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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 22476-5:2012), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- Title of the document: title of ISO 22476-5 edition 1 was flexible dilatometer. The title of the Edition 2 is different from Edition 1 and ISO 22476-2 includes now provisions for all kinds of prebored pressuremeters tests.
- A reference loading programme with cyclic loading has been added.
- Calibration procedures have been developed.

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# Geotechnical investigation and testing — Field testing —

## Part 5: Prebored pressuremeter test

### 1 Scope

This Part of ISO 22476 is applicable to pressuremeter tests using cylindrical flexible probes placed in pre-existent boreholes using testing procedures other than the Ménard procedure.

For pressuremeter tests following the Ménard procedure refer to ISO 22476-4.

**NOTE** A high pressure flexible pressuremeter probe which contains transducers for the measurement of radial displacements is also known as flexible dilatometer or high-pressure dilatometer

This standard applies to tests performed in any kind of grounds, starting from soils, treated or untreated fills, hard soils and soft rocks, up to hard and very hard rocks, either on land or offshore.

The parameters derived from this test may include stiffness, strength, initial in-situ stress state and consolidation properties.

### 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 amendments) applies.

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

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

ISO 14688-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Identification and classification of soil — Part 1: Identification and description*

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

ISO 22475-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Sampling methods and groundwater measurements — Part 1: Technical principles for the sampling of soil, rock and groundwater*

ISO 22476-4, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Field testing — Part 4: Prebored pressuremeter test by Ménard procedure*

ISO 22476-6, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Field testing — Part 6: Self-boring pressuremeter test*

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ISO 22476-8, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Field testing — Part 8: Full displacement pressuremeter test*

ISO 22476-15, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Field testing — Part 15: Measuring while drilling*

### 3 Terms, definitions and symbols

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

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

##### 3.1.1

##### **pressuremeter probe**

cylindrical flexible probe which can be expanded by the application of hydraulic pressure and/or pressurised gas

Note 1 to entry: Note to entry: Pressuremeter probes contains means of measurement of its radial displacements or volume. A high pressure flexible pressuremeter probe which contains transducers for the measurement of radial displacements is also known as flexible dilatometer or high pressure dilatometer

##### 3.1.2

##### **flexible dilatometer/high pressure dilatometer**

High pressure flexible pressuremeter probe which contains transducers for the measurement of radial displacements

##### 3.1.3

##### **pressuremeter control unit-**

set of suitable devices capable of supplying fluid and/or gas pressure to the probe, to control and take readings of the probe's pressure, radial displacements or volume of the measuring cell.

##### 3.1.4

##### **connecting line**

cable that connects the control unit to the probe, delivers fluid and/or gas pressure in the measuring and guard cells

##### 3.1.6

##### **pressuremeter test pocket**

circular cylindrical cavity formed in the ground to receive a *pressuremeter probe* (3.1.1)

##### 3.1.7

##### **pressuremeter borehole**

borehole in which pressuremeter pockets with circular cross sections are made in the ground, and into which the *pressuremeter probe* (3.1.1) is to be placed.

##### 3.1.8

##### **pressuremeter test**

process of expanding the pressuremeter probe so as to pressurize the flexible membrane against the pocket wall and so measure pressure, radial displacements or volume as a function of time during the expansion test (see [Figure 1](#)).

##### 3.1.9

##### **pressuremeter sounding**

the whole series of successive operations in a given borehole i.e. forming pressuremeter pockets and performing pressuremeter tests in them

##### 3.1.10

##### **seating pressure**

pressure during the expansion of the pressuremeter at which the pressuremeter membrane contacts the pocket wall



**3.1.11****nominal radius/diameter of the cavity**

radius/diameter of the cavity at the time of first application of the seating pressure at the cavity walls

**3.1.12****controlling parameter**

variable (pressure, radius displacement or injected volume) used to define the loading programme of the test according to a pre-determined programme and recorded in the control unit

**3.1.13****radial displacement/diameter increase or decrease**

Change in pressuremeter probe radius/diameter or in cavity wall displacement

**3.1.14****volume increase or decrease**

Change in measuring cell volume

**3.1.15****pressuremeter curve**

graphical plot of pressure versus the associated pocket wall displacement or measuring cell volume

