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0. FOREWORD

0.1 This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 5 June 1979, after the draft finalized by the Soil Engineering and Rock Mechanics Sectional Committee had been approved by the Civil Engineering Division Council.

0.2 A series of Indian Standards on methods of test for soils has already been published by ISI. It has been recognized that reliable and inter comparable test results can be obtained only with standard testing equipment capable of giving the desired level of accuracy. The Sectional Committee has, therefore, decided to bring out a series of standards covering the requirements of equipment used for testing soils, to encourage its development and manufacture in the country.

0.3 The equipment covered in this standard is used for the determination of water content dry density relation of soil covered in IS : 2720 (Part 7)-1980* and IS : 2720 (Part 8)-1983†.

0.4 This edition 1.1 incorporates Amendment No. 1 (November 1987). Side bar indicates modification of the text as the result of incorporation of the amendment.

0.5 For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS : 2-1960‡. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard covers the requirements of compaction rammer both for light and heavy compaction used for the determination of the water content dry density relation of soils.

*Methods of test for soils: Part 7 Determination of water content — dry density relation using light compaction (*second revision*).

†Methods of test for soils: Part 8 Determination of water content — dry density relation using heavy compaction (*second revision*).

‡Rules for rounding off numerical values (*revised*).

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2. MATERIALS

2.1 The materials of construction of the different component parts of the compaction rammer both light and heavy shall be as given in Table 1.

TABLE 1 MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION OF DIFFERENT COMPONENT PARTS OF COMPACTION RAMMER (LIGHT AND HEAVY)

PART	MATERIAL	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS IF ANY	REF TO INDIAN STANDARD
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Rammer foot	Mild steel or Brass	Smooth finish and chrome plated	IS : 226-1975* and IS : 4170-1967†
Shaft	Mild steel	—	IS : 226-1975*
Handle knob	Mild steel	—	IS : 226-1975*
Guide pipe	Mild steel drawn pipe	—	IS : 1239 (Part 1)-1979‡
Washer	Gasket rubber vulcanized	—	Vulcanized Rubber IS : 5382-1969§

*Specification for structural steel standard quality (*first revision*).

†Specification for brass rods for general engineering purposes.

‡Specification for mild steel tubes for tubulars and other wrought fittings: Part 1 Mild steel tubes (*fourth revision*).

§Specification for rubber sealing rings for gas mains, water mains and sewers.

3. DIMENSIONS

3.1 Dimensions with tolerances of different component parts of compaction rammer shall be as detailed in Fig. 1 to Fig. 4. Except where tolerances are specifically mentioned against the dimensions, all dimensions shall be taken as nominal dimensions and tolerances as given in IS : 2102 (Part 1)-1980* shall apply.

4. COMPACTION RAMMER, LIGHT

4.1 The light compaction rammer shall be as shown in Fig. 1 to 3. The mass of the moving parts of the rammer shall be $2.6 \text{ kg} \pm 25 \text{ gm}$. The length of guide pipe shall be such so as to give a fall of $310 \pm 0.5 \text{ mm}$. The free end of the rammer foot shall be square with the sides and shall be finished smooth. Provision shall also be made to secure this to the shaft with a pin to prevent it from unscrewing while on use. It shall be chrome plated. It shall be provided with air vents at both ends as shown in Fig. 3 and a suitable guide for the shaft of the rammer shall be screwed on to the pipe at the top end. The washer shall be as shown in Fig. 2. It shall be of minimum 1.5 mm thick.

*General tolerances for dimensions and form and position: Part 1 General tolerances for linear and angular dimensions (*second revision*).

