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## Soil quality — Determination of soil water content as a volume fraction using coring sleeves — Gravimetric method

### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the gravimetric determination of soil water content as a volume fraction.

The method is applicable to all types of non-swelling or non-shrinking soils where coring sleeves can be used for sampling. It is not applicable to soils where stones, tough roots or other factors prevent collection of soil cores. It is used as a reference method (e.g. the calibration of indirect methods for determination of water content).

NOTE The determination of water content as a mass fraction is described in ISO 11465.

### 2 Terms and definitions

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

### 2.1

### water content volume fraction

 $\theta$ 

volume of water evaporating from the soil when dried to constant mass at 105 °C, divided by the original bulk volume of the soil

NOTE The water content volume fraction is sometimes also referred to as "volumetric water content".

### 2.2

### constant mass

mass reached when during the drying process the difference between two successive weighings of the sample, after a drying interval of 4 h, does not exceed 0,1 % (mass fraction) of the last determined mass

NOTE Usually 16 h to 24 h is sufficient for drying most soils to constant mass, but certain soil types and large or very wet samples will require longer.

### 3 Symbols

- m mass, expressed in kilograms
- V volume, expressed in cubic metres
- $s_x$  sample standard deviation of variable x
- $\Delta_x$  standard deviation of the errors in variable x
- $\theta$  water content volume fraction
- $\rho_{\rm w}$  density of water, expressed in kilograms per cubic metre (kg · m<sup>-3</sup>)

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