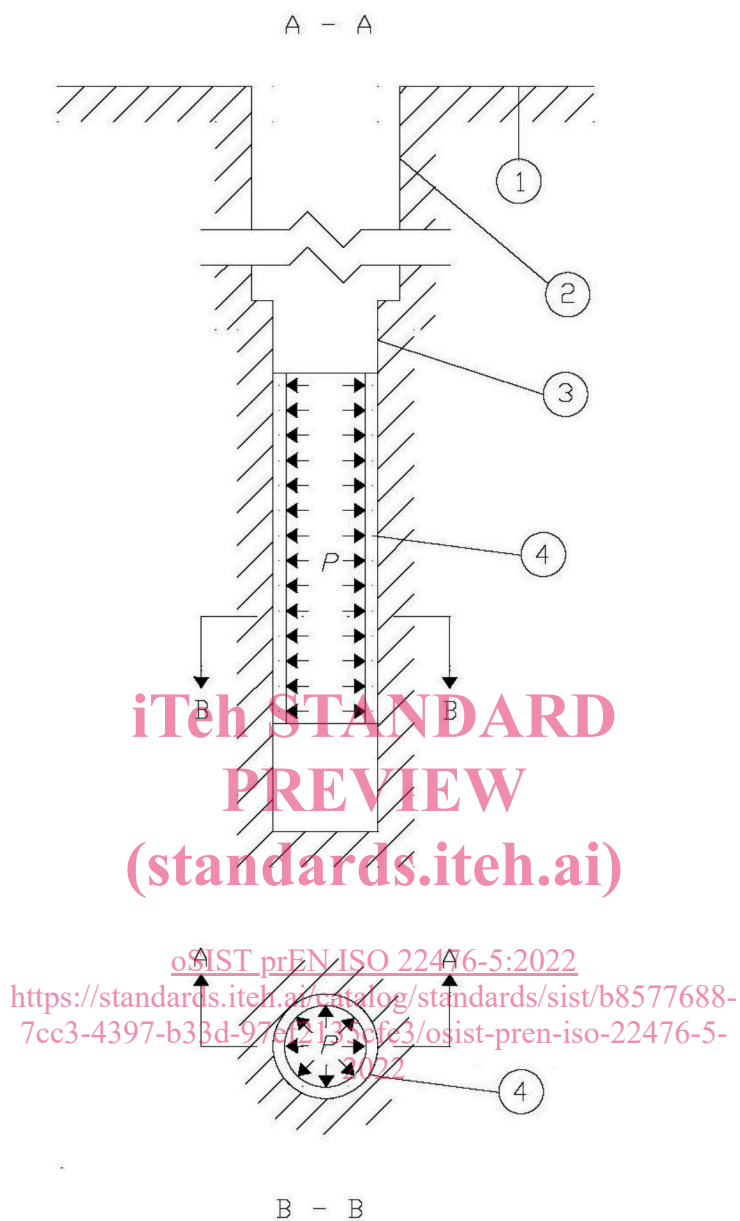
**3.1.16****pressuremeter shear modulus ( $G_{PP}$ )**

apparent pressuremeter shear modulus

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**Key**

- 1 ground surface
- 2 borehole wall
- 3 pocket
- 4 expanding pressuremeter probe
- p applied pressure
- A-A axial section
- B-B cross section

**Figure 1 — Example of a prebored pressuremeter test**

**3.1.17  
depth of test**

distance between the ground level and the centre of the expanding length of the pressuremeter probe measured along the borehole axis (see [Figure 2](#)).

### 3.1.18 operator

qualified person who carries out the test

### 3.1.19 phase

section of the loading or expansion program characterized by a controlling parameter, a loading rate and a loading direction

### 3.1.20 loop

sequence of the loading or expansion program including at least an unloading phase and a reloading phase, and possibly an intermediate hold phase

## 3.2 Symbols and abbreviations

For the purposes of this international standard the symbols of [Table 1](#) apply.

