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Foreword

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The main changes to ISO 12958:2010 are as follows:

— introduction of the concept of index versus performance test;

— permission given to test using rigid/rigid, soft/soft or soft/rigid boundaries;

— addition of guidance for testing cuspated sheets on a single side and for testing multilinear drainage geocomposites;

— withdrawal of apparatus types b) and c);

— several cosmetic improvements, in particular terms and definitions, procedure, calculation and reporting.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the constant-head water flow capacity within the plane of a geotextile or geotextile-related product. This document describes the in-plane water flow index test, only applicable to factory-assembled products. For the in-plane water flow performance test, see ISO 12958-2.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2854, *Statistical interpretation of data — Techniques of estimation and tests relating to means and variances*

ISO 5813, *Water quality — Determination of dissolved oxygen — Iodometric method*

ISO 9862, *Geosynthetics — Sampling and preparation of test specimens*

ISO 9863-1, *Geosynthetics — Determination of thickness at specified pressures — Part 1: Single layers*

ISO 10320, *Geosynthetics — Identification on site*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
normal compressive stress
σ
compressive stress normal to the plane of the geotextile or geotextile-related product, expressed in kilopascals [kPa]

3.2
in-plane flow
Q
fluid flow within the geotextile or geotextile-related product and parallel to its plane, expressed in litres per second [l/s]