Proposal for a new UN Regulation concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to fuel system integrity and with regard to safety of electric power train in the event of a rear-end collision

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I. Proposal

New UN Regulation on uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to fuel system integrity and with regard to safety of electric power train in the event of a rear-end collision

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1. Scope

This UN Regulation applies to vehicles of category M1[[1]](#footnote-2)with a total permissible mass not exceeding 3,500 kg and to vehicles of category N1 with regard to fuel system integrity and safety of electric power train operating on high voltage in the event of a rear-end collision.

2. Definitions

For the purpose of this UN Regulation:

2.1. "*vehicle type*" means a category of power-driven vehicles which do not differ in such essential respects as:

2.1.1. the length and width of the vehicle in so far as they have an effect on the results of the impact test prescribed in this UN Regulation.

2.1.2. the structure, dimensions, lines and materials of the part of the vehicle rearward of the transverse plane through the "R" point of the rearmost seat.

2.1.3. the lines and inside dimensions of the passenger compartment in so far as they have an effect on the results of the impact test prescribed in this UN Regulation.

2.1.4. The siting (front, rear or centre) and the orientation (transversal or longitudinal) of the engine, in so far as they have a negative effect on the result of the impact test procedure as prescribed in this UN Regulation.

2.1.5 The unladen mass, in so far as there is a negative effect on the result of the impact test prescribed in this UN Regulation.

2.1.6. The locations of the REESS, in so far as they have a negative effect on the result of the impact test prescribed in this UN Regulation.

2.1.7. The structure, shape, dimensions and materials (metal/plastic) of the tank(s).

2.1.8. The position of the tank(s) in the vehicle in so far as it has a negative effect on the requirements of paragraph 5.2.1.

2.1.9. The characteristics and siting of the fuel feed system (pump, filters, etc.).

2.2. "*Passenger compartment*" means the space for occupant accommodation, bounded by the roof, floor, side walls, doors, outside glazing, front bulkhead and rear bulkhead, or rear gate, as well as by the electrical protection barriers and enclosures provided for protecting the occupants from direct contact with high voltage live parts.

2.3. "*unladen mass*" means the mass of the vehicle in running order, unoccupied and unladen but complete with fuel, coolant, lubricant, tools and a spare wheel (if provided as standard equipment by the vehicle manufacturer).

2.4. "*Tank*" means the tank(s) designed to contain [the liquid fuel, as defined in paragraph 2.6.,] used primarily for the propulsion of the vehicle excluding its accessories (filler pipe, if it is a separate element, filler hole, cap, gauge, connections to the engine or to compensate interior excess pressure, etc.;

2.5. "*capacity of the fuel tank*" means the fuel-tank capacity as specified by the manufacturer.

2.6. "*Liquid fuel*" means a fuel which is liquid in normal conditions of temperature and pressure.

2.7. "*High voltage*" means the classification of an electric component or circuit, if its working voltage is > 60 V and ≤ 1,500 V direct current (DC) or > 30 V and ≤ 1,000 V alternating current (AC) root – mean – square (rms).

2.8. "*Rechargeable electrical energy storage system (REESS)*" means the rechargeable energy storage system that provides electric energy for propulsion.

A battery whose primary use is to supply power for starting the engine and/or lighting and/or other vehicle auxiliaries’ systems is not considered as a REESS. [Primary use in this context means that more than 50% of the energy from the battery is used for starting the engine and/or lighting and/or other vehicle auxiliaries’ systems over an appropriate driving cycle, e.g. WLTC for M1 and N1.]

2.9. "*Electrical protection barrier*" means the part providing protection against any direct contact to the high voltage live parts.

2.10. "*Electric power train*" means the electrical circuit which includes the traction motor(s), and may also include the REESS, the electric energy conversion system, the electronic converters, the associated wiring harness and connectors, and the coupling system for charging the REESS.

2.11 "*Live parts*" means conductive part(s) intended to be electrically energized under normal operating conditions.

2.12. "*Exposed conductive part*" means the conductive part which can be touched under the provisions of the protection degree IPXXB which is not normally energized, but which can become electrically energized under isolation failure conditions. This includes parts under a cover that can be removed without using tools.

2.13. "*Direct contact*" means the contact of persons with high voltage live parts.

2.14. "*Indirect contact*" means the contact of persons with exposed conductive parts.

