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Foreword

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- a) The mandatory clause "requirement" has been removed (see Chapter 4 of the.2001 edition);
- b) The sections "Test Methods" and "Inspection Rules" have been deleted (see Chapters 5 and 6 of the.2001 edition);
- c) Include "titration after distillation" in the main text (see Chapter 5, Appendix A of the.2001 edition);
- d) Precision requirements for the "post-distillation titration method" have been added (see 5.6);
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1 Scope

GB/T 18588-2025 is the Chinese national standard covering ammonia released by an admixture - the sample and the conditions under which it is allowed to evolve, the absorption and the determination, and the limit, because ammonia released from concrete accumulates in a closed room for years after the pour. It replaces GB 18588-2001 and moves it from mandatory to recommended status. It goes with the formaldehyde method GB/T 31040-2025. In force from 1 August 2026. Issued on 5 October 2025, it has been in force since 1 August 2026, replacing GB 18588-2001.

This document describes a test method for the release of ammonia from concrete admixtures. This document applies to the determination of ammonia release from concrete admixtures using distillation titration and ion chromatography.

2 Normative references

The contents of the following documents, through normative references within the text, constitute essential provisions of this document. Dated citations are not included. For references to documents, only the version corresponding to that date applies to this document; for undated references, the latest version (including all amendments) applies. This document.

GB/T 601 Preparation of Standard Titration Solutions for Chemical Reagents

GB/T 6682 Specifications and test methods for water used in analytical laboratories

3 Terms and Definitions

The following terms and definitions apply to this document.

3.1 concrete admixture It is added before or during the mixing process of concrete to improve the properties of fresh and/or hardened concrete. Materials whose dosage does not exceed 5% of the mass of cementitious materials.

3.2 Release ammonia emitted ammonia Ammonia released by additives in an alkaline environment.

4. Test conditions The test environment was a temperature of $(23 \pm 2)^{\circ}\text{C}$ and a relative humidity of $(50 \pm 10)\%$.

5 Titration after distillation

5.1 Principle Ammonia in concrete admixtures is removed by distillation. The distilled ammonia is collected using sulfuric acid solution as the absorbent and then analyzed by an indicator. The color change indicates the titration endpoint, then the volume of standard solution consumed is read, and the analytical results are calculated.

5.2 Reagents and Materials

5.2.1 Water. Distilled water or water of equivalent purity shall comply with the provisions of GB/T 6682.