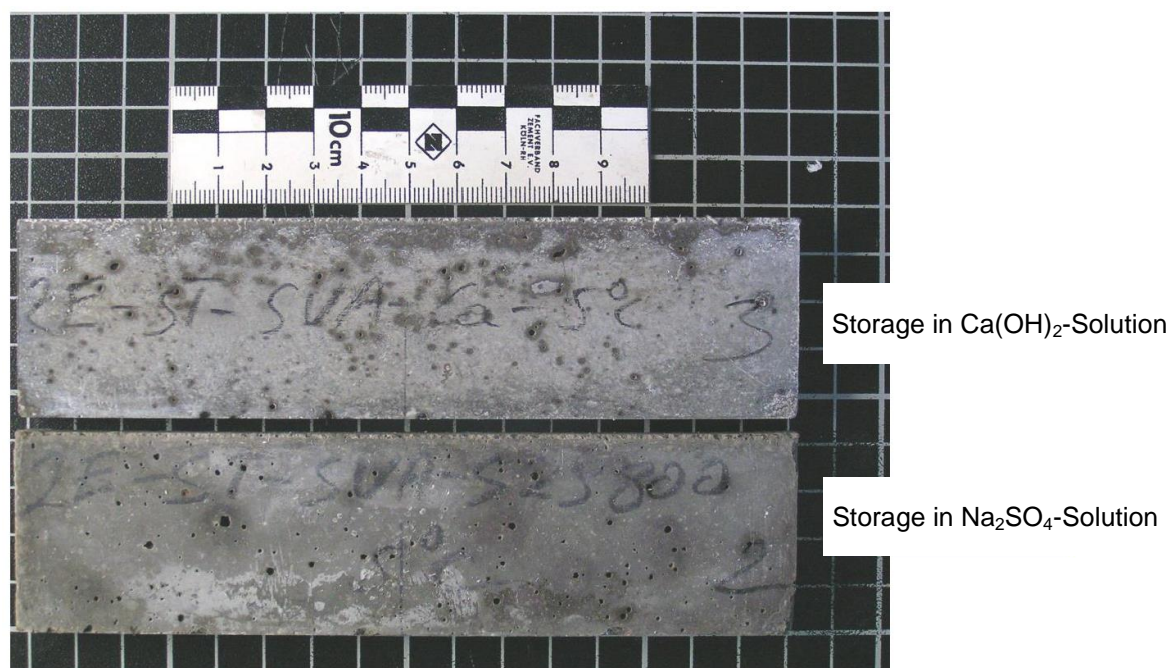


Figure A6: Specimens with CEM I 42,5 R-SR3 after 180 days; Storage: 5 °C in Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub>-Solution (top) and in Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-Solution (bottom)

Blast furnace cement CEM III/A 52,5 N-SR/LA "Dortmund"

Results of the assessment "sulfate resistance (flat prism method) – S<sub>FPM</sub>"  
Visual examination of the flat prisms with Portland cement CEM I 42,5 R-SR3

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