

Particle Size Distribution (Pipette Sedimentation)

Location	Job ref.	
	Borehole/Pit no.	
Soil description	Sample No.	
	Depth	m
Test method	BS1377: Part 2: 1990: 9.7	Date

Method of preparation

CALIBRATION

Pipette No.		
Volume of pipette V _p		mL

SAMPLE DATA

Dry mass of soil		g
Particle density measured/assumed *		Mg/m ³

Viscosity of water.....C *		mPa.s
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$D = 0.005531 * \sqrt{\frac{n * Hr}{(ps-1)t}}$		mm*
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PRETREATMENT*

Pretreated with		
Initial dry mass of sample	m _o	g
Dry mass after pretreatment	m	g
Pretreatment loss	m _o -m	g
		%

$K = \frac{(W1 \text{ etc} - W_r) * 100}{m}$
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At 25deg C, D = 0.05221*sqrt((ps-1)t)

TEST DATA

Pipette sample ref.								Dispersant only
Date								
Time								
Elapsed Time	min							
Temperature	degC							
Bottle No.								
Mass of bottle + solids	g							
Mass of bottle	g							
Mass of solids in V _p	m _l etc.	g						mr
Mass of solids in 500 mL	W ₁ etc.	g						W _r
Mass of soil in 500 mL	W ₁ etc.,-v	g						
Particle diameter	mm							
Percentage finer than D	%							

*Delete as appropriate

	Operator	Checked	Approved