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Introduction

The dry bulk density is used together with the particle density (see ISO 11508) for the calculation of the solids content and porosity of soil for the evaluation of soil structure and conversion of concentrations of substances in soil from mass/volume to mass/mass and vice versa.

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Soil quality — Determination of dry bulk density

1 Scope

This document specifies three methods for the determination of dry bulk density of soils calculated from the mass and the volume of a soil sample. The methods involve drying and weighing a soil sample, the volume of which is either known [core method (see 4.1)] or determined [excavation method (see 4.2) and clod method (see 4.4)].

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.

ASTM D1556, *Standard test method for density and unit weight of soil in place by sand-cone method*

ASTM D2167, *Standard test method for density and unit weight of soil in place by the rubber balloon method*

ASTM D4914, *Standard test methods for density of soil and rock in place by the sand replacement method in a test pit*

ASTM D5030, *Standard test methods for density of soil and rock in place by the water replacement method in a test pit*

DIN 18125-2, *Soil investigation and testing — Determination of density of soil — Part 2: Field tests*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
dry bulk density
ratio of the oven-dry mass of the solids to the volume of the soil

Note 1 to entry: The bulk volume includes the volume of the solids and of the pore space.

Note 2 to entry: The preferred SI unit of measurement is kilograms per cubic metre ($kg \cdot m^{-3}$), but grams per cubic centimetre ($g \cdot cm^{-3}$) is also very common. Note that $x\ g \cdot cm^{-3} = 1\ 000\ x\ kg \cdot m^{-3}$.

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