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## Foreword

This document (EN 13036-4:2011) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 227 "Road materials", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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- EN 13036-3, *Road and airfield surface characteristics — Test methods — Part 3: Measurement of pavement surface horizontal drainability*
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## 1 Scope

This European Standard describes a method for determining the slip/skid resistance of a surface using a device which remains stationary at the test location. The slip/skid resistance is measured by means of a slider mounted at the end of a pendulum arm.

The method provides a measure of the slip/skid resistance properties of a surface either in the field or in the laboratory.

This method measures the slip/skid resistance of a small area of a surface (approximately 0,01 m<sup>2</sup>). This should be considered when deciding its applicability to a surface which may have non-homogeneous surface characteristics, e.g. containing ridges or grooves, or is rough textured (exceeding 1,2 mm mean texture depth).

**NOTE** As the results from this test are taken at one small location, the results cannot be compared with results from devices e.g. mobile devices, that measure the slip/skid resistance over a long length of a surface.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 1097-8, *Tests for mechanical and physical properties of aggregates — Part 8: Determination of the polished stone value*

ISO 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)*

ISO 4662, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of rebound resilience*

ISO 7619-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of indentation hardness — Part 1: Durometer method (Shore hardness)*

ISO 7619-2, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of indentation hardness — Part 2: IRHD pocket meter method*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

**3.1**  
**slip/skid resistance**  
property of the trafficked surface which limits the relative movement between the contact patch of pedestrian footwear or a vehicle tyre and the surface

**NOTE 1** Loss of slip/skid resistance leads to loss of control by the pedestrian/driver with consequent increase in the risk of falling/ crashes.

**NOTE 2** There are numerous factors which contribute to skid resistance, including the tyre pressure, contact area, tread pattern and rubber composition of the tyre or sole; the alignment, texture and frictional characteristics of the surface; the vehicle speed; the weather conditions, i.e. wet/dry and presence of surface contamination.

**NOTE 3** Slip/ Skid resistance is not a constant but varies with climate and traffic and the effect of these on the characteristics of the surface material itself.

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