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Standard Test Method for Time-Dependent Compressive Deformation Under Constant Pressure for Geosynthetic Drainage Products¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method is used to determine the unconfined compressive deformation (consolidation) characteristics of drainage geotextiles, geocomposites, geonets, or any other geosynthetic associated with drainage at a constant temperature, when subjected to a constant compressive stress.

1.2 This test method is intended for use as an unconfined compressive performance deformation test only. For a detailed procedure on how to establish an index test, see EN ISO 25619-1. For performance tests, the specimen shall be subjected to the site-specific liquid, the site-specific stress (normal and potentially a tangential stress on the upper and parallel loading platen), or both.

NOTE 1—Results achieved from unconfined compressive performance deformation testing may differ from testing performed under confined conditions.

1.3 Because of the changing nature of the geosynthetic industry and the wide variety of products already available, this particular test method may have to be slightly modified for unconfined compression deformation testing of some products.

1.4 The values given in SI units are to be considered as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.5 *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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

A1030/A1030M Practice for Measuring Flatness Characteristics of Steel Sheet Products

D2990 Test Methods for Tensile, Compressive, and Flexural Creep and Creep-Rupture of Plastics

D4439 Terminology for Geosynthetics

D5199 Test Method for Measuring the Nominal Thickness of Geosynthetics

D5261 Test Method for Measuring Mass per Unit Area of Geotextiles

D6364 Test Method for Determining Short-Term Compression Behavior of Geosynthetics

2.2 ISO Standard:³

EN ISO 25619-1 Geosynthetics—Determination of Compression Behavior—Part 1: Compressive Creep Properties

3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions related to geosynthetics, see Terminology D4439.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 In this performance test method, a geosynthetic drainage product is subjected to a sustained normal and potentially tangential stress. Deformations of the specimen are recorded at designated time intervals, and a graph is drawn.

4.2 The specimen may be immersed in a site-specific water or permeant, to simulate actual field conditions.

4.3 For long-term testing, it is recommended that the test be run for at least 1000 h. Seating times up to 10 000 h have been used, if that longer time data is required.

4.4 Deformation load (normal as well as potentially tangential) should reflect the actual field conditions.

4.5 The test will be conducted at site-specific temperatures.

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.

³ Available from International Organization for Standardization (ISO), ISO Central Secretariat, BIBC II, Chemin de Blandonnet 8, CP 401, 1214 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland, <http://www.iso.org>.