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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This document covers areas in the international field of geotechnical engineering never previously standardized. It is intended that this document presents broad good practice throughout the world and significant differences with national documents are not anticipated. It is based on international practice (see Reference [4]).





# Geotechnical investigation and testing – Laboratory testing of soil —

## Part 7: Unconfined compression test (ISO 17892-7:2017)

### 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the unconfined compression test.

This document is applicable to the determination of the unconfined compressive strength for a homogeneous specimen of undisturbed, re-compacted, remoulded or reconstituted soil under compression loading within the scope of geotechnical investigations.

This test method is useful to estimate the undrained shear strength of soil. It is noted that drainage is not prevented during this test. The estimated value for undrained shear strength is, therefore, only valid for soils of low permeability, which behave sufficiently undrained during the test.

**NOTE** This document fulfils the requirements of unconfined compression tests for geotechnical investigation and testing in accordance with EN 1997-1 and EN 1997-2.

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

ISO 17892-1, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Laboratory testing of soil — Part 1: Determination of water content*

ISO 17892-2, *Geotechnical investigation and testing — Laboratory testing of soil — Part 2: Determination of bulk density*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

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

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

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

#### 3.1

##### **unconfined compressive strength**

vertical stress at *failure* (3.3) in the test

#### 3.2

##### **undrained shear strength**

shear strength in the unconfined compression test equal to one-half of the *unconfined compressive strength* (3.1)