2.15. "*Protection* *degree IPXXB*" means protection from contact with high voltage live parts provided by either an electrical protection barrier or an enclosure and tested using a Jointed Test Finger (protection degree IPXXB) as described in paragraph 4. of Annex 4.

2.16. "*Working voltage*" means the highest value of an electrical circuit voltage root-mean-square (rms), specified by the manufacturer, which may occur between any conductive parts in open circuit conditions or under normal operating conditions. If the electrical circuit is divided by galvanic isolation, the working voltage is defined for each divided circuit, respectively.

2.17. "*Coupling system for charging the Rechargeable Electrical Energy Storage System (REESS)*" means the electrical circuit used for charging the REESS from an external electrical power supply including the vehicle inlet.

2.18. "*Electrical chassis*" means a set made of conductive parts electrically linked together, whose electrical potential is taken as reference.

2.19. "*Electrical circuit*" means an assembly of connected high voltage live parts which is designed to be electrically energized in normal operation.

2.20. "*Electric energy conversion system*" means a system (e.g. fuel cell) that generates and provides electric energy for electric propulsion.

2.21. "*Electronic converter*" means a device capable of controlling and/or converting electric power for electric propulsion.

2.22. "*Enclosure*" means the part enclosing the internal units and providing protection against any direct contact.

2.23. "*High Voltage Bus*" means the electrical circuit, including the coupling system for charging the REESS that operates on a high voltage. Where electrical circuits, that are galvanically connected to each other and fulfilling the specific voltage condition, only the components or parts of the electric circuit that operate on high voltage are classified as a high voltage bus.

2.24 "*Solid insulator*" means the insulating coating of wiring harnesses, provided in order to cover and prevent the high voltage live parts from any direct contact.

2.25 "*Automatic disconnect*" means a device that when triggered, conductively separates the electrical energy sources from the rest of the high voltage circuit of the electric power train.

2.26. "*Open type traction battery*" means a type of battery requiring liquid and generating hydrogen gas released to the atmosphere.

2.27. "*Aqueous electrolyte*" means an electrolyte based on water solvent for the compounds (e.g. acids, bases) providing conducting ions after its dissociation.

2.28. "*Electrolyte leakage*" means the escape of electrolyte from the REESS in the form of liquid.

2.29. "*Non-aqueous electrolyte*" means an electrolyte not based on water as the solvent.

2.30. "*Normal operating conditions*" includes operating modes and conditions that can reasonably be encountered during typical operation of the vehicle including driving at legally posted speeds, parking and standing in traffic, as well as, charging using chargers that are compatible with the specific charging ports installed on the vehicle. It does not include, conditions where the vehicle is damaged, either by a crash, road debris or vandalization, subjected to fire or water submersion, or in a state where service and or maintenance is needed or being performed.

2.31. "*Specific voltage condition*" means the condition that the maximum voltage of a galvanically connected electrical circuit between a DC live part and any other live part (DC or AC) is ≤ 30 V AC (rms) and ≤ 60 V DC.

Note: When a DC live part of such an electrical circuit is connected to chassis and the specific voltage condition applies, the maximum voltage between any live part and the electrical chassis is ≤ 30 V AC (rms) and ≤ 60 V DC.

3. Application for Approval

3.1. The application for approval of a vehicle type with regard to fuel system integrity and with regard to the safety of electric power train operating on high voltage in the event of a rear-end collision shall be submitted by the vehicle manufacturer or by their duly accredited representative in accordance with the procedure set out in Schedule 3 of the Agreement (E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.3).

3.2. A model of the information document is given in Annex 1 – Appendix 1.

4. Approval

4.1. If the vehicle submitted for approval pursuant to this UN Regulation meets the requirements of this UN Regulation, approval of that vehicle type shall be granted.

4.1.1. The Technical Service appointed in accordance with paragraph 11. below shall check whether the required conditions have been satisfied.

4.1.2. In case of doubt, account shall be taken, when verifying the conformity of the vehicle to the requirements of this UN Regulation, of any data or test results provided by the manufacturer which can be taken into consideration in validating the approval test carried out by the Technical Service.

4.2. An approval number shall be assigned to each type approved in accordance with Schedule 4 of the Agreement (E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.3).

4.3. Notice of approval or of extension or of refusal or withdrawal of approval or production definitely discontinued of a vehicle type pursuant to this UN Regulation shall be communicated to the Contracting Parties to the Agreement which apply this UN Regulation by means of a form conforming to the model in Annex 1 to this UN Regulation.

