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# Geotechnical investigation and testing — Field testing —

## Part 6: Self-boring pressuremeter test

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the equipment requirements, execution of and reporting on self-boring pressuremeter (SBP) tests.

NOTE This document fulfils the requirements for self-boring pressuremeter test as part of the geotechnical investigation services according to EN 1997-1 and EN 1997-2.

Tests with the self-boring pressuremeter cover the measurement in situ of the deformation of soils and weak rocks by the expansion and contraction of a cylindrical flexible membrane under pressure.

### 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.

ISO 10012, *Measurement management systems — requirements for measurement processes and measuring equipment*

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ISO 22475-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Sampling methods and groundwater measurements — Part 1: Technical principles for execution*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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#### 3.1

#### **self-boring pressuremeter**

#### **SBP**

equipment used to carry out a *self-boring pressuremeter test* (3.5), including the *self-boring head* (3.3) used to drill the test pocket into the ground and the *pressuremeter* (3.2) used to carry out the expansion

Note 1 to entry: An SBP includes a probe composed of a *self-boring head* (3.3) and a *pressuremeter* (3.2), an hydraulic pump or other source of pressure, a test Control Unit (CU), pressure lines and wires to connect the probe to the CU and a data logger which is either built into the CU or attached to it. The SBP is drilled into the ground using the integral self-boring head at its lower end in such a way that the probe replaces the material it removes, creating its own test hole, and minimises the disturbance to the soil outside the instrument.

#### 3.2

#### **pressuremeter**

cylindrical expanding part of the equipment used to carry out a pressuremeter test excluding the means necessary to place the pressuremeter probe into the ground

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## 3.3

**self-boring head**

part of the equipment used to drill the test pocket as the probe is advanced into the ground

Note 1 to entry: A self-boring head includes a boring tool: i.e. a rotating cutter or a high pressure jet arrangement, housed in a cutting shoe attached at the probe end.

## 3.4

**self-boring pressuremeter sounding**

series of sequential operations necessary to perform self-boring pressuremeter testing at a given location

Note 1 to entry: See 3.1.

EXAMPLE Pushing the self-boring pressuremeter, activating the self-boring head (see 5.3) and then performing pressuremeter tests (see Clause 6).

## 3.5

**self-boring pressuremeter test**

process of expanding the self-boring pressuremeter probe so as to press the flexible membrane against the borehole wall and so measure the associated displacement as a function of pressure and time

## 3.6

**self-boring pressuremeter curve**

graphical plot of pressure versus the measured displacement

## 3.7

**depth of test**

distance between the ground level and the centre of the expanding length of the *self-boring pressuremeter* (3.1) measured along the borehole axis

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

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## 3.8

**operator**

qualified person who carries out the probe insertion and the test

## 4 Symbols

Symbol	Description	Unit
$a$	pressure coefficient of the displacement	mm.MPa <sup>-1</sup>
$b$	membrane stiffness coefficient of the displacement	MPa.mm <sup>-1</sup>
$d$	corrected displacement at the borehole wall	mm
$d_a$	apparent displacement during the membrane compression calibration	mm
$d_c$	calculated cylinder expansion during the membrane compression calibration	mm
$d_i$	internal diameter of the calibration cylinder	mm
$d_p$	outside diameter of the cutting shoe	mm
$d_r$	displacement as read at the measuring unit	mm
$d_{s0}$	initial outside diameter of the measuring cell	mm
$d_s$	outside diameter of the measuring cell	mm
$e$	thickness of the calibration cylinder	mm
$h$	distance between the cutting tool and the cutting edge	mm
$l_c$	length of calibration cylinder	mm
$l_g$	distance between the displacement transducer and the membrane clamping ring	mm
$l_s$	expanding length	mm