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**Heavy commercial vehicles and  
buses — Vehicle dynamics simulation  
and validation — Lateral dynamic  
stability of vehicle combinations**

*Véhicules utilitaires lourds et autobus — Dynamique du véhicule  
simulation et validation — Stabilité latérale des véhicules articulés*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The main purpose of this document is to provide repeatable and discriminatory test results.

The dynamic behaviour of a road vehicle is a most important aspect of active vehicle safety. Any given vehicle, together with its driver and the prevailing environment constitutes a closed-loop system which is unique. The task of evaluating the dynamic behaviour is therefore very complicated, since the significant interaction of these driver-vehicle-road elements are each complex in themselves. A complete and accurate description of the behaviour of the road vehicle will inevitably involve information obtained from a number of different tests.

Since this test method quantifies only one small part of the complete handling characteristics, the results of this test can only be considered significant for a correspondingly small part of the overall dynamic behaviour.

Moreover, insufficient knowledge is available to correlate overall vehicle dynamic properties with accident prevention. A substantial amount of work is necessary to acquire sufficient and reliable data on the correlation between accident prevention and vehicle dynamic properties in general and the results of this test in particular. Consequently, proven correlation between test results and accident statistics is used for any application of this test method for regulation purposes.

Test conditions and tyres have a strong influence on test results. Therefore, only results obtained under comparable test and tyre conditions are comparable.



# Heavy commercial vehicles and buses — Vehicle dynamics simulation and validation — Lateral dynamic stability of vehicle combinations

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for comparing simulation results from a vehicle model to measured test data for an existing vehicle combination's lateral stability according to driving tests as specified in ISO 14791. The comparison is made for the purpose of validating the simulation model for this type of test. A complete validation comprises the comparison for at least one tested vehicle and one variant of this vehicle, covered by a parameter variation in the vehicle model.

The document applies to heavy vehicles, including commercial vehicles, commercial vehicle combinations, buses and articulated buses as defined in ISO 3833 (trucks and trailers with maximum weight above 3,5 tonnes and buses and articulated buses with maximum weight above 5 tonnes, according to ECE and EC vehicle classification, categories M3, N2, N3, O3 and O4).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 14791:2000, *Road vehicles — Heavy commercial vehicle combinations and articulated buses — Lateral stability test methods*

ISO 8855, *Road vehicles — Vehicle dynamics and road-holding ability — Vocabulary*

ISO 15037-2:2002, *Road vehicles — Vehicle dynamics test methods — Part 2: General conditions for heavy vehicles and buses*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8855, ISO 15037-2 and the following apply.

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### 3.1 simulation

calculation of motion variables of a vehicle from equations in a mathematical model of the vehicle system

### 3.2 basic vehicle parameters

parameters not subject to model fitting, which are directly and accurately measurable on the test vehicle

EXAMPLE      Masses and dimensions.