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construction de tunnels et des structures souterraines
associées

Geosynthetische Dichtungsbahnen - Eigenschaften, die
für die Anwendung beim Bau von Tunneln und damit
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European foreword

This document (EN 13491:2018) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 189 “Geosynthetics”, the secretariat of which is held by NBN.

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The main changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below:

- The list of normative references has been updated;
- In 3.1 three terms have been added;
- In 3.2 list of abbreviations has been updated;
- In 4.3, Table 1, has been modified to comply with the modified mandate M/386 (inclusion of elongation in separation and filtration functions) and has been technically revised, all H-coded characteristics have been replaced by “A”;
- Figures and keys have been revised;
- Clause 5 “Evaluation of conformity” has been superseded by new Clause 5 “Assessment and verification of constancy of performance (AVCP)”;
- Annex A “Factory production control – Factory production control scheme” has been deleted;
- Former Annex B “Durability” becomes Annex A, which has been totally revised;
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Introduction

This document allows manufacturers to describe geosynthetic barriers on the basis of declared values for characteristics relevant to the intended use and if tested to the specified method. It also includes procedures for assessment and verification of constancy of performance (AVCP) including the factory production control.

This document can also be used by designers, end-users and other interested parties as a tool to define relevant and appropriate characteristics for specifications.

Tests for some non-mandated characteristics are still under study and will be included when the standard is revised.

The term “product” used in this document refers to a geosynthetic barrier, including polymeric geosynthetic barriers, clay geosynthetic barriers and bituminous geosynthetic barriers.

This document is part of a group of standards, addressing the requirements for geosynthetic barriers when used in a specific application.

Particular application cases can contain requirements about additional properties and – preferably standardized – test methods, if they are technically relevant and not conflicting with European Standards.

The design life of the product should be determined, since its function can be temporary, as construction expediency, or permanent, for the lifetime of the structure.

1 Scope

This document specifies the characteristics of geosynthetic barriers, including polymeric geosynthetic barriers, clay geosynthetic barriers and bituminous geosynthetic barriers, when used as fluid barriers and separation layer in the construction of tunnels and associated underground structures, and the appropriate test methods to determine these characteristics.

The intended use of these products is to control the leakage of fluid through the construction.

This document is not applicable to geotextiles or geotextile-related products as defined in EN ISO 10318-1.

This document provides for the assessment and verification of constancy of performance (AVCP) of the product to this European Standard including factory production control procedures.

This document defines characteristics to be considered with regard to the presentation of performance.

This document does not cover applications where the geosynthetic barrier is to be in contact with water that has been treated for human consumption.

NOTE Where potable water is or can be in direct contact with the product, other relevant standards, requirements and/or regulations can be considered for the design.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1109:2013, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Bitumen sheets for roof waterproofing - Determination of flexibility at low temperature*

EN 1296:2000, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Bitumen, plastic and rubber sheets for roofing - Method of artificial ageing by long term exposure to elevated temperature*

EN 1844:2013, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Determination of resistance to ozone - Plastic and rubber sheets for roof waterproofing*

EN 1849-1:1999, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Determination of thickness and mass per unit area - Part 1: Bitumen sheets for roof waterproofing*

EN 1849-2:2009, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Determination of thickness and mass per unit area - Part 2: Plastic and rubber sheets*

EN 12224:2000, *Geotextiles and geotextile-related products - Determination of the resistance to weathering*

EN 12225:2000, *Geotextiles and geotextile-related products - Method for determining the microbiological resistance by a soil burial test*

EN 12226:2012, *Geosynthetics - General tests for evaluation following durability testing*

EN 12310-1:1999, *Flexible sheets for waterproofing - Part 1: Bitumen sheets for waterproofing - Determination of resistance to tearing (nail shank)*

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