

New Publications

The New Concrete Standards

A new brochure dealing with IS EN 206 - 1, the new concrete standards has recently been produced by a joint working group set up by the Irish Concrete Society and the Irish Concrete Federation. The new European Standard for Concrete came into effect on the 1st December 2003, replacing the existing Irish Standard for Concrete IS326 Part 2.

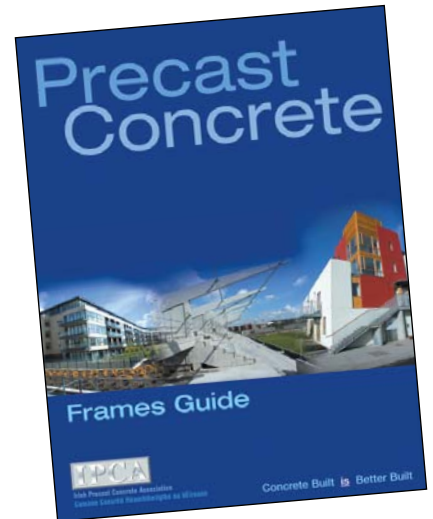


The new publication, which contains key tables and a range of helpful illustrations, has been specifically produced for Engineers, Architects and Developers and explains how to select the appropriate concrete quality in relation to the cover to reinforcement, to provide a structure that is required to be durable in relation to the identified exposure classes for the intended working life.

EN 206-1 is a first generation CEN standard for concrete and it makes a substantial step for common standards for concrete in Europe. However, European standard EN206-1 leaves many important aspects to be specified in national provisions. The Irish version comprises the core text of the European standard EN206-1, along with the Irish National Annex.

Precast Concrete Frames Guide

The Irish Precast Concrete Association recently launched a new Precast Concrete Frames Guide. The Guide is an introduction to precast concrete frames, their components, design and the principal considerations relative to their use and specification. The new guide is the first of



its kind which deals specifically with the range of products available on the Irish market. One of the key objectives of the publication is to improve the understanding of precast as a construction method.

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