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Foreword

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1 Scope

This Technical Specification describes a method for determining the skid resistance of a paved surface by measurement of the longitudinal friction coefficient LFCS. This Technical Specification covers the operation of the Road Surface Tester of arsenal research (RoadSTAR).

The method "RoadSTAR" provides a measure of the skid resistance properties of a bound surface by measurement of the longitudinal friction coefficient using a continuous reading car-sized braked wheel fixed-slip device.

The method "RoadSTAR" provides skid resistance measurements of pavements by using the modified Stuttgart skiddometer (Stuttgarter Reibungsmesser). RoadSTAR utilizes a measurement representing the steady-state friction on a braked test wheel at a slip ratio of 82 % (for standard conditions), 37,5 %, 50 %, 75 % (for comparison measurements), with locked wheel or under ABS-braking conditions (for research measurements). The test wheel is dragged over a pre wetted pavement surface under controlled load and speed conditions while the test tyre is parallel to the direction of motion and perpendicular to the pavement.

NOTE Three different slip ratios are retained in order to use the same slip speed for the three different nominal testing speeds of 40 km/h, 60 km/h and 80 km/h for comparison measurements. The common slip speed is chosen equal to 30 km/h:

- for a testing speed of 40 km/h a slip ratio of 75 % should be applied;
- for a testing speed of 60 km/h a slip ratio of 50 % should be applied;
- for a testing speed of 80 km/h a slip ratio of 37,5 % should be applied.

A machine conforming to the general characteristics of the RoadSTAR and the specific provisions of this Technical Specification should be used for the tests.

In addition to friction measurements, to estimate the macro texture of the pavement surface, a laser system is used. This system is placed in front of the test wheel in order to be able to measure macrotexture (mean profile depth – MDP) on the dry surface and on the same path as the skid resistance measurements. The standard for this measurement and the device is described in EN ISO 13473-1 and ISO 13473-2.

2 Recommended uses

RoadSTAR may be used in the following fields of application:

- determining the skid resistance of surfaces in service;
- approval of new surfacing;
- type approval purposes;
- investigation of surface skid resistance;
- measurements on project-level compliance;
- comparative measurements among different devices;
- research measurements.

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1
skid resistance
characterisation of the friction of a road surface when measured in accordance with a standardised method

3.2
friction
resistance to relative motion between two bodies in contact, the frictional force being the force which acts tangentially in the contact area

3.3
wet road skid resistance
property of a trafficked surface that limits relative movement between the surface and the part of a vehicle tyre in contact with the surface, when lubricated with a film of water

NOTE Factors that contribute to skid resistance include the tyre pressure, contact area, tread pattern and rubber composition; the alignment, texture, surface contamination, and characteristics of the road surface; the vehicle speed; and the weather conditions.

The skid resistance of a road surface in Europe varies seasonally. Generally, wet skid resistance is higher in winter as a result of the effects of wet detritus and the effects of frost and wear by tyres on microtexture and macrotexture. Wet skid resistance is lower in summer as a result of dry polishing by tyres in the presence of fine detritus.

The change in skid resistance of a surface in service is affected by the volume of traffic and the composition of the traffic, i.e. cars, buses, commercial vehicles of different sizes, as the tyres of these vehicles polish and/or wear away the surfacing material in different ways. The geometry of the road will affect the change in skid resistance. Generally, tyres polish less on straight roads than on bends.

Where the surface contains aggregate with a coating of binder, e.g. bitumen, resin or Portland cement, the skid resistance will change as the coating is worn away by tyres.

3.4
bound surface
top layer or surface course of a road with the aggregates secured permanently in place

NOTE Aggregates are commonly secured in place by bitumen or Portland cement.

3.5
vertical force
load
force applied by the wheel assembly (the static and dynamic force on the test tyre, the test tyre weight and the rim weight) on the contact area

NOTE Some devices (not RoadSTAR) use an assumed load based on the static load.

3.6
horizontal force
drag
horizontal force acting tangentially on the test wheel in line with the direction of travel

3.7
fixed-slip friction
friction between a test tyre and a road surface when the wheel is controlled to move at a fixed proportion of its natural speed

3.8
fixed slip
condition in which a braking system forces the test wheel to roll at a fixed reduction of its operating speed

3.9
operating speed
speed at which the device traverses the test surface