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0 Introduction

BS EN 1997-1 sets out principles and requirements for the geotechnical design of structures, but in many cases it does not identify specific requirements for particular structure types. This document provides non-contradictory complementary information relating to the design of structures subject to traffic loading to accompany BS EN 1997-1.

1 Scope

This document covers some geotechnical aspects of bridges and other structures subject to traffic loading designed to BS EN 1997-1 and other relevant Eurocodes. The document includes information relating to the design of:

- spread foundations;
- piled foundations;
- gravity retaining walls;
- embedded retaining walls;
- integral bridges; and
- buried concrete structures.

It does not cover the design of reinforced soils.

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. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS EN 1990:2002+A1:2005, *Eurocode – Basis of structural design*¹⁾

[BS EN 1991](#), *Eurocode 1 – Actions on structures*

BS EN 1991-1-5, *Eurocode 1 – Actions on structures – Part 1-5: General actions – Thermal actions*

BS EN 1991-2:2003, *Eurocode 1 – Actions on structures – Part 2: Traffic loads on bridges*

BS EN 1992-2, *Eurocode 2 – Design of concrete structures – Part 2: Concrete bridges – Design and detailing rules*

BS EN 1997-1:2004+A1:2013, *Eurocode 7 – Geotechnical design – Part 1: General rules*

NA to BS EN 1990:2002+A1:2005, *UK National Annex for Eurocode – Basis of structural design*

NA to BS EN 1991-1-5, *UK National Annex to Eurocode 1 – Actions on structures – Part 1-5: General actions – Thermal actions*

NA to BS EN 1991-2:2003, *UK National Annex to Eurocode 1 – Actions on structures – Part 2: Traffic loads on bridges*

NA+A1:2014 to BS EN 1997-1+A1:2013, *UK National Annex to Eurocode 7 – Geotechnical design – Part 1: General rule*

¹⁾ Informative references are made to the dated version.