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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 22476-1:2012), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 22476-1:2012/Cor 1:2013.

The main changes are as follows:

- dimensional tolerances of cone penetrometer have been updated;
- application class scheme has been replaced by cone penetrometer class and test category classification scheme;
- introduction of temperature influence on measurements monitoring and requirements of internal temperature sensor for cone penetrometer class 0;
- requirements for the calibration of cone penetrometers have been added;
- minor updates to figures and text have been made.

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Introduction

This document establishes general principles equipment requirements, the execution of and reporting on cone and piezocone penetration tests.

The cone penetration test (CPT) consists of pushing a cone penetrometer using a series of pushrods into the soil at a constant rate of penetration. During penetration, measurements of cone resistance and sleeve friction are recorded. The piezocone penetration test (CPTU) also includes the measurement of pore pressures around the cone. Two International Standards define cone penetration tests: this document defines CPT and CPTU practice using electronic transducers; ISO 22476-12 defines CPT practice using mechanical measuring systems.

“Cone resistance” is the term used in practice and also in this document, although “cone penetration resistance” is a more correct description of the process.

The test results of this document are especially suited for the qualitative and/or quantitative determination of a soil profile together with other investigations (e.g. sampling according to ISO 22475-1 and identification ISO 14688-1) or as a relative comparison with in situ tests.

The results from a cone penetration test are typically used to evaluate:

- stratification;
- soil behaviour type;
- geotechnical parameters such as:
 - soil density;
 - shear strength parameters;
 - deformation and consolidation characteristics;
 - hydraulic conductivity and ground water pressure.

The results from a cone penetration test may also be used directly in geotechnical design calculations.

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Part 1:

Electrical cone and piezocone penetration test

1 Scope

This document establishes equipment, procedural and reporting requirements and recommendations on cone and piezocone penetration tests.

NOTE This document fulfils the requirements for cone and piezocone penetration tests as part of geotechnical investigation and testing according to the EN 1997 series.

This document specifies the following features:

- a) type of cone penetration test;
- b) cone penetrometer class according to [Table 2](#);
- c) test categories according to [Table 3](#);
- d) penetration length or penetration depth;
- e) elevation of the ground surface or the underwater ground surface at the location of the cone penetration test with reference to a datum;
- f) location of the cone penetration test relative to a reproducible fixed location reference point;
- g) pore pressure dissipation tests.

This document covers onshore and nearshore cone penetration test (CPT). For requirements for offshore CPT, see ISO 19901-8.

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/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

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

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