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# Geotechnical investigation and testing — Testing of geotechnical structures —

## Part 2: Testing of piles: Static tension load testing

### 1 Scope

This document establishes the specifications for the execution of static pile load tests in which a single pile is subjected to an axial static load in tension in order to define its load-displacement behaviour.

This document is applicable to vertical piles as well as raking piles.

All types of piles are covered by this document. The tests considered in this document are limited to maintained load tests. Pile cyclic load tests are not covered by this document.

NOTE ISO 22477-2 is intended to be used in conjunction with EN 1997-1. Numerical values of partial factors for limit states and of correlation factors to derive characteristic values from static pile load tests to be taken into account in design are provided in EN 1997-1.

This document provides specifications for the execution of static axial pile load test:

- a) checking that a pile will behave as designed,
- b) measuring the resistance of a pile.

### 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 7500-1, *Metallic materials — Calibration and verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines — Calibration and verification of the force-measuring system*

EN 1990, *Eurocode 0: Basis of structural design*

EN 1997-1, *Eurocode 7: Geotechnical design — Part 1: General rules*

EN 1997-2, *Eurocode 7: Geotechnical design — Part 2: Ground investigation and testing*

### 3 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1990, EN 1997-1, EN 1997-2 and the following apply.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

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## 3.1 Terms, definitions

## 3.1.1

**pile load**

$F_t$   
tension load applied to the head of the pile during the test

## 3.1.2

**load increment**

$\Delta F$   
increment of load added or removed during the test

## 3.1.3

**pile diameter/Equivalent pile diameter**

$D$   
diameter of the pile

Note 1 to entry: For non-circular pile with cross section  $A$ , the equivalent pile diameter equals  $\sqrt{\frac{4A}{\pi}}$ .

## 3.1.4

**working pile**

pile for the foundation of a structure

## 3.1.5

**test pile**

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

## 3.1.6

**measured tensile resistance**

$R_{t,m}$   
measured value of the tensile resistance at the ultimate limit state, in one or several pile load tests

Note 1 to entry: The recommended failure criterion may be defined in EN 1997-1 or its national annex.

## 3.1.7

**creep rate**

$\alpha$   
ratio of the increase in pile head displacement to the decimal logarithm of time during a specified time interval

## 3.2 Symbols

$A$	pile cross section
$D$	pile diameter/equivalent pile diameter
$F_t$	load applied to the head of the pile during the test
$F_{t,cr}$	critical creep load in tension
$F_{t,cr,m}$	measured value of $F_{t,cr}$ in one or several pile load tests
$F_{t,k}$	characteristic axial tensile load
$F_p$	predefined maximum load applied during the test
$N$	axial force



$q_s$	unit shaft friction
$q_{s,m}$	measured value of $q_s$
$q_{s,mob}$	mobilised shaft friction
$R_t$	tensile resistance of the ground against a pile, at the ultimate limit state
$R_{t,m}$	measured value of $R_t$ in one or several pile load tests
$s$	axial displacement of pile at any depth $z$
$s_h$	axial displacement of pile head
$t$	time
$z$	depth
$\alpha$	creep rate

## 4 Equipment

### 4.1 General

The selection of the equipment shall take into account the aim of the test, the ground conditions and the expected displacement of the pile under the maximum test load.

### 4.2 Reaction device

The reaction device for pile tested in tension can be:

- shallow foundations;
- compression piles.

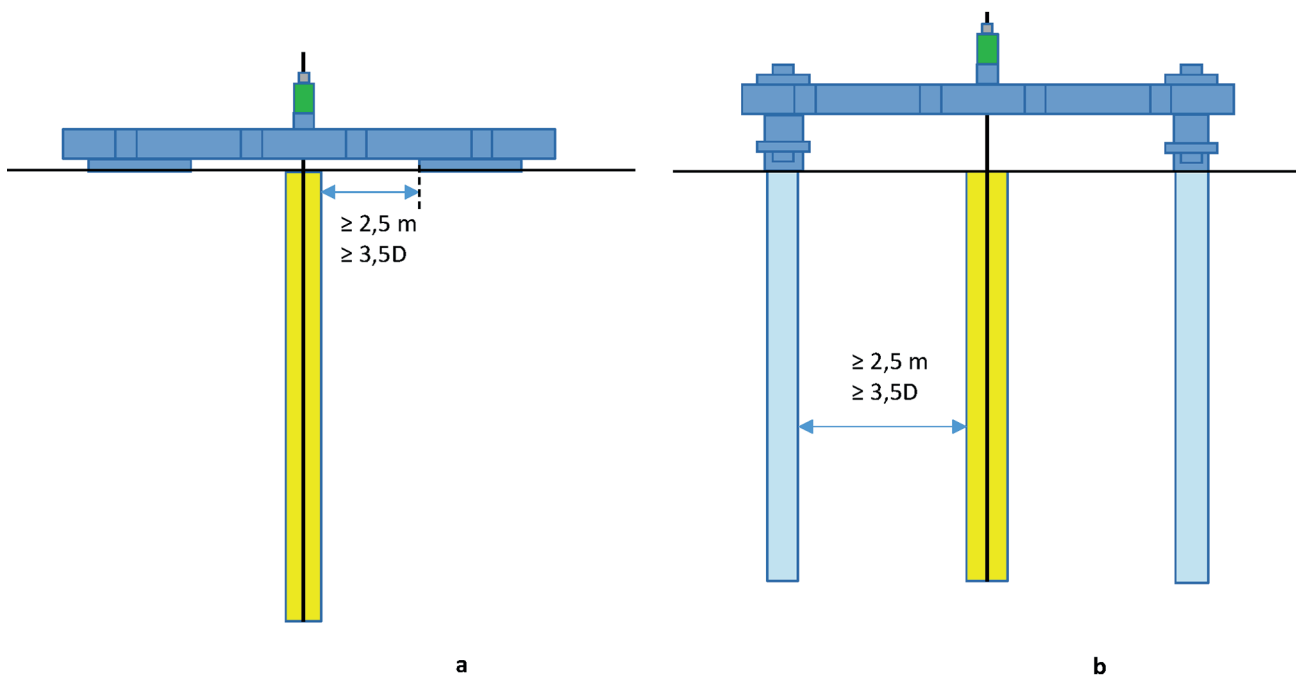
NOTE The reaction device can be the test pile itself where the load is applied at depth by one or more hydraulic jacks which are cast into the pile for bi-directional pile loading (see ISO 22477-1).

