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Mechanical cone penetration test (CPTM)**

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Foreword

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ISO 22476 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Geotechnical investigation and testing* — *Field testing*:

- *Part 2: Dynamic probing*
- *Part 3: Standard penetration test*
- *Part 4: Ménard pressuremeter test*
- *Part 5: Flexible dilatometer test*
- *Part 7: Borehole jack test*
- *Part 10: Weight sounding test* [Technical Specification]
- *Part 11: Flat dilatometer test* [Technical Specification]
- *Part 12: Mechanical cone penetration test (CPTM)*

Electrical cone and piezocone penetration tests, self-boring pressuremeter test, full displacement pressuremeter test, and field vane test are to form the subjects of future parts 1, 6, 8 and 9.

Introduction

The mechanical cone penetration test (CPTM) consists of pushing a cone penetrometer, by means of a series of push rods, into the soil at a constant rate of penetration. During penetration, measurements of cone penetration resistance, total penetration resistance and/or sleeve friction can be recorded. The test results can be used for interpretation of stratification, classification of soil type and evaluation of geotechnical parameters.

Cone resistance is the term used in practice; however, *cone penetration resistance* is a more accurate description of the process, and is the term used in this part of ISO 22476.

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Geotechnical investigation and testing — Field testing —

Part 12:

Mechanical cone penetration test (CPTM)

1 Scope

This part of ISO 22476 specifies a mechanical cone penetration test (CPTM), including equipment requirements, execution and reporting. The results from such geotechnical testing are especially suited to the qualitative and/or quantitative determination of a soil profile — together with direct investigations — or as a relative comparison with other *in situ* tests.

The results from a cone penetration test can in principle be used to evaluate stratification, soil type, and geotechnical parameters such as soil density, shear-strength parameters and deformation and consolidation characteristics.

This part of ISO 22476 specifies the following features:

- type of cone penetration test (see Table 1);
- application class (see Table 2);
- penetration length or penetration depth;
- elevation of the ground surface or underwater ground surface at the location of the cone penetration test with reference to a datum;
- location of the cone penetration test relative to a reproducible fixed location reference point.

NOTE The planning and evaluation of an investigation programme and the application of its results to design are covered by EN 1997-1 and EN 1997-2.

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.

ISO 8503 (all parts), *Preparation of steel substrates before application of paints and related products — Surface roughness characteristics of blast-cleaned steel substrates*

ISO 10012:2003, *Measurement management systems — Requirements for measurement processes and measuring equipment*