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Introduction

The rate of water flow through the soil is of considerable importance in many aspects of agricultural and urban life. The entry of water into soil, the movement of water to plant roots, the flow of water to drains and wells, and the evaporation of water from the soil surface are but a few of the obvious situations in which the rate of water flow plays an important role. Also, in cases of soil pollution and polluted groundwater, prediction of the rate of movement of soil water is of great importance to obtain knowledge about the spreading of pollutants.

The soil properties that determine the behaviour of soil water flow systems are the hydraulic conductivity and water-retention characteristics. The hydraulic conductivity of soil is a measure of its ability to transmit water. The water-retention characteristics are an expression of its ability to store water. These properties determine the response of a soil/water system to imposed boundary conditions.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the determination of the hydraulic conductivity of granular soils (e.g. sand and gravel) using a constant-head method involving a rigid-wall permeameter to measure the laminar flow of water. The procedure establishes representative values of the hydraulic conductivity of granular soils that can occur in natural deposits as placed in embankments, or when used as base courses under pavements.

In order to limit consolidation influences during testing, this procedure is applicable only to disturbed granular soils containing not more than 10 % soil passing a 75- μm sieve.

This procedure is applicable to the measurement of hydraulic conductivity of compacted samples of sands and gravels containing little or no silt, where flow along the rigid wall of the permeameter has no practical implications on the test results. This International Standard is not applicable to silt and clay, where seepage/flow at the boundaries is not acceptable.

2 Terms and definitions

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

2.1

compaction

densification of a soil by means of mechanical manipulation

2.2

dry bulk density

ρ_d

mass per volume of dry soil

NOTE It is expressed in kilograms per cubic metre (kg/m^3).

2.3

hydraulic conductivity

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rate of discharge of water under laminar flow conditions through a unit cross-sectional area of a porous medium under a unit hydraulic gradient and standard temperature conditions (20 °C)

2.4

hydraulic gradient

change in total hydraulic head of water per unit distance of flow