4.4. There shall be affixed, conspicuously and in a readily accessible place specified on the approval form, to every vehicle conforming to a vehicle type approved under this UN Regulation, an international approval mark conforming to the model given in Annex 2,　consisting of:

4.4. 1. A circle surrounding the letter "E" followed by the distinguishing number of the country which has granted approval[[2]](#footnote-3);

4.4. 2. the number of this UN Regulation, followed by the letter "R", a dash and the approval number to the right of the circle prescribed in paragraph 4.4.1.

4.5. If the vehicle conforms to a vehicle type approved, under one or more other UN Regulations annexed to the Agreement, in the country which has granted approval under this UN Regulation, the symbol prescribed in paragraph 4.4.1. need not be repeated; in such a case the additional numbers and symbols of all the UN Regulations under which approval has been granted in the country which has granted approval under this UN Regulation shall be placed in vertical columns to the right of the symbol prescribed in paragraph 4.4.1.

4.6. The approval mark shall be clearly legible and be indelible.

5. Requirements

5.1. When the vehicle has undergone the test referred to in paragraph 6 below, the provisions in paragraph 5.2 shall be fulfilled.

A vehicle with all parts of the fuel system installed in front of the midpoint of the wheelbase is deemed to fulfil the provisions in paragraph 5.2.1.

A vehicle with all parts of the electric power train operating on high voltage installed in front of the midpoint of the wheelbase is deemed to fulfil the provisions in paragraph 5.2.2.

5.2. Following the test conducted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Annex 4 to this UN Regulation, following provisions with regard to fuel system integrity and safety of electric power train shall be fulfilled:

5.2.1. In the case of a vehicle propelled by liquid fuel, compliance with paragraphs 5.2.1.1 to 5.2.1.2 shall be shown.

In case of vehicles propelled by gaseous fuel, compliance with a maximum leakage rate, if specified in any applicable UN Regulation, shall be shown.

5.2.1.1. No more than slight leakage of liquid from the fuel-feed installation shall occur on collision.

5.2.1.2. If there is continuous leakage of liquid from the fuel-feed installation after the collision, the rate of leakage shall not exceed 30 g/min; if the liquid from the fuel-feed system mixes with liquids from the other systems and the various liquids cannot easily be separated and identified, all the liquids collected shall be taken into account in evaluating the continuous leakage.]

5.2.2. In case of a vehicle equipped with an electric power train operating on high voltage, the electric power train and the high voltage systems which are galvanically connected to the high voltage bus of the electric power train shall meet the requirements in paragraphs 5.2.2.1. to 5.2.2.3.:

5.2.2.1. Protection against electrical shock

After the impact, the high voltage buses shall meet at least one of the four criteria specified in paragraph 5.2.2.1.1. through paragraph 5.2.2.1.4.2. below

If the vehicle has an automatic disconnect function, or device(s) that conductively divide the electric power train circuit during driving condition, at least one of the following criteria shall apply to the disconnected circuit or to each divided circuit individually after the disconnect function is activated.

However, criteria defined in 5.2.2.1.4. below shall not apply if more than a single potential of a part of the high voltage bus is not protected under the conditions of protection degree IPXXB.

In the case that the crash test is performed under the condition that part(s) of the high voltage system are not energized and with the exception of any coupling system for charging the REESS which is not energized during driving condition, the protection against electrical shock shall be proved by either paragraph 5.2.2.1.3. or paragraph 5.2.2.1.4. for the relevant part(s).

5.2.2.1.1. Absence of high voltage

The voltages Ub, U1 and U2 of the high voltage buses shall be equal or less than 30 VAC or 60 VDC within 60 s after the impact when measured in accordance with paragraph 2. of Annex 4.

5.2.2.1.2. Low electrical energy

The Total Energy (TE) on the high voltage buses shall be less than 0.2 J when measured according to the test procedure as specified in paragraph 3. of Annex 4 with the formula (a). Alternatively, the Total Energy (TE) may be calculated by the measured voltage Ub of the high voltage bus and the capacitance of the X-capacitors (Cx) specified by the manufacturer according to formula (b) of paragraph 3. of Annex 4.

