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Introduction

This document establishes the specifications for the execution of dynamic load tests in which a single pile is subject to an axial load in compression to measure strain, acceleration and displacement under dynamic loading and to allow an assessment of its compressive resistance. This document outlines how a dynamic load test is defined and specifies the equipment and testing procedures required. Informative non-prescriptive guidance is included on the analysis of dynamic load test results required to determine mobilized or ultimate measured compressive resistance of a pile.

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Geotechnical investigation and testing — Testing of geotechnical structures —

Part 4: Testing of piles: dynamic load testing

1 Scope

This document establishes the specifications for the execution of dynamic load tests in which a single pile is subject to an axial dynamic load in compression.

This document outlines the methods of testing required to allow assessment of pile resistance to be determined from the following methods and procedures described in EN1997-1:2004+A1:2013:

- a) dynamic impact testing – determination of pile compressive resistance by evaluation of measurements of strain and acceleration and or displacement at the pile head with respect to time;
- b) pile driving formulae – evaluation of pile compressive resistance from blow counts and hammer energy during pile driving;
- c) wave equation analysis – evaluation of pile compressive resistance from blow counts by modelling of the pile, soil and driving equipment;
- d) multi-blow dynamic testing – evaluation of pile compressive resistance from a series of blows designed to generate different levels of pile head displacement and velocity.

This document is applicable to piles loaded axially in compression.

This document is applicable to all pile types mentioned in EN 1536, EN 12699 and EN 14199.

The tests considered in this document are limited to dynamic load tests on piles only.

NOTE 1 ISO 22477-4 can be used in conjunction with EN1997-1:2004+A1:2013. Numerical values of partial factors for limit states from pile load tests to be taken into account in design are provided in EN 1997-1. For design to EN 1997-1 the results from dynamic load tests will be considered equivalent to the measured compressive resistance $R_{c,m}$ after being subject to appropriate analysis.

NOTE 2 Guidance on analysis procedures for dynamic load testing results is given in [Annexes A, B, D, E](#) and [F](#).

This document provides specifications for:

- i) investigation tests, whereby a sacrificial pile is loaded up to ultimate limit state;
- ii) control tests, whereby the pile is loaded up to a specified load in excess of the serviceability limit state.

NOTE 3 Generally, an investigation test focuses on general knowledge of a pile type; a control test focuses on one specific application of a pile.

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2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

EN1997-1:2004+A1:2013, *Eurocode 7: Geotechnical design — Part 1: General rules*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions in EN1997-1:2004+A1:2013 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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3.1.1

trial pile

pile installed before the commencement of the main piling works or a specific part of the works for the purpose of investigating the suitability of the chosen type of pile and for confirming its design, dimensions and compressive resistance

Note 1 to entry: The trial pile might be sacrificed to achieve ultimate limit state.

3.1.2

working pile

pile that will form part of the foundation of the structure

3.1.3

test pile

pile to which loads are applied to determine the compressive resistance - deformation characteristics of the pile and the surrounding ground

Note 1 to entry: A test pile can be a trial pile or a working pile.

3.1.4

pile load

axial compressive load (or force) applied to the head of the pile during the test

3.1.5

dynamic load

axial compressive impact load (or force) applied to the head of a pile by a driving hammer or drop mass

3.1.6

maximum pile load

highest axial compressive force applied to the pile during the test

Note 1 to entry: This is generally defined prior to the test.

3.1.7

dynamic load test

test where a pile is subjected to chosen axial dynamic load at the pile head to allow the determination of its compressive resistance

3.1.8**dynamic impact test**

pile test with measurement of strain, acceleration and displacement versus time during the impact event

Note 1 to entry: The impact event is normally a hammer blow.

Note 2 to entry: This test is used to assess the compressive resistance of individual piles.

3.1.9**driving formula**

formula that relates impact hammer energy and number of blows for a unit distance or permanent set for a single blow to pile compressive resistance

3.1.10**wave equation analysis**

analysis of a dynamically loaded pile by a mathematical model that can represent the dynamic behaviour of the pile by the progression of stress waves in the pile and the resulting response of the soil

3.1.11**signal matching**

operation to evaluate the shaft and base resistance of piles by modelling of the pile and soil with variation of parameters to match measured signals from pile head strain or displacement and acceleration measurements

3.1.12**impedance**

the dynamic stiffness of a pile determined from the cross-sectional area, material stiffness and density.

Note 1 to entry: For a non-uniform pile the impedance can be different over the length of the pile.

3.1.13**mobilized compressive resistance**

the resistance that is mobilized with the available energy of the impact device

3.1.14**ultimate measured compressive resistance**

corresponding state in which the pile foundation displaces significantly with negligible increase of resistance

Note 1 to entry: Where it is difficult to define an ultimate limit state from a load settlement plot showing a continuous slight increase, a settlement of the pile top equal to 10 % of the pile base diameter should be adopted as the "failure" criterion.

Note 2 to entry: The ultimate compressive resistance is not measured directly during a dynamic load test. The measured or mobilized compressive resistance obtained from dynamic load testing shall be analysed to remove the effects of dynamic soil dependent behaviour before it can be considered equivalent to the ultimate measured compressive resistance as outlined in the appropriate Annex.

3.1.15**design compressive static resistance**

ultimate compressive resistance of a pile

Note 1 to entry: This shall be determined prior to load testing to allow specification of the appropriate magnitude of dynamic load test.

3.1.16**equivalent diameter**

diameter of the circle of which the area equals the area of the relevant pile section

Note 1 to entry: The equivalent diameter for a circular pile is the outer diameter of the pile, for a square pile the diameter which gives the same area as the square pile (as long as the longest side is smaller than 1,5 times the shortest side) is the equivalent diameter.