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## SOILS — DETERMINATION OF IN-PLACE DENSITY OF SOIL USING AN ELASTIC MEMBRANE — WASHINGTON TYPE APPARATUS

### 1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This standard specifies the test method used to determine the in-place density of soil using a plastic rubber elastic membrane (Washington type apparatus). However, this test cannot be used on soil which deforms under slight pressure or when the volume of the hole cannot be kept constant. The test is limited to soils containing particles no greater than 80 mm in diameter.

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