The energy stored in the Y-capacitors (TEy1, TEy2) shall also be less than 0.2 J. This shall be calculated by measuring the voltages U1 and U2 of the high voltage buses and the electrical chassis, and the capacitance of the Y-capacitors specified by the manufacturer according to formula (c) of paragraph 3. of Annex 4.

5.2.2.1.3. Physical protection

For protection against direct contact with high voltage live parts, the protection degree IPXXB shall be provided.

The assessment shall be conducted in accordance with paragraph 4 of Annex 4.

In addition, for protection against electrical shock which could arise from indirect contact, the resistance between all exposed conductive parts of electrical protection barriers/enclosures and the electrical chassis shall be lower than 0.1 Ω and the resistance between any two simultaneously reachable exposed conductive parts of electrical protection barriers/enclosures that are less than 2.5 m from each other shall be less than 0.2 Ω when there is current flow of at least 0.2 A. This resistance may be calculated using the separately measured resistances of the relevant parts of electric path.

This requirement is satisfied if the galvanic connection has been made by welding. In case of doubt or the connection is established by mean other than welding, measurements shall be made by using one of the test procedures described in paragraph 4 of Annex 4.

5.2.2.1.4. Isolation resistance

The criteria specified in the paragraphs 5.2.2.1.4.1. and 5.2.2.1.4.2. below shall be met.

The measurement shall be conducted in accordance with paragraph 5. of Annex 4.

5.2.2.1.4.1. Electric power train consisting of separate DC- or AC-buses

If the AC high voltage buses and the DC high voltage buses are galvanically isolated from each other, isolation resistance between the high voltage bus and the electrical chassis (Ri, as defined in paragraph 5. of Annex 4) shall have a minimum value of 100 Ω/V of the working voltage for DC buses, and a minimum value of 500 Ω/V of the working voltage for AC buses.

5.2.2.1.4.2. Electric power train consisting of combined DC- and AC-buses

If the AC high voltage buses and the DC high voltage buses are conductively connected, they shall meet one of the following requirements:

(a) Isolation resistance between the high voltage bus and the electrical chassis shall have a minimum value of 500 Ω/V of the working voltage;

(b) Isolation resistance between the high voltage bus and the electrical chassis shall have a minimum value of 100 Ω/V of the working voltage and the AC bus meets the physical protection as described in paragraph 5.2.2.1.3;

(c) Isolation resistance between the high voltage bus and the electrical chassis shall have a minimum value of 100 Ω/V of the working voltage and the AC bus meets the absence of high voltage as described in paragraph 5.2.2.1.1.

5.2.2.2. Electrolyte leakage

5.2.2.2.1. In case of aqueous electrolyte REESS.

For a period from the impact until 60 minutes after the impact, there shall be no electrolyte leakage from the REESS into the passenger compartment and no more than 7 per cent by volume of the REESS electrolyte with a maximum of 5.0 l leaked from the REESS to the outside of the passenger compartment. The leaked amount of electrolyte can be measured by usual techniques of determination of liquid volumes after its collection. For containers containing Stoddard, coloured coolant and electrolyte, the fluids shall be allowed to separate by specific gravity then measured.

5.2.2.2.2. In case of non-aqueous electrolyte REESS.

For a period from the impact until 60 minutes after the impact, there shall be no liquid electrolyte leakage from the REESS into the passenger compartment, luggage compartment and no liquid electrolyte leakage to outside the vehicle. This requirement shall be verified by visual inspection without disassembling any part of the vehicle.

The manufacturer shall demonstrate compliance in accordance with   
paragraph 6. of Annex 4.

5.2.2.3. REESS retention

REESS shall remain attached to the vehicle by at least one component anchorage, bracket, or any structure that transfers loads from REESS to the vehicle structure, and REESS located outside the passenger compartment shall not enter the passenger compartment.

The manufacturer shall demonstrate compliance in accordance with paragraph 7. of Annex 4.

6. Test

6.1. The vehicle’s compliance with the requirements of paragraph 5. above shall be checked by the method set out in Annex 3 and Annex 4 to this UN Regulation

7. Modifications and Extension of Approval of the Vehicle Type

7.1. Every modification of the vehicle type with regard to this UN Regulation shall be notified to the Type Approval Authority which approved that vehicle type.  The Type Approval Authority may then either:

(a) Decide, in consultation with the manufacturer, that a new type approval is to be granted; or

(b) Apply the procedure contained in paragraph 7.1.1. (Revision) and, if applicable, the procedure contained in paragraph 7.1.2. (Extension).

