

# Australian Standard™

## Methods of testing soils for engineering purposes

### Method 5.2.1: Soil compaction and density tests—Determination of the dry density/moisture content relation of a soil using modified compactive effort

AS 1289.5.2.1

#### 1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out a method for the determination of the relationship between the moisture content and the dry density of a soil, when compacted, using modified compactive effort (2703 kJ/m<sup>3</sup>). Compaction is conducted over a range of moisture content to establish the maximum mass of dry soil per unit volume achievable for this compactive effort, and its corresponding moisture content. The procedure is applicable to that portion of a soil that passes the 37.5 mm sieve. Soil that passes the 19.0 mm sieve is compacted in a 105 mm diameter mould. Soil that contains more than 20% of material retained on the 19.0 mm sieve is compacted in a 152 mm diameter mould.

NOTE: Corrections for oversize material are not made in this method but may be made using AS 1289.5.4.1 when required for compaction control.

#### 2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

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| 1152       | Specifications for test sieves  |
| 1289       | Methods of testing soils for engineering purposes   |
| 1289.0     | Method 0: General requirements and list of methods  |
| 1289.1.1   | Method 1.1: Sampling and preparation of soils—Preparation of disturbed soil samples for testing.  |
| 1289.2.1.1 | Method 2.1.1: Soil moisture content tests—Determination of the moisture content of a soil—Oven drying method (standard method)                                  |
| 1289.2.1.2 | Method 2.1.2: Soil moisture content tests—Determination of the moisture content of a soil—Sand bath method (subsidiary method)                                  |
| 1289.2.1.4 | Method 2.1.4: Soil moisture content tests—Determination of moisture content of a soil—Microwave-oven drying method (subsidiary method)                          |
| 1289.2.1.5 | Method 2.1.5: Soil moisture content tests—Determination of the moisture content of a soil—Infrared lights method (subsidiary method)                            |
| 1289.2.1.6 | Method 2.1.6: Soil moisture content tests—Determination of the moisture content of a soil—Hotplate drying method (subsidiary method)                            |
| 1289.2.3.1 | Method 2.3.1: Soil moisture content tests—Establishment of correlation—Subsidiary method and the standard method  |
| 1289.3.5.1 | Method 3.5.1: Soil classification tests—Determination of the soil particle density of a soil (standard method)  |
| 1289.5.4.1 | Method 5.4.1: Soil compaction and density tests—Compaction control test—Dry density ratio, moisture variation and moisture ratio                                |
| 1289.6.1.1 | Method 6.1.1: Soil strength and consolidation tests—Determination of the California bearing ratio of a soil—Standard laboratory method for a remoulded specimen |