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## European foreword

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- the document template has been updated;
- the document has been revised generally for document references and editorial issues with grammar;
- scope modified;
- normative references updated;
- terms and definitions revised;
- 5.14 References updated
- Annex A "EC verification - Interoperability constituents" removed;
- Annex B "Summary of testing requirements" removed;
- Annex C "Good practice" is now Annex A;
- Annex D "A-Deviations" removed;
- Annex ZA updated;
- Bibliography updated.

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## Introduction

This document is part of a suite of four 'Design for PRM use' standards that have in total nine parts:

- EN 16584 is a standard that covers both infrastructure and rolling stock — Railway applications — Design for PRM use — General requirements:
  - Part 1: Contrast (EN 16584-1);
  - Part 2: Information (EN 16584-2);
  - Part 3: Optical and friction characteristics (EN 16584-3).
- EN 16585 is a standard that covers rolling stock — Railway applications — Design for PRM use — Equipment and components on board rolling stock:
  - Part 1: Toilets (EN 16585-1);
  - Part 2: Elements for sitting, standing and moving (EN 16585-2);
  - Part 3: Clearways and internal doors (EN 16585-3).
- EN 16586 is a standard that covers rolling stock — Railway applications — Design for PRM use — Accessibility of persons with reduced mobility to rolling stock:
  - Part 1: Steps for access and egress (EN 16586-1);
  - Part 2: Boarding aids (EN 16586-2).
- EN 16587 is a standard that covers Infrastructure — Railway applications — Design for PRM use — Requirements for obstacle-free routes for infrastructure.

These standards aim to clarify the requirements (with clear and consistent terms and definitions) and to define the associated criteria and, where appropriate, methodologies to allow a clear pass/fail assessment.

## 1 Scope

This document describes the specific 'Design for PRM use' requirements applying to infrastructure and the assessment of those requirements. The following applies to this document:

- The definitions and requirements describe specific aspects of 'Design for PRM use' required by persons with disabilities and persons with reduced mobility as defined in the PRM TSI.
- This document defines elements which are universally valid for obstacle-free routes. The definitions and requirements of this standard are to be used for infrastructure applications.
- This document only refers to aspects of accessibility for PRM passengers; it does not define non-PRM related requirements and definitions.
- This document assumes that the infrastructure is in its defined operating condition.
- Where minimum or maximum dimensions are quoted these are absolute NOT nominal requirements.

This document contains requirements relating to 'Obstacle-free routes'.

## 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 81-70:2021+A1:2022, *Safety rules for the construction and installation of lifts - Particular applications for passenger and goods passenger lift - Part 70: Accessibility to lifts for persons including persons with disability*

EN 115-1:2017, *Safety of escalators and moving walks - Part 1: Construction and installation*

EN 16584-1:2025, *Railway applications — Design for PRM use — General requirements — Part 1: Contrast*

EN 16584-2:2025, *Railway applications — Design for PRM use — General requirements — Part 2: Information (Basel)*

EN 16584-3:2025, *Railway applications — Design for PRM use — General requirements — Part 3: Optical and friction characteristics*

EN 16585-1:2025, *Railway Applications — Design for PRM Use — Equipment and Components on board Rolling Stock — Part 1: Toilets*

EN 16586-2:2025, *Railway Applications — Design for PRM Use — Accessibility of Persons with Reduced Mobility to Rolling Stock — Part 2: Boarding Aids*

EN ISO 2813:2014, *Paints and varnishes - Determination of gloss value at 20°, 60° and 85° (ISO 2813:2014)*

ISO 21542:2021, *Building construction — Accessibility and usability of the built environment*

ISO 23599:2019, *Assistive products for blind and vision-impaired persons — Tactile walking surface indicators*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions.

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/>

#### 3.1

##### **automatic door**

powered door which opens and closes without the need for the passenger to operate a control device

#### 3.2

##### **boarding aid**

device (fixed or portable) that bridges the gap between rolling stock and platform to allow a PRM to board or alight from a train

Note 1 to entry: This includes manual, semi-automatic or automatic ramps, lifts and other devices.

#### 3.3

##### **handrail**

continuous element with round cross section for passengers to use to aid personal stability by gripping around

#### 3.4

##### **manual door**

unpowered door which the passenger has to physically open and/or close

#### 3.5

##### **obstacle-free route**

link between two or more public areas dedicated to the transport of passengers that can be navigated independently by all persons with disabilities and reduced mobility

Note 1 to entry: In order to achieve this, the route can be divided to better meet the needs of all persons with disabilities and reduced mobility. The combination of all the parts of the obstacle-free route constitutes the route accessible for all persons with disabilities and reduced mobility.

#### 3.6

##### **station**

any form of infrastructure where a train operates and passengers can board or alight in normal operation

#### 3.7

##### **station building**

any building or structure within the confines of the station in areas for use by passengers which can be open at different times to the overall station

Note 1 to entry: This does not include other commercial structures that are not essential for travel.