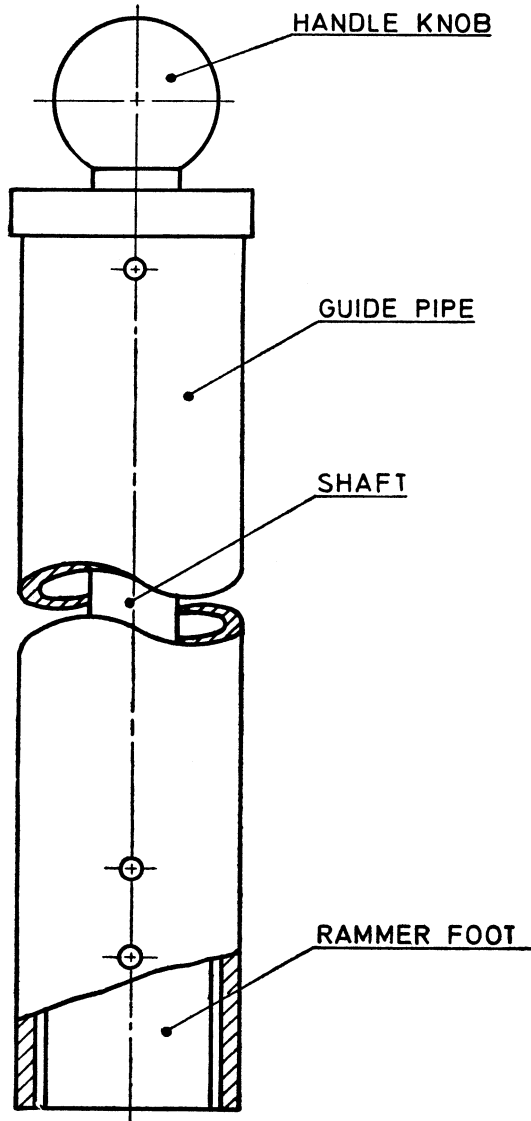
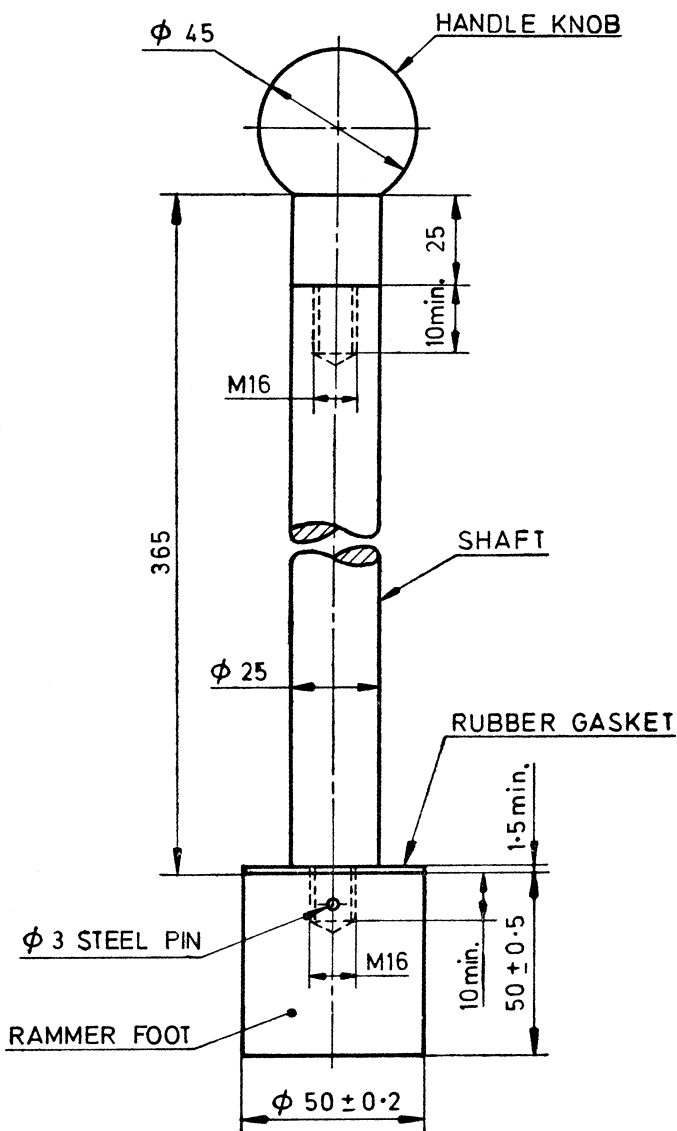
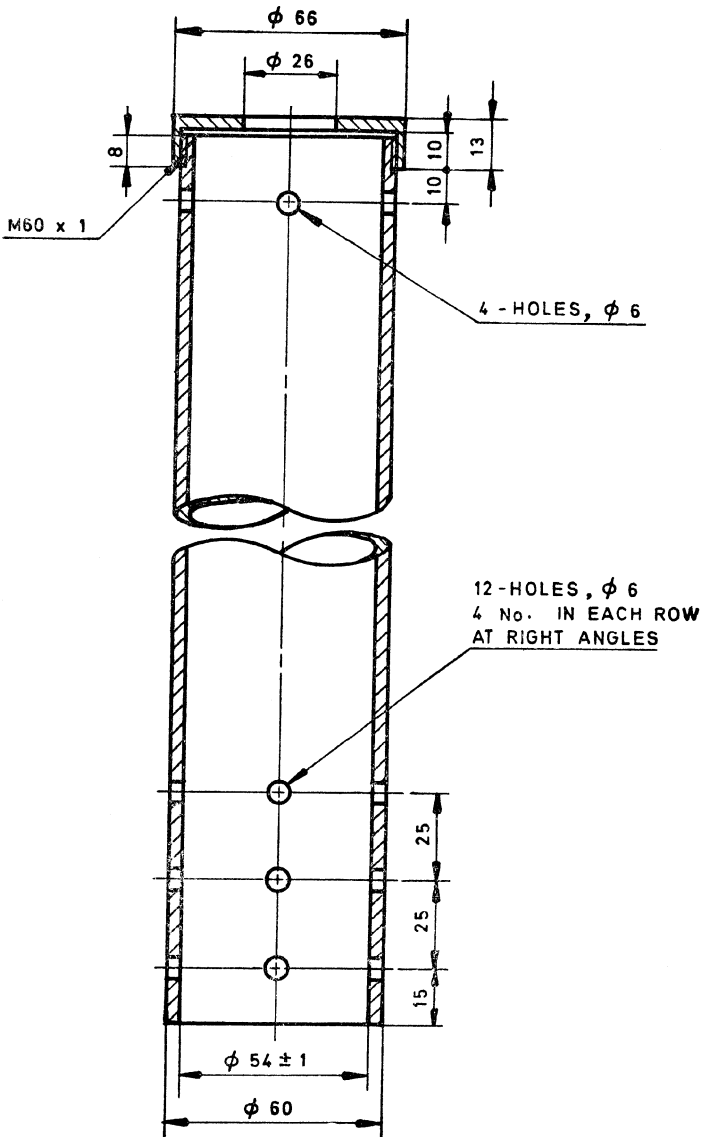


