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routiers

Evakuierungsbeleuchtung in Straßentunneln

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Foreword

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Introduction

The Directive 2004/54/EC of the European Parliament of 29 April 2004 aims at ensuring a minimum level of safety for road users in tunnels in the Trans-European Network by the prevention of critical events that may endanger human life. With regard to lighting, there are two main cases: normal lighting and safety lighting.

Normal lighting is provided to ensure appropriate visibility during the day and night for drivers in the entrance zone as well as in the interior zone.

Safety lighting is divided into two parts: standby lighting and evacuation lighting.

Standby lighting is provided to ensure a minimum visibility for tunnel users to evacuate the tunnel in their vehicles in the event of a breakdown of the power supply.

Evacuation lighting is provided to guide tunnel users during evacuation of the tunnel on foot in emergency circumstances such as fire. Evacuation lighting includes evacuation route marker lights, emergency exit lighting, emergency exit marker lights and evacuation route lighting.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies evacuation lighting in road tunnels longer than 500 m and with an AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic) higher than 500 vehicles to facilitate the safe evacuation of vehicle occupants in evacuation situations such as fire. It addresses the fundamental issues of evacuation lighting for evacuation routes, emergency exits and cross connections, as well as giving some practical advice regarding aspects of installation and maintenance in road tunnels. It is intended to be used in conjunction with CEN/CR 14380:2003 or relevant national standards for road tunnel lighting.

The recommendations may be applied to tunnels up to 500 m in length, especially where conditions such as high traffic volume, or severe curvature or gradient apply.

It specifies lighting levels and general provisions for evacuation lighting installations that, based on experience, are considered to be necessary for the safety of people driving through road tunnels in case of an incident and particularly in case of fire. However, as there are different types of road tunnels, both in construction and traffic conditions, various types of incident may occur. This standard should be considered as a list of minimum prescriptions for evacuation lighting in tunnels, to be completed by means of specific risk analysis for the particular tunnel.

The design of marking and safety signs is not part of this standard.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1838:1999, *Lighting applications — Emergency lighting*

EN 12665:2011, *Light and lighting — Basic terms and criteria for specifying lighting requirements*

EN 50172:2004, *Emergency escape lighting systems*

CEN/CR 14380:2003, *Lighting applications — Tunnel Lighting*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 12665:2011, EN 1838:1999 and the following apply.

3.1 Tunnel construction aspects

3.1.1

main tunnel

part of a tunnel which contains the carriageway

3.1.2

carriageway

part of the road used by vehicular traffic, normally divided into lanes

3.1.3

vehicular cross connections (between tunnel tubes)

vehicular carriageway connecting adjacent tubes