**Table 1 — Symbols**

Symbol	Description	Unit
$a$	Corrected equipment radial displacement or volume loss coefficient, taking into account calibration cylinder self-deformability	mm.MPa <sup>-1</sup> or cm <sup>3</sup> .MPa <sup>-1</sup>
$a_r$	Raw equipment radial displacement or volume loss coefficient	mm.MPa <sup>-1</sup> or cm <sup>3</sup> .MPa <sup>-1</sup>
$a_{cc}$	Radial displacement or equivalent volume loss taking into account calibration cylinder self-deformability <a href="https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/b8577688-7cc3-4397-b33d-97ef2135cfe3/osist-pren-iso-22476-5-2022">https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/b8577688-7cc3-4397-b33d-97ef2135cfe3/osist-pren-iso-22476-5-2022</a>	mm.MPa <sup>-1</sup> or cm <sup>3</sup> .MPa <sup>-1</sup>
$d_{cc}$	Calibration cylinder inside diameter	mm
$d_c$	Initial external diameter of the pressuremeter probe	mm
$d_s$	Nominal diameter	mm
$E_{PBP}$	A Young modulus derived from a prebored pressuremeter test	MPa
$G$	Shear modulus	MPa
$G_{L1}$	First loading pressuremeter shear modulus	MPa
$G_{PBP}$	Pressuremeter shear modulus	MPa
$G_{Ri}$	A reloading pressuremeter shear modulus	MPa
$G_{sys}$	Apparent shear modulus of the equipment or system during unloading-reloading loops	MPa
$G_{Ui}$	An unloading pressuremeter shear modulus	MPa
$G_{URi}$	An unloading/reloading pressuremeter shear modulus	MPa
$k_f$	Creep parameter in reference loading programme C	mm
$L_{FD}$	Length of the expanding part of the probe	mm
$L_d$	Length of the measuring segment of the probe	mm
$L_g$	Axial distance between transducer or LVDT section and membrane clamping ring	mm
$p$	Corrected pressure	MPa
$p_{1.1}$	Constant full relief pressure for loops in reference loading programme A	MPa
$p_e$	Pressure loss associated with membrane stiffness	

Table 1 (continued)

Symbol	Description	Unit
$p_i$	Corrected reversal pressure before loop $i$	MPa
$p_{\text{mean}}$	Average corrected pressure in reference loading programme D	MPa
$p_{\text{min}}$	Minimum corrected pressure in reference loading programme D	MPa
$p_{\text{max}}$	Maximum corrected pressure in reference loading programme D	MPa
$p_r$	Pressure as read at the measuring unit	MPa
$p_s$	Seating pressure	MPa
$r$	Corrected radius	mm
$r_1$	Corrected radius at time $t_1$ in reference loading programme C	mm
$r_2$	Corrected radius at time $t_2$ in reference loading programme C	mm
$r_e$	Radius correction	
$r_s$	Nominal cavity radius	mm
$t$	Time	min
$T$	Period in reference loading programme D	min
$t_1$	Time 1 in reference loading programme C	min
$t_2$	Time 2 in reference loading programme C	min
$\Delta V$	Corrected injected volume	cm <sup>3</sup>
$\Delta V_e$	Injected volume correction	cm <sup>3</sup>
$\Delta V_r$	Injected volume, as read at the control unit	cm <sup>3</sup>
$V$	Total volume	cm <sup>3</sup>
$z$	Test depth	m
$\delta$	Corrected radial displacement	mm
$\delta_e$	Radial displacement correction	mm
$\delta_r$	Radial displacement, as read at the control unit	mm
$\Delta d_r$	Increase of diameter, as read at the control unit	mm
$\Delta d$	Corrected diameter increase	mm
$\Delta p_r$	Pressure increment, as read at the control unit	MPa
$\Delta p$	Corrected pressure increment	MPa
$\varepsilon_c$	Cavity strain	-
$\nu$	Poisson's ratio	-

## 4 Equipment

### 4.1 General

The test with the pressuremeter is performed by the expanding of a pressuremeter membrane placed in the ground (see [Figure 1](#)). The pressure and the associated expansion of the probe are measured and recorded so as to obtain a stress-displacement relationship for the ground as tested.

