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European foreword

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CEN/TS 15518-4:2023 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to CEN/TS 15518-4:2013:

- revised general specifications;
- revised or added test specifications for embedded sensors:
 - pavement temperature;
 - road body temperature;
 - road surface condition;
 - water film thickness;
 - freezing temperature;
 - amount of de-icing agent;
- added test specifications for remote sensors:
 - surface temperature;
 - water film thickness and surface condition;
 - frost detection;
 - ice film thickness and road condition;
- revised test specifications for atmospheric sensors:
 - air temperature;
 - relative humidity;
 - dew point temperature;
 - wind speed;
 - wind direction;
 - precipitation intensity;
 - visibility;

- deleted test specifications for atmospheric sensors:
 - snow depth.

EN 15518, *Winter maintenance equipment — Road weather information systems*, is currently composed of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Global definitions and components;*
- *Part 2: Road weather — Recommended observation and forecast;*
- *Part 3: Requirements on measured values of stationary equipment;*
- *Part 4 (CEN/TS): Test methods for stationary equipment.*

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Introduction

Road Weather Information Systems (RWIS) are complex structures used for road maintenance decision support, which feature as a rule the following components: meteorological sensors and instruments, transmission technology, computer systems for processing, representation and storing of information, road weather forecasts, alarms, in relation to traffic control and traffic information systems and more.

This European specification lays down the test procedures to verify the requirements on stationary equipment specified in EN 15518-3.

The aim is to allow for objective and reproducible measurement analysis and evaluation.

1 Scope

This document specifies the test methods, the experimental set-up and result analysis for the laboratory qualification of stationary equipment within a RWIS.

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.

EN 15518-3, *Winter maintenance equipment — Road weather information systems — Part 3: Requirements on measured values of stationary equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 15518-3 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 System and test setup definition

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 General

The tests described hereafter apply to either a complete system (which can influence the measured value) consisting of sensor, processing electronics and associated terminal program software necessary to acquire, display and store the measurements in a digital form, or some specific parts of the whole system when the inputs can be simulated, as specified by the manufacturer. Figure 1 below is an illustration of the possible functional components of a system.

The manufacturer shall specify and supervise the material set-up for the test set-up.

The manufacturer shall not change the test set-up during the tests. The data shall be readable during the whole test. The whole tests shall stop in case the manufacturer changes the test set-up.

If a single sensor provides measurements subject to more than one test procedure, it shall always be tested against all these procedures within the same test campaign and by the same laboratory. This is also valid for tests after technical changes to a sensor.