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microbiological resistance by a soil burial test

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European foreword

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- references to the terminological databases of ISO and IEC included in Clause 3;
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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the microbiological resistance of geosynthetics including those of natural fibres and biodegradable polymers by a soil burial test.

NOTE Experience and exhumation of geosynthetics which had performed successfully, in some cases for more than two decades, indicate that geosynthetics made out of synthetic materials are generally resistant against microbial initiated decay. It can therefore be expected that most of these products commercially available at the present time will pass the soil burial test successfully and it is probably not necessary to submit them all to this test independent of their function. However, if the requirements for appropriate functioning of the geosynthetics demand proof of microbiological resistance or if they are manufactured from newly developed polymers whose resistance is in any doubt, the soil burial test can provide additional information.

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.

EN 12226, *Geosynthetics — General tests for evaluation following durability testing*

EN ISO 291, *Plastics — Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing (ISO 291)*

EN ISO 11721-1:2001, *Textiles — Determination of the resistance of cellulose-containing textiles to micro-organisms — Soil burial test — Part 1: Assessment of rot-retardant finishing (ISO 11721-1:2001)*

EN ISO 13934-1, *Textiles — Tensile properties of fabrics — Part 1: Determination of maximum force and elongation at maximum force using the strip method (ISO 13934-1)*

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:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1 microbiological resistance

resistance of a geotextile or geotextile-related product to attack by bacteria or fungi

Note 1 to entry: There are no limit values on evaluation criteria. Anything which exhibits statistically significant degradation in the laboratory under optimal conditions cannot be rot resistant in practice.

3.2 saturation moisture content SMC

water content of the soil at 100 % saturation

Note 1 to entry: EN ISO 11721-1:2001 uses the term “water holding capacity” (WHC).