7.1.1. Revision

When particulars recorded in the information documents of Annex 1 - Appendix 1 have changed and the Type Approval Authority considers that the modifications made are unlikely to have appreciable adverse effect, and that in any case the vehicle still meets the requirements, the modification shall be designated a "revision".

In such a case, the Type Approval Authority shall issue the revised pages of the information documents of Annex 1 - Appendix 1 as necessary, marking each revised page to show clearly the nature of the modification and the date of re-issue. A consolidated，updated version of the information documents of Annex 1 - Appendix 1, accompanied by a detailed description of the modification, shall be deemed to meet this requirement.

7.1.2. Extension

The modification shall be designated an "extension" if, in addition to the change of the particulars recorded in the information folder:

(a) Further inspections or tests are required; or

(b) Any information on the communication document (with the exception of its attachments) has changed; or

(c) Approval to a later series of amendments is requested after its entry into force.

7.2. Notice of confirmation, extension, or refusal of approval shall be communicated by the procedure specified in paragraph 4.3. above, to the Contracting Parties to the Agreement applying this UN Regulation. In addition, the index to the information documents and to the test reports, attached to the communication document of Annex 1, shall be amended accordingly to show the date of the most recent revision or extension.

7.4. The Type Approval Authority issuing the extension of approval shall assign a series number to each communication form drawn up for such an extension.

8. Conformity of Production

The conformity of production procedures shall comply with those set out in the Agreement, Schedule 1 (E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.3), with the following requirements:

8.1. Every vehicle bearing approved under this UN Regulation shall conform to the vehicle type approved by meeting the requirements set out in paragraph 5. above.

9. Penalties for non-conformity of production

9.1. The approval granted in respect of a vehicle type pursuant to this UN Regulation may be withdrawn if the requirements laid down in paragraph 8.1. above is not complied with.

9.2. If a Contracting Party to the Agreement which applies this UN Regulation withdraws an approval it has previously granted, it shall forthwith notify the other Contracting Parties applying this UN Regulation by means of a copy of the approval form bearing at the end, in large letters, the signed and dated annotation "APPROVAL WITHDRAWN"

10. Production definitely discontinued

If the holder of the approval completely ceases to manufacture the vehicle type approved in accordance with this UN Regulation, he shall so inform the Type Approval Authority which granted the approval.  Upon receiving the relevant communication that Type Approval Authority shall inform thereof the other Contracting Parties applying this UN Regulation by means of a copy of the approval form bearing at the end, in large letters, the signed and dated annotation "PRODUCTION DISCONTINUED" .

11. Names and addresses of Technical Services responsible for conducting approval tests, and of Type Approval Authorities

The Contracting Parties to the Agreement applying this UN Regulation shall communicate to the Secretariat of the United Nations the names and addresses of the Technical Services responsible for conducting approval tests and of the Type Approval Authorities which grant approval and to which forms certifying approval or refusal, or extension or withdrawal of approval, issued in the other countries, are to be sent.

Annex 1

Communication

(Maximum format: A4 (210 x 297 mm)

[[3]](#footnote-4)

issued by: Name of administration:

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Concerning: [[4]](#footnote-5)2 Approval granted

Approval extended

Approval refused

Approval withdrawn

Production definitively discontinued

of a vehicle type with regard to fuel system integrity and with regard to the safety of electric power train in a rear-end collision, pursuant to UN Regulation XX

Approval No.: .................................... Extension No.: .........................................

1. Trade name or mark of the power-driven vehicle

2. Vehicle type

3. Manufacturer's name and address

4. If applicable, name and address of manufacturer's representative

5. Brief description of the vehicle type

5.1. Description of the fuel system installed in the vehicle

* 1. Description of the electric power train

6. Site of engine: forward/rear/central2

7. Drive: front-wheel/rear-wheel2

8. Mass of vehicle submitted for testing:

Front axle:

Rear axle:

Total:

9. Vehicle submitted for approval on

10. Technical Service responsible for conducting approval tests

11. Date of report issued by that Service

12. Number of reports issued by that Service

13. Approval granted/refused/extended/withdrawn2

14. Position of approval mark on vehicle

15. Place

16. Date

17. Signature

18. The following documents, bearing the approval number shown above, are annexed to this communication:

19. Remarks (e.g. alternative test method according to Annex 3, paragraph 3 applied.)

(Photographs and/or diagrams and drawings permitting the basic identification of the type(s) of vehicle and its possible variants which are covered by the approval)

