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European foreword

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This series consists of the following parts under the general title “*Road traffic noise reducing devices — Non-acoustic performance*”:

- *Part 1: Mechanical performance and stability requirements*
- *Part 2: General safety and environmental requirements*
- *Part 3: Reaction to fire - Burning behaviour of noise reducing devices and classification*

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Introduction

While performing their primary function, road traffic noise reducing devices should not pose hazards to road users or other people in the vicinity or to the environment at large. Noise reducing devices should not reflect light in such a way as to prejudice road safety. They should be made from materials which do not emit noxious fumes or leachates as the result of natural or industrial processes, or as the result of fire. Noise reducing devices should allow a means of escape by road users and access by operatives in the event of an emergency or for maintenance.

1 Scope

This document specifies methods and criteria for assessing the general safety and environmental performance of road traffic noise reducing devices under typical roadside conditions. Appropriate test methods are provided where these are necessary. The treatment of each topic is covered separately in Annexes A to E.

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 1794-1:2018, *Road traffic noise reducing devices - Non-acoustic performance - Part 1: Mechanical performance and stability requirements*

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

3 Terms and definitions

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3.1

noise reducing device

NRD

system designed to reduce the propagation of traffic noise away from the road environment

Note 1 to entry: The NRD comprises acoustic elements only or both structural and acoustic elements.

Note 2 to entry: applications of NRD include noise barriers, claddings, covers and added devices.

3.2

noise barrier

noise reducing device which obstructs the direct transmission of airborne sound emanating from road traffic

3.3

acoustic element

element whose primary function is to provide the acoustic performance of the device

3.4

structural element

element whose primary function is to support or hold in place acoustic elements

3.5

cladding

noise reducing device which is attached to a wall or other structure to reduce the amount of sound reflected

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