FIG. 1 ASSEMBLY OF COMPACTION RAMMER



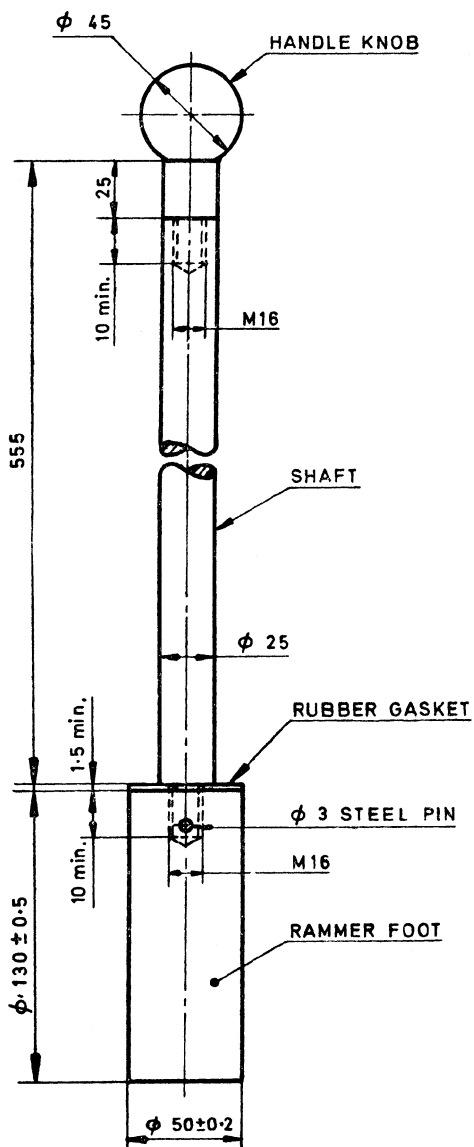
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FIG. 2 DETAILS OF LIGHT RAMMER FOOT, SHAFT AND KNOB



All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 3 DETAILS OF GUIDE PIPE



All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 4 DETAILS OF HEAVY RAMMER FOOT, SHAFT AND KNOB

5. COMPACTION RAMMER, HEAVY

5.1 The heavy compaction rammer shall be as shown in Fig. 1, Fig. 2 and Fig. 4. The mass of the moving parts of the rammer shall be $4.9 \text{ kg} \pm 50 \text{ gm}$. The length of the guide pipe shall be such so as to give a fall of $450 \pm 0.5 \text{ mm}$. The free end of the rammer foot shall be square with the sides and shall be finished smooth. Provision shall also be made to square it to the shaft with a pin to prevent it from unscrewing while on use. It shall be chrome plated. The washer shall be as shown in Fig. 4. It shall be of minimum 1.5 mm thick.

6. MARKING

6.1 The following information shall be clearly and indelibly marked on each component of the apparatus in such a way that it does not interfere with the performance of the apparatus:

- a) Name of manufacturer or his registered trade-mark or both,
- b) Date of manufacture,
- c) Whether the rammer foot is of mild steel or brass, and
- d) Type of rammer.

6.1.1 The equipment may also be marked with the ISI Certification Mark.

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