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(ISO/TR 12960:1998, MODIFIED)**

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Foreword

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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 standard 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.

NOTE This standard should be used with reference to CR ISO 13434.

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.

Method A applies particularly to polyamides and method B to polyesters and polyamides. The test results should be interpreted in the context of site conditions.

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, e.g. 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 Standard 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 Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN~~12226~~ 12226, *Geotextiles and geotextile-related products - General tests for evaluation following durability testing.*

ISO 3696:1987, *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

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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.

The container shall be large enough for the test liquid (see 4.6.1), which shall be held at constant temperature (see 4.3).

The material of the container and equipment shall be resistant to the test chemicals. Such materials are in general borosilicate glass or stainless steel.

4.2 Test liquids

Two types of test liquids are to be used:

- an inorganic acid: 0,025 M sulfuric acid (method A);
- an inorganic base: calcium hydroxide ($\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$), used as a saturated suspension, i.e. approximately 2,5 grams per litre (method B).

Chemicals or reagent of analytical grade should be used. Water shall comply with ISO 3696:1987, grade 3.

National safety regulations for handling of chemicals and for disposal of test liquids shall be followed.

NOTE For any test medium it is an important condition that its composition remains constant during the test exposure. This may be complicated if the concentration of any active component is low or if the liquid is not a stable one-phase system. In such cases the concentration should be monitored and if possible adjusted or replaced on a regular basis. Attention should be given also to possible catalytic or synergistic effects, including effects of simultaneous chemical and mechanical stresses (e.g. environmental stress cracking in polyolefins). The choice of the concentration of the active species is governed by the aim to avoid significant changes of the concentration during the test and to accelerate the reaction but to avoid a change in the active mechanism by using too high a concentration.

4.3 Test temperatures

The test temperature shall be $(60 \pm 1)^\circ\text{C}$ for each method.

4.4 Test duration

The test duration shall be three days for each method.

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