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European foreword

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Introduction

The objective of the passive safety requirements described in this European Standard is to reduce the consequences of collision accidents. The measures considered in this European Standard provide the means of protection when all possibilities of preventing an accident have failed. It provides a framework for determining the crash conditions that rail vehicle bodies can be designed to withstand, based on the most common collisions and associated risks.

This European Standard adds to the basic strength requirement defined in [EN 12663-1:2010+A2:2023](#) by setting additional requirements for structural passive safety in order to increase occupant safety in case of collisions.

In the event of a collision, application of this European standard provides protection for the occupants of new designs of crashworthy vehicles through the preservation of structural integrity, reducing the risk of overriding and limiting decelerations. This protection does not extend to interactions between the occupants and the vehicle interior or to occupants of other rail vehicles, to other railway employees and customers who are not in vehicles, or to third parties.

1 Scope

This document specifies crashworthiness requirements applicable to new designs of:

- locomotives,
- driving vehicles operating in passenger and freight trains;
- passenger rail vehicles operating in passenger trains (such as trams, metros, mainline trains).

This document identifies common methods of providing passive safety that can be adapted to suit individual vehicle requirements.

This document specifies the characteristics of reference obstacle models for use with the design collision scenarios.

This document also specifies the requirements and methods for demonstrating that the passive safety objectives have been achieved by comparison with existing proven designs, numerical simulation, component or full-size tests, or a combination of all these methods.

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 12663-1:2010+A2:2023, *Railway applications - Structural requirements of railway vehicle bodies - Part 1: Locomotives and passenger rolling stock (and alternative method for freight wagons)*

EN 15663:2017+A1:2018,¹ *Railway applications - Vehicle reference masses*

EN 17343:2023, *Railway applications - General terms and definitions*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 17343:2023 and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

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active safety

systems and measures which take actions that aim to prevent a collision occurring

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