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Véhicules légers motorisés pour le transport de personnes et de marchandises, non homologables pour l'utilisation sur la route, ainsi que les installations d'utilisation - Véhicules électriques personnels légers (PLEV) - Exigences de sécurité et méthodes d'essai

Nicht-typzugelassene leicht motorisierte Fahrzeuge für den Transport von Personen und Gütern und damit verbundene Einrichtungen - Persönliche leichte Elektrofahrzeuge (PLEV) - Sicherheitstechnische Anforderungen und Prüfverfahren

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### Introduction

This document has been developed in response to an increased demand throughout Europe for light electrically powered vehicles of a type which are excluded from the scope of Regulation (EU) No 168/2013.

This has created the possibility to initiate a European standardization work for personal light electric vehicles. Such standardization will help manufacturers to ensure that safe products are put into the European market, will give to testing institutes common guidelines to assess the products, will initiate confidence to users and also be useful to convince member states to apply harmonized rules for the use of these vehicles with the aim decrease uncertainty due to different national regulation.

This document will not deal with topics like comfort of the user, quality of the product or ergonomic issues unless there is an impact on the safety of the user.

This document is of relevance, in particular, for the following stakeholder groups representing the market players with regard to machinery safety:

- machine manufacturers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- health and safety bodies (regulators, accident prevention organizations, market surveillance etc.).

Others can be affected by the level of machinery safety achieved with the means of the document by the above-mentioned stakeholder groups:

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- service providers, e.g. for maintenance (small, medium and large enterprises);
- consumers (in case of machinery intended for use by consumers).

The above-mentioned stakeholder groups have been given the possibility to participate at the drafting process of this document.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events are covered are indicated in the Scope of this document.

When requirements of this type-C standard are different from those which are stated in type-A or type-B standards, the requirements of this type-C standard take precedence over the requirements of the other standards for machines that have been designed and built according to the requirements of this type-C standard.

## 1 Scope

This document applies to personal light electric vehicles totally or partially electrically powered from self-contained power sources with or without self-balancing system, with exception of vehicles intended for hire from unattended station.

This document applies to personal light electric vehicles with or without self-balancing system totally or partially electrically powered from self-contained power sources having battery voltages up to 100 VDC, with or without an integrated battery charger with up to a 240 VAC input. This document specifies safety requirements, test methods, marking and information relating to personal light electric vehicles to reduce the risk of injuries to both third parties and the user during intended use, i.e. when used as intended and under conditions of misuse that are reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer.

This document does not apply to:

- vehicles that are considered as toys;
- vehicles without self-balancing system with a seat;
- vehicles intended for competition;
- electrically powered assisted cycles (EPAC);
- vehicles and/or devices intend for use for medical care;
- electric vehicles having a maximum design speed above 25 Km/h;
- vehicles having a rated voltage of more than 100 VDC or 240 VAC;
- vehicles without an on-board driving operator.

NOTE 1 EN ISO 13482 gives the requirements for vehicles without on-board driving operator.

NOTE 2 See D.2.

NOTE 3 The local regulation could limit the use of the vehicle to a speed lower than 25 km/h.

## 2 Normative references

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EN 22248:1992, *Packaging — Complete, filled transport packages — Vertical impact test by dropping (ISO 2248:1985)*

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