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- Part 6: *Self-boring pressuremeter test*
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# Geotechnical investigation and testing — Field testing —

## Part 4: Ménard pressuremeter test

### 1 Scope

This document deals with field testing using the Ménard pressuremeter test as part of geotechnical investigation and testing according to EN 1997-1 and EN 1997-2.

The present document describes the procedure for conducting a Ménard pressuremeter test in natural soils, treated or untreated fills and in very hard soils, or soft rocks, either on land or off-shore.

The pressuremeter sounding results of this document are well suited to a quantitative determination of soil strength and deformation parameters. Pressuremeter sounding results can yield lithological information. They can also be combined with direct investigation (e.g; sampling according to EN ISO 22475-1) or compared with other in situ tests (see EN 1997-2, 2.4.1.4(2) P, 4.1 (1) P and 4.2.3(2) P).

The Ménard pressuremeter test is performed by the radial expansion of a tricell probe placed in the ground (see Figure 1). During the injection of the liquid volume in the probe, the inflation of the three cells first brings the outer cover of the probe into contact with the borehole walls and then presses on them resulting in a soil displacement. Pressure applied to, and the associated volume expansion of the probe are measured and recorded so as to obtain the stress-strain relationship of the soil as tested.

This Standard refers to a probe historically described as the 60 mm G type probe. This standard applies to test depths limited to 50 m and test pressure limited to 5 MPa.

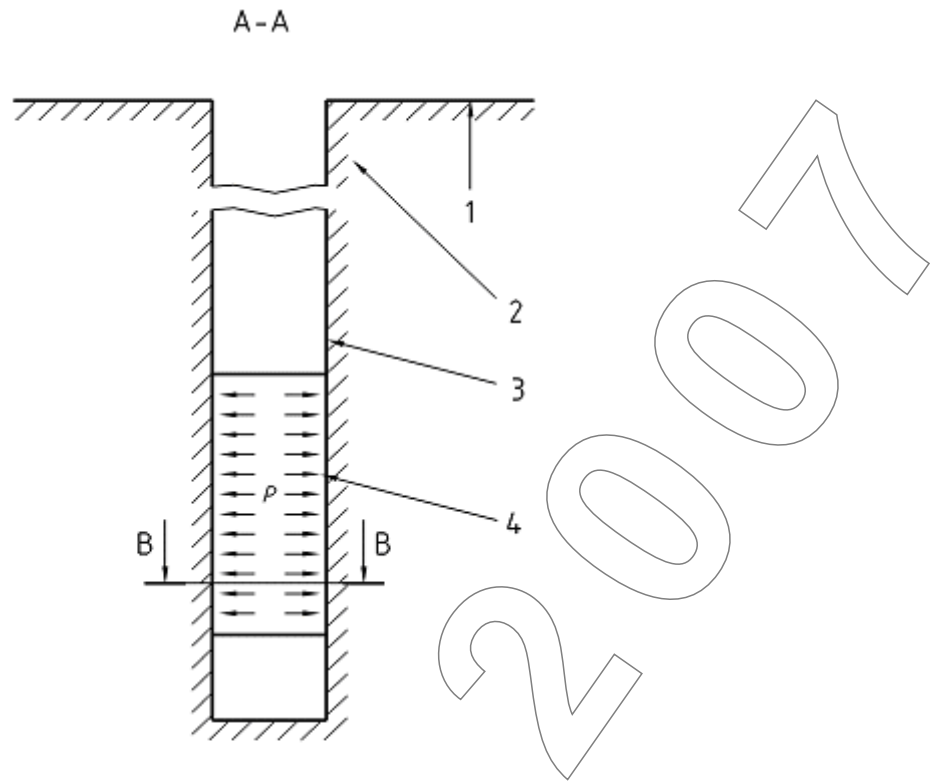
NOTE 1 In the following instances: Ménard pressuremeter tests carried out at pressures above 5 MPa, Ménard pressuremeter tests at depths exceeding 50m, Ménard pressuremeter tests carried out with E type probes, Full displacement pressuremeter tests, the test procedures and the test interpretations are not necessarily covered by this standard.

NOTE 2 Ménard pressuremeter tests can be carried out with other diameter probes such as 44 mm and 76 mm probes.

NOTE 3 Ménard pressuremeter tests can be carried out with a pressure exceeding 5 MPa or at a depth exceeding 50 m. However the corresponding test procedure and test interpretation are not covered by this standard.

Two alternative methods of measurement are provided as follows:

- procedure A: data is recorded manually;
- procedure B: data is recorded automatically.



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**Key**

- 1 Ground surface
- 2 Ground
- 3 Borehole
- 4 Expanding pressuremeter probe

A – A axial section

B - B cross section

**Figure 1 — Principle of a pressuremeter test**

## 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 1997-1, Eurocode 7: Ground investigation and testing – *Part 1: General rules*.

EN 1997-2, Eurocode 7: Ground investigation and testing – *Part 2: Design assisted by laboratory and field testing*.

ENV 13005:1999, *Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement*.

EN ISO 14688-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing – identification and classification of soil – Part 1: identification and description*.

EN ISO 14689-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing – identification and classification of rock – Part 1: identification and description*.

EN ISO 22475-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing – Sampling by drilling and excavation and ground water measurements – Part 1: Technical principles for execution*.

EN ISO 10012, *Measurement management systems – Requirements for measurement processes and measuring equipment*

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### 3.1 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1.1

##### **pressuremeter**

the whole equipment which is used to carry out a Ménard pressuremeter test, excluding the means necessary to place the pressuremeter probe into the ground

A pressuremeter includes a pressuremeter probe, a pressure and volume control unit, called CU, lines to connect the probe to the CU and in the case of procedure B, a data logger which is either built into the CU or linked to it.

#### 3.1.2 pressuremeter test pocket

A circular cylindrical cavity formed in the soil to receive a pressuremeter probe. The primary concern shall be the quality of the pocket wall obtained, using the methods described in Annex C.

#### 3.1.3 pressuremeter borehole

a borehole in which cylindrical pockets with circular cross sections are made in the ground, and into which the pressuremeter probe is to be placed.

#### 3.1.4

##### **pressuremeter test**

the process during which a cylindrical probe is inflated in the ground and the resulting cavity expansion is measured by volume as a function of time and pressure increments according to a defined programme (see Figure 4)