



**RUGGED & ACCURATE
ROD FRICTION MEASUREMENT
COMPLETE TEST RECORD ON PAPER DISC**

The M-1000 is a vane borer used to determine in-situ undrained shear strength of clay.

Description

The **M-1000** vane borer is a precision field instrument which consists of a torque recording head, boring rods, a specially designed vane, and a slip coupling

The system is supported by a torque head casing adaptor.

The torque head is both a loading and recording instrument. It contains a crank-operated loading device by which the rods can be rotated at two different speeds. A complete, accurate and permanent test record is scribed by a sharp steel pointer on a waxed paper disc. The torque is recorded radially, and the angular rotation tangentially. A transparent cover protects the recording chart. A sample recording is illustrated on the overleaf.

Key Features

- Measures and records: vane resistance, rod friction and angular rotation
- Designed to operate without protective casing or within a cased borehole

Applications

- Measurement of undrained shear strength of clay

Specifications

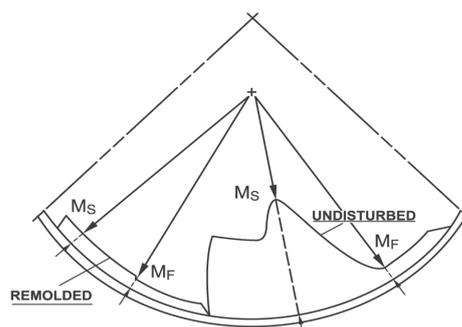
DESCRIPTION	DIMENSIONS	WEIGHT	CAPACITY	SENSITIVITY
Torque recorder	38 × 38 × 25 cm	25 kg	1150 kg-cm (1000 in.-lb)	—
Vane	5 × 11 cm	0.3 kg	2.2 kg/cm ²	0.60 (kg/cm ² / radial in. of recording paper)
	6.5 × 13 cm	0.5 kg	1.1 kg/cm ²	0.30 (kg/cm ² / radial in. of recording paper)
	8 × 17.2 cm	0.8 kg	0.6 kg/cm ²	0.15 (kg/cm ² / radial in. of recording paper)
Boring rod (20.6 mm dia.)	1 m	2 kg	—	—

Vane and slip coupling

The vanes are made of high ultimate strength (1 700 000 kPa) tempered, chrome-nickel steel. A special slip coupling allows for using only one set of rods. The very low friction bearing in this sealed coupling permits a free slip, or “play”, of approximately 15° between the rods and the vane. During the test, the rod rotates first until the play has disappeared, after which the rod and vane rotate together. On the test record shown at right, M_f is the torque required to turn the rods only. The maximum torque required to turn both the rods and the vane is M_s . The difference ($M_s - M_f$) determines the soil's shear strength. Note that the reduction in shear strength after failure is easily determined by a remolded strength test at the same test depth.



Vanes with slip coupling



Sample recording of vane borer curve

Ordering Information

- Please specify
- Size of recording head casing adaptors (available in B, N and H size casing)

Optional Accessories

- Auger extension rods (set of 4)
- Calibration frame
- Registration paper