Annex 1 – Appendix 1

Information document

0.GENERAL

0.1. Make (trade name of manufacturer):

0.2. Type:

0.2.1. Commercial name(s) (if available):

0.3. Means of identification of type, if marked on the vehicle:[[5]](#footnote-6)

0.3.1. Location of that marking:

0.4 Category of vehicle:[[6]](#footnote-7)

0.5. Company name and address of manufacturer:

0.8. Name(s) and Address(es) of assembly plant(s):

0.9. Name and address of the manufacturer's representative (if any):

1. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VEHICLE

1.1. Photographs and/or drawings of a representative vehicle

1.3. Number of axles and wheels:

1.3.3. Powered axles (number, position, interconnection):

1.6. Position and arrangement of the engine:

2. MASSES AND DIMENSIONS (in kg and mm) (Refer to drawing where applicable)

2.1. Wheelbase(s) (fully loaded)

2.1.1. Two-axle vehicles:

2.1.2. Vehicles with three or more axles

2.1.2.2. Total axle spacing:

2.4. Range of vehicle dimensions (overall)

2.4.1. For chassis without bodywork

2.4.1.1. Length (mm):

2.4.1.2. Width (mm):

2.4.2. For chassis with bodywork

2.4.2.1. Length (mm):

2.4.2.2. Width (mm)

2.6. Mass in running order (kg):

3. PROPULSION ENERGY CONVERTER

3.2.2. Fuel

3.2.2.1. Light-duty vehicles: Diesel/Petrol/LPG/NG or Biomethane/Ethanol (E 85)/Biodiesel/Hydrogen:

3.2.3. Fuel tank(s)

3.2.3.1. Service fuel tank(s)

3.2.3.1.1. Number and capacity of each tank:

3.2.3.1.1.1. Material:

3.2.3.1.2. Drawing and technical description of the tank(s) with all connections and all lines of the breathing and venting system, locks, valves, fastening devices

3.2.3.1.3. Drawing clearly showing the position of the tank(s) in the vehicle

3.2.3.2. Reserve fuel tank(s)

3.2.3.2.1. Number and capacity of each tank:

3.2.3.2.1.1. Material:

3.2.3.2.2. Drawing and technical description of the tank(s) with all connections and all lines of the breathing and venting system, locks, valves, fastening devices:

3.2.3.2.3. Drawing clearly showing the position of the tank(s) in the vehicle:

3.3.2. REESS

3.3.2.4. Position:

3.4. Combinations of propulsion energy converters

3.4.1. Hybrid electric vehicle: yes/no

3.4.2. Category of hybrid electric vehicle: off-vehicle charging/not off-vehicle charging:

Annex 2

**Arrangements of approval marks**

Model A

(See paragraph 4.4. of this UN Regulation)

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a = 8 mm min.

The above approval mark affixed to a vehicle shows that the vehicle type concerned has, with regard to the protection of the occupants in the event of a frontal collision, been approved in the Netherlands (E 4) pursuant to UN Regulation No. XX under approval number 001424. The approval number indicates that the approval was granted in accordance with the requirements of UN Regulation No. XX in its original form.

Model B

(See paragraph 4.5. of this UN Regulation)



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a = 8 mm min.

The first two digits of the approval numbers indicate that, at the dates when the respective approvals were granted, UN Regulation No. 94 incorporated the 03 series of amendments and UN Regulation No. 11 incorporated the 03 series of amendments

Annex 3

Procedure for rear-end impact test

**1. Purpose**

1.1. The purpose of the test is to simulate the conditions of rear-end impact by another vehicle in motion.

**2. Installations, Procedures and measuring instruments**

2.1. Testing ground

The test area shall be large enough to accommodate the impactor (striker) propulsion system and to permit after-impact displacement of the vehicle impacted and installation of the test equipment.  The part of which vehicle impact and displacement occur shall be horizontal, flat and smooth and representative of a normal, dry, uncontaminated road surface.

2.2. Impactor (striker)

2.2.1. The impactor shall be of steel and of rigid construction.

2.2.2. The impacting surface shall be flat, not less than 2,500 mm wide, and 800 mm high, and its edges shall be rounded to a radius of curvature of between 40 and 50 mm. It shall be covered with plywood boards 20 ± 2 mm thick.

