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**Geotextiles and geotextile-related  
products — Determination of water flow  
capacity in their plane**

*Géotextiles et produits apparentés — Détermination de la capacité de  
débit dans leur plan*



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## Foreword

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# Geotextiles and geotextile-related products — Determination of water flow capacity in their plane

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the constant-head water flow capacity within the plane of a geotextile or geotextile-related product.

NOTE 1 If the full water flow capacity characteristics of the geotextile or geotextile-related product have previously been established, then for control purposes it can be sufficient to determine the water flow capacity at two loads and both gradients.

NOTE 2 The compressibility of the product over time will substantially influence the in-plane water flow capacity. Test methods for assessing the compressive creep behaviour of geotextiles or geotextile-related products are described in ISO 25619-1.

The test report is judged in conjunction with the long-term compressive creep behaviour in order to assess the long-term flow capacity.

## 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 2854, *Statistical interpretation of data — Techniques of estimation and tests relating to means and variances*

ISO 5813, *Water quality — Determination of dissolved oxygen — Winkler method*

ISO 9862, *Geosynthetics — Sampling and preparation of test specimens*

ISO 9863-1, *Geosynthetics — Determination of thickness at specified pressures — Part 1: Single layers*

ISO 10320, *Geotextiles and geotextile-related products — Identification on site*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **normal compressive stress**

compressive stress components normal to the plane of the geotextile or geotextile-related product

NOTE The normal compressive stress is expressed in kilopascals.

### 3.2

#### **in-plane flow**

fluid flow within the geotextile or geotextile-related product and parallel to its plane