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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for the determination of bi-axial properties (burst strength) of geosynthetics.

This method applies to geotextiles, geosynthetic barriers and their related products. It applies to clay geosynthetic barriers only when tested in dry conditions.

## 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 ISO 10318:2005, *Geosynthetics — Terms and definitions (ISO 10318:2005)*

ISO 554, *Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing — Specifications*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 10318:2005 apply.

## 4 Principle

A circular specimen, clamped around its edge, is subjected to a gradually increasing normal hydraulic stress, with a constant rate of increase of volume, until rupture occurs.

The main parameters measured during the test are the hydraulic pressure under the specimen and the deflection of the specimen.

For geotextiles, dry clay geosynthetic barriers and products with apertures, e.g. geogrids, it is necessary to use an appropriately thin, impermeable and deformable membrane (diaphragm) under the specimen. If any composite material comprises an impermeable layer it is not necessary to use a diaphragm in the tests.

## 5 Apparatus

### 5.1 General

The equipment is composed of:

- a test cell with two parts;
- a deflection measuring device;
- a pressure measuring device;
- a means of controlling flow rate

An example is shown in Figure 1.