2.2.3. At the moment of impact, the following requirements shall be met:

2.2.3.1. the impacting surface shall be vertical and perpendicular to the median longitudinal plane of the impacted vehicle;

2.2.3.2. the direction of movement of the impactor shall be substantially horizontal and parallel to the median longitudinal plane of the impacted vehicle;

2.2.3.3. the maximum lateral deviation tolerated between the median vertical line of the surface of the impactor and the median longitudinal plane of the impacted vehicle shall be 300 mm.  In addition, the impacting surface shall extend over the entire width of the impacted vehicle;

2.2.3.4. the ground clearance of the lower edge of the impact surface shall be 175 ± 25 mm.

2.3. Propulsion of the impactor

The impactor shall be secured to a carriage (moving barrier).

2.4. Provisions for a moving barrier test

2.4.1. If the impactor is secured to a carriage (moving barrier) by a restraining element, the latter must be rigid and be incapable of being deformed by the impact; the carriage shall at the moment of impact be capable of moving freely and no longer be subject to the action of the propelling device.

2.4.2. The velocity of the impact shall be 50.0 ± 2.0 km/h.

2.4.3. The aggregate mass of carriage and impactor shall be 1,100 ± 20 kg.

2.5. General Provisions on the mass and velocity of the impactor

If the test has been conducted at an impact velocity higher than those prescribed in paragraph 2.4.2. and the vehicle has met the requirements prescribed, the test shall be considered satisfactory.

2.6. State of vehicle under test

2.6.1. The vehicle under test shall either be fitted with all the normal components and equipment including in its unladen mass or be in such condition as to fulfil this requirement so far as the components and equipment of concern to the passenger compartment and the distribution of the weight of the vehicle as a whole, in running order, are concerned.

2.6.2.

The fuel tank shall be filled to at least 90 per cent of its capacity either with fuel or with a non-inflammable liquid having a density and a viscosity close to those of the fuel normally used. All other systems (brake-fluid header tanks, radiator, Selective Catalytic Reduction reagents, etc.) may be empty.

This prescription does not apply to compressed gaseous fuel tanks. 2.6.3 The parking brake is disengaged and the transmission/gear lever is in neutral.

2.6.4. If the manufacturer so requests, the following derogations shall be permitted:

2.6.4.1. The technical service responsible for conducting the test may allow the same vehicle as is used for test prescribed by other UN Regulations (including tests capable of affecting its structure) to be used for the tests prescribed by this UN Regulation.

2.6.4.2. The vehicle may be weighted to an extent not exceeding 10 per cent of its unladen mass with additional masses rigidly secured to the structure in such a way as not to affect the fuel system integrity and the safety of electric power train during the test.

2.6.5. Electric power train adjustment

2.6.5.1. The REESS shall be at any state of charge, which allows the normal operation of the power train as recommended by the manufacturer.

2.6.5.2. The electric power train shall be energized with or without the operation of the original electrical energy sources (e.g. engine-generator, REESS or electric energy conversion system), however:

2.6.5.2.1. By the agreement between Technical Service and manufacturer it shall be permissible to perform the test with all or parts of the electric power train not being energized insofar as there is no negative influence on the test result. For parts of the electric power train not energized, the protection against electrical shock shall be proved by either physical protection or isolation resistance and appropriate additional evidence.

2.6.5.2.2. In the case where an automatic disconnect is provided, at the request of the manufacturer, it shall be permissible to perform the test with the automatic disconnect being triggered. In this case it shall be demonstrated that the automatic disconnect would have operated during the impact test. This includes the automatic activation signal as well as the galvanic separation considering the conditions as seen during the impact.

2.7. Measuring Instruments

The instruments used to record the speed referred to in paragraph 2.4.2. above shall be accurate to within 1 per cent.

3. Alternative test methods

At the request of manufacturer, the following test method may be used as an alternative to the test method prescribed in paragraph 2 above.

3.1. ~~[Rear impact tests are seen as an alternative if they are conducted~~

~~(a) with a moving deformable barrier having a weight of 1.368 kg, and~~

~~(b) with an impact speed between 78.5 km/h and 80.1 km/h~~

~~(c) and with overlapping between car and barrier of 70 per cent.]~~

An offset rear impact test with a moving deformable barrier is accepted as alternative to the procedure described in paragraