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Annex A of this Technical Report is for information only.

Annex ZZ provides a list of corresponding International and European Standards for which equivalents are not given in the text.

Foreword

The text of ENV ISO 12960:1998 has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 189 "Geotextiles and geotextile-related products", the secretariat of which is held by IBN, in collaboration with Technical Committee ISO/TC 38 "Textiles".

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Introduction

In nearly all applications geotextiles and geotextile-related products (geotextile products) may be in contact with aqueous solutions of acids, bases or dissolved oxygen. The resistance of geotextile products to these chemicals depends on the one hand on polymer formulation, processing, textile structure and the presence of existing damage and on the other hand on the composition of the liquid and in situ conditions such as temperature, pressure and the presence of further mechanical stress.

It is the purpose of this prestandard to provide a method of screening (index testing) the resistance of geotextile products to these acids and bases.

Since an index test requires exposure times that are short compared to the expected lifetimes of geotextile products, it is necessary to accelerate the process. The data obtainable are suitable for screening but not for deriving performance data such as lifetime, unless supported by further evidence.

1 Scope

This standard specifies methods for screening the resistance of geotextile products to liquids while not subjecting them to external mechanical stress.

The standard is applicable to all geotextiles and geotextile related products.

NOTE: This standard only considers conditions where the specimens are fully immersed in the liquids. Though outside the scope of this standard, the test conditions may be modified to accommodate particular applications, eg gaseous media. This standard does not preclude use for test specimens that are pre-treated by some method, e.g. by weathering, aqueous extraction conditions or installation damage.

2 Normative references

This European prestandard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European prestandard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

ENV 12226	Geotextiles and geotextile-related products - General tests for evaluation following durability testing
ISO 3696	Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods

3 Principle

Test specimens are completely immersed in a test liquid for a given test duration at a fixed temperature. The properties of the test specimens are tested before and after immersion and if applicable after drying, and wherever possible, the test results are compared with those of control specimens stored under reference conditions.

4 General requirements and procedure

4.1 Apparatus

A container, e.g. a pneumatic vessel, is to be used, equipped with:

- a sealing lid or equivalent device and if necessary a reflux condenser or equivalent device to restrict evaporation of volatile components;
- a stirring or equivalent device to maintain homogeneity of the liquid and the exchange of matter between the liquid and the specimens;
- specimen holders to ensure correct placing of the specimens (see 4.6.2), the free distance between specimens being at least 10 mm;
- at least one closable aperture in the lid for access to control the composition of the liquid.