



Standard Test Method for Low Strain Impact Integrity Testing of Deep Foundations¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the procedure for determining the integrity of individual vertical or inclined piles by measuring and analyzing the velocity (required) and force (optional) response of the pile induced by an (hand held hammer or other similar type) impact device usually applied axially and perpendicularly to the pile head surface. This test method is applicable to long structural elements that function in a manner similar to any deep foundation units (such as driven piles, augered piles, or drilled shafts), regardless of their method of installation provided that they are receptive to low strain impact testing.

1.2 This standard provides minimum requirements for low strain impact testing of piles. Plans, specifications, and/or provisions prepared by a qualified engineer, and approved by the agency requiring the test(s), may provide additional requirements and procedures as needed to satisfy the objectives of a particular test program.

1.3 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.5 All observed and calculated values shall conform to the guidelines for significant digits and rounding established in Practice D6026.

1.6 The method used to specify how data are collected, calculated, or recorded in this standard is not directly related to the accuracy to which the data can be applied in design or other uses, or both. How one applies the results obtained using this standard is beyond its scope.

1.7 *This standard may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to*

establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

NOTE 1—he quality of the result produced by this test method is dependent on the competence of the personnel performing it, and the suitability of the equipment and facilities used. Agencies that meet the criteria of Practice D3740 are generally considered capable of competent and objective testing/sampling/ inspection/etc. Users of this test method are cautioned that compliance with Practice D3740 does not in itself assure reliable results. Reliable results depend on many factors; Practice D3740 provides a means of evaluating some of those factors.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D653 Terminology Relating to Soil, Rock, and Contained Fluids

D3740 Practice for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction

D6026 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Geotechnical Data

D6760 Test Method for Integrity Testing of Concrete Deep Foundations by Ultrasonic Crosshole Testing

D7949 Test Methods for Thermal Integrity Profiling of Concrete Deep Foundations

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Except as defined in 3.2, the terminology used in this test method conforms with Terminology D653.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *pile integrity, n*—the qualitative evaluation of the physical dimensions, continuity of a pile, and consistency of the pile material.

3.2.2 *pile impedance, n*—the dynamic Young's modulus of the pile material multiplied by the applicable cross sectional area of the pile and divided by the strain wave speed.

3.2.3 *pulse echo method, n*—test in which measurements of the pile head velocity and force (force measurement optional) are evaluated as a function of time.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.