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Amendements du sol et supports de culture -  
Détermination du pHBodenverbesserungsmittel und Kultursubstrate -  
Bestimmung des pH-Wertes

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## Foreword

This document (EN 13037:2011) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 223 “Soil improvers and growing media”, the secretariat of which is held by ASI.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies an instrumental method for the routine determination of pH in a suspension of soil improvers or growing media.

This method is not applicable to liming materials and preformed materials such as mineral wool slabs and foam slabs.

NOTE The requirements of the standard may differ from the national legal requirements for the declaration of the products concerned.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 13040:2007, *Soil improvers and growing media – Sample preparation for chemical and physical tests, determination of dry matter content, moisture content and laboratory compacted bulk density*

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use – Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)*

ISO 1770, *Solid-stem general purpose thermometers*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document the terms and definitions given in EN 13040:2007 apply.

## 4 Principle

A sample is extracted with water at  $(22 \pm 3,0)$  °C in an extraction ratio of 1 : 5 (1 *V* sample + 5 *V* water). The pH of the suspension is measured using a pH meter.

## 5 Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade.

**5.1 Water** with a specific conductivity not higher than 0,2 mS/m at 25 °C and a pH > 5,6 (grade 2 water according to EN ISO 3696).

**5.2 Buffer solution**, pH = 4,00 at 20 °C

Dissolve 10,21 g of potassium hydrogen phthalate ( $C_8H_5KO_4$ ) in water (see 5.1) and dilute to 1000 ml in a volumetric flask.

**5.3 Buffer solution**, pH = 7,00 at 20 °C

Dissolve 3,800 g of potassium dihydrogen phosphate ( $KH_2PO_4$ ) and 3,415 g disodium hydrogen phosphate ( $Na_2HPO_4$ ) in water (see 5.1) and dilute to 1000 ml in a volumetric flask.

The potassium dihydrogen phosphate shall be dried before use for 2 h at 110 °C to 120 °C.