
**Guidelines for the determination
of the long-term strength of
geosynthetics for soil reinforcement**

*Lignes directrices pour la détermination de la résistance à long terme
des géosynthétiques pour le renforcement du sol*



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- Subclause 7.4 has been modified to further detail and clarify the fitting of linear regression curves to time-temperature block shifted creep-rupture test results.

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Guidelines for the determination of the long-term strength of geosynthetics for soil reinforcement

1 Scope

This document provides guidelines for the determination of the long-term strength of geosynthetics for soil reinforcement.

This document describes a method of deriving reduction factors for geosynthetic soil-reinforcement materials to account for creep and creep rupture, installation damage and weathering, and chemical and biological degradation. It is intended to provide a link between the test data and the codes for construction with reinforced soil.

The geosynthetics covered in this document include those whose primary purpose is reinforcement, such as geogrids, woven geotextiles and strips, where the reinforcing component is made from polyester (polyethylene terephthalate), polypropylene, high density polyethylene, polyvinyl alcohol, aramids and polyamides 6 and 6,6. This document does not cover the strength of joints or welds between geosynthetics, nor whether these might be more or less durable than the basic material. Nor does it apply to geomembranes, for example, in landfills. It does not cover the effects of dynamic loading. It does not consider any change in mechanical properties due to soil temperatures below 0 °C, nor the effect of frozen soil. The document does not cover uncertainty in the design of the reinforced soil structure, nor the human or economic consequences of failure.

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 10318-1, *Geosynthetics — Part 1: Terms and definitions*

3 Terms, definitions, abbreviated terms and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 10318-1 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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load which, if applied continuously to the geosynthetic during the service lifetime, is predicted to lead to rupture at the end of that lifetime