The influence of the reaction system on the test pile shall be minimized.

The minimum clear distances between the test pile and the reaction system elements depend on the aim of the test (tensile resistance or stiffness).

For tests aiming at determining tensile resistance, minimum required distances are shown in [Figures 1a](#) and [1b](#). The maximum value shall be applied.

NOTE Due to the presence of the reaction system, the tensile resistance can be overestimated. The provided minimum distances limit the overestimation to approximately 5 %.



**Figure 1 — Minimum clear distances between test pile and reaction system**

For assessment of the stiffness, the influence of reaction system is higher. If stiffness shall be assessed, a minimum  $10 D$  clear distance should be implemented. This clear distance value may be reduced if a dedicated assessment is performed, taking into account the ground conditions. In any case, the clear distance shall not be lower than the values given in [Figures 1a](#) and [1b](#).

NOTE This assessment can include a modification of the reaction system to reduce its influence on the tested pile. For example, reduction of the skin friction of the reaction piles or the use of embedded jack(s) can be considered.

For static pile load tests on micropiles, these distances may be reduced. However, the minimum clear distance shall be 1,5 m.

The reaction system shall be designed to resist the maximum test load  $F_p$  in accordance with the relevant European standards. The displacements of the reaction system shall be limited to ensure that the load is applied axially for the duration of the test.

Working piles may be used as reaction piles, provided that their structural resistance is sufficient and there is no detrimental effect on their ability to perform as part of the structure. The displacement of the working piles shall be monitored during the test.

Reaction systems should be arranged symmetrically around the test pile. In cases of non-symmetrical reaction systems measures shall be taken to avoid detrimental rotation and/or translation of the reaction system.

## 4.3 Force Input

### 4.3.1 General

One or more hydraulic jacks should be used to apply the load on the test pile.

If several hydraulic jacks are used to apply the test load, they shall be arranged symmetrically, of the same model and be supplied by a common supply from one hydraulic unit. Each hydraulic jack shall be provided with a shut-off valve and an additional pressure gauge.

### 4.3.2 Specifications of force input

The achievable force of the jack(s) shall exceed  $F_p$ . The stroke of the jack(s) shall exceed the expected deformations (pile head displacement and those of the reaction system under load).

It shall be possible to decrease or increase the load smoothly without any shocks or vibrations and to maintain the load at any required value.

To satisfy the required accuracies, an automatic and continuous electric or hydraulic control and regulation of the jack force may be used. Alternatively, a hand pump with accurate measurement of pressure or load and permanent regulation may be considered.

The accuracy of the force regulator shall be better than 0,5 % of  $F_p$  or 10 kN, whichever is greater.

### 4.4 Measurement of pile head displacements

The displacements of the pile head shall be measured either by dial gauges or transducers, supported from reference beams.

Reference beams should be supported independently from the test pile.

The clear distance between the supporting ends of the reference beams and the test pile and reaction piles or the nearest edge of the shallow foundations should be at least 2,5 m or  $2,5D$ , whichever is greater.

One end of each reference beam should be free to slide.

The position of the reference beams shall be checked by a secondary control measuring system, such as levelling methods or other measurement methods. The position of the pile head should be also checked by this secondary control system.

The axial pile head displacement shall be measured at least with three transducers or gauges. They shall be arranged symmetrically and parallel to the axis of the pile. The friction between the pile head and the sensors should be minimized by using suitable devices such as glass plates fixed beneath the sensors.

NOTE If the pile diameter is too small, the installation of a plate enables the use of three transducers.

If the load is applied through a single jack and a single bar (or tube), the axial pile head displacement may be measured with one displacement transducer or dial gauge.

The overall accuracy of the measured pile head displacement shall be better than 0,1 mm or 0,2 % of the measured value, whichever is greater. Therefore, dial gauges or transducers shall enable readings to be made to a resolution of at least 0,01 mm and any optical system of 0,1 mm.

The dial gauges or transducers should also have a sufficient measuring range, in order to avoid readjustment during testing.

Unless otherwise agreed, the secondary control measuring system shall enable readings to an accuracy of at least 0,1 mm.

Any optical levelling measurements shall be controlled by reference to one or more fixed reference points.

For raking piles, either pile head transversal displacement or overall displacement of the reaction system shall be measured.

Relevant corner points of the reaction system should be included in the levelling checks.