The equipment to carry out pressuremeter tests shall consist of the components shown in [Figure 2](#).

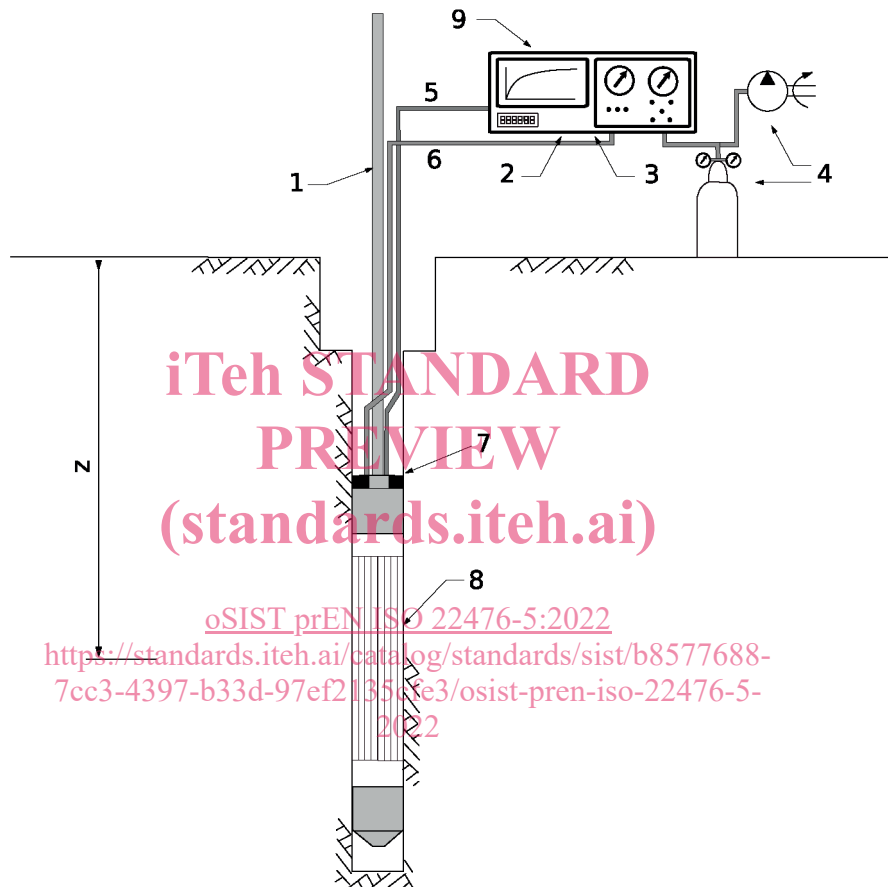
The following components are mandatory:

- Pressuremeter (No. 8 in [Figure 2](#)),
- Connecting line (No. 6 in [Figure 2](#)),
- Signal cable (No. 5 in [Figure 2](#)),

- Displacement or volume measuring unit (No. 2 in [Figure 2](#)),
- Pressure control unit (No. 3 in [Figure 2](#)),
- Pressure source (No. 4 in [Figure 2](#)),

The following components may be added:

- Pore pressure measuring system,
- Accelerometer or geophones to perform shear wave velocity measurements.



#### Key

- |   |                                       |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | setting rods                          | 6 | connecting line                             |
| 2 | displacement or volume measuring unit | 7 | probe rod coupling Sediment collection tube |
| 3 | pressure control unit                 | 8 | pressuremeter probe                         |
| 4 | pressure source                       | 9 | optional data logger                        |
| 5 | signal cable                          | z | test depth                                  |

**Figure 2 — Schematic diagram of pressuremeter equipment**

The following components shall be used according to application class of the sounding:

- a control unit (No. 9 in [Figure 2](#));
- sediment collection tube to protect from caving if applicable (No. 12 in [Figure 3](#));
- setting rods (No.1 on [Figure 2](#)).