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Foreword

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1 Scope

This British Standard gives recommendations and guidance for the choice and specification of geotextiles for the functions of separation and filtration in contact with natural soils and fills. This British Standard provides information for various applications and service lives.

This British Standard is not applicable to geocomposite geosynthetic products which incorporate a geotextile component covered by this standard.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions of this document.¹ For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS EN ISO 9862, *Geosynthetics — Sampling and preparation of test specimens*

BS EN ISO 10318-1, *Geosynthetics — Part 1: Terms and definitions*

BS EN ISO 10318-2, *Geosynthetics — Part 2: Symbols and pictograms*

BS EN ISO 10319, *Geosynthetics — Wide-width tensile test*

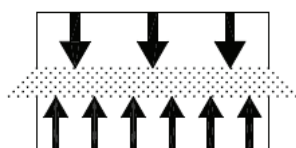
BS EN ISO 12236, *Geosynthetics — Static puncture test (CBR test)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document the terms and definitions in BS EN ISO 10318-1 and BS EN ISO 10318-2 and the following apply.

3.1 separation

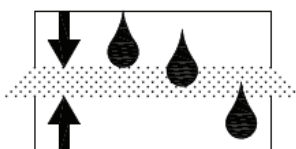
prevention from intermixing of adjacent dissimilar soils and/or fill materials by the use of a geosynthetic material



[SOURCE: BS EN ISO 10318-1:2015+A1:2018, 2.1.5, pictogram from BS EN ISO 10318-2:2015, 2.2.2]

3.2 filtration

restraining of uncontrolled passage of soil or other particles subjected to hydrodynamic forces, while allowing the passage of fluids into or across a geosynthetic material



[SOURCE: BS EN ISO 10318-1:2015+A1:2018, 2.1.2, pictogram from BS EN ISO 10318-2:2015, 2.2.2]

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