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## Inspection Report

### Plastic Spacers (DL40/200 Rebar Spacers)

**Client:** Nevoga GmbH

**Assignment date:** 4 April 2013

**Test material:** Plastic Spacers (DL40/200 Rebar Spacers); the test material was supplied by the client

**Test routine:** In accordance with the DBV leaflet: 'Spacers acc. to Eurocode 2' [*Abstandhalter nach Eurocode 2*] (wording from January 2011).

Frost/thaw testing  
Determination of water penetration depth

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## 1 General

### 1.1 Assignment

Nevoga GmbH assigned MA 39 with the inspection of plastic spacers (DL40/200 Rebar Spacers) in accordance with the DBV leaflet: 'Spacers acc. to Eurocode 2' [*Abstandhalter nach Eurocode 2*] (wording from January 2011).

### 1.2 Test material

On 4 April 2013, the client supplied plastic spacers (DL40/200 Rebar Spacers) to MA 39.

The spacers had a laying dimension of 40 mm.

For information regarding the appearance of the supplied test material, see the photographs in the attached annex.

### 1.3 Sample preparation

On 16 April 2013, six sample cubes were produced in the MA 39 laboratory, with a side length of 20 cm in accordance with Section A3.1 of the DBV leaflet: 'Spacers acc. to Eurocode 2'.

In deviation to the leaflet, polystyrene sheets were used in the cube moulds in place of plywood panels, and a reinforcement rod with a diameter of 8 mm with a spacer was placed inside (see Fig. No. 2013-0044-01-2).

The cube moulds were then filled with concrete with the quality C35/45/B4/F45/GK22.

Furthermore, one sample cube with a side length of 15 cm and one sample panel with the dimensions 20 cm x 20 cm x 10 cm were made for the purpose of determining the concrete compressive strength and water penetration depth.

The following values were obtained:

Concrete compressive strength: 61.7 N/mm<sup>2</sup> (test date 14 May 2013)

Water penetration depth: 7 mm (test period 13-27 May 2013)

The test objects used for determining the water penetration depth were stored under water until the test. The remaining test objects were stripped after 24 hours and then stored under water until the seventh day, and afterwards under room conditions.

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## **2 Performance of the test**

### **2.1 Alternating freeze/thaw testing**

Three test objects containing concrete-embedded spacers were subjected to alternating freeze/thaw testing, commencing on 14 May 2013, in accordance with Section A3.2 of the DBV leaflet: 'Spacers acc. to Eurocode 2'.

The 56 freeze/thaw cycles were performed within 28 days at temperatures between +20°C and –20°C in accordance with ONR 23303 Issue 1, September 2010, Section 9.10 (Frost Class XF3), whereby in accordance with the DBV leaflet, the cube surface with the embedded spacer was submerged in deionised water to a depth of 10 mm during the test.

### **2.2 Determination of water penetration depth**

Three test objects containing concrete-embedded spacers were subjected to water penetration depth testing in accordance with Section A3.3 of the DBV leaflet: 'Spacers acc. to Eurocode 2'.

The test was performed in accordance with DIN 1048-5, whereby the test objects were subjected to a water pressure of 5 bar over 3 days.

Test period: 13-16 May 2013.

## **3 Test results**

### **3.1 Alternating freeze/thaw testing**

Upon conclusion of the 56 freeze/thaw cycles, the test surfaces with the embedded spacers were subjected to a visual check.

No cracking of any kind was determined, only a slight amount of flaking.

Please see the photographs in the annex for the appearance of the test surfaces.

### **3.2 Determination of water penetration depth**

After splitting the test objects, a water penetration depth of between 14 mm and 42 mm was determined.

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In samples 1 and 3, water penetration was visible up to the reinforcement bar.

Please see the photographs in the annex for the appearance of the split surfaces.

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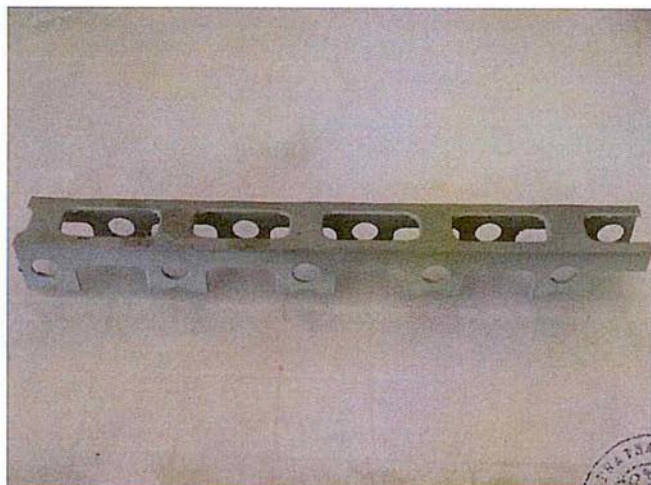


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Plastic spacer (DL40/200  
Rebar Spacer)

Condition upon delivery

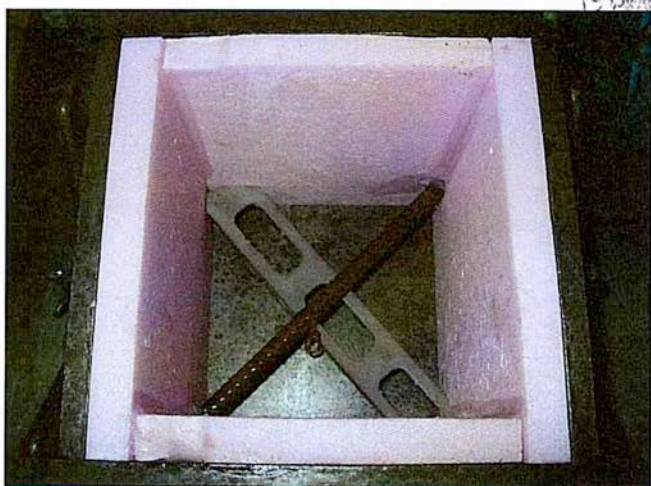


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Cube mould with  
reinforcement rod and spacer  
placed inside



Photo No. 2013-0044-01-3

Freeze/thaw cycle testing

Sample 4 – after 56  
freeze/thaw cycles

Slight flaking of the surface  
can be determined, no  
cracking.



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Freeze/thaw cycle testing

Sample 5 – after 56  
freeze/thaw cycles

Slight flaking of the surface  
can be determined, no  
cracking.



Photo No. 2013-0044-01-5

Freeze/thaw cycle testing

Sample 6 – after 56  
freeze/thaw cycles

Slight flaking of the surface  
can be determined, no  
cracking.



Photo No. 2013-0044-01-6

Test of water penetration  
depth

Sample No. 1 –  
Water penetration depth: 40  
mm  
(up to the reinforcement bar)

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Photo No. 2013-0044-01-7

Test of water penetration  
depth

Sample No. 2 –  
Water penetration depth: 14  
mm



Photo No. 2013-0044-01-8

Test of water penetration  
depth

Sample No. 3 –  
Water penetration depth: 42  
mm  
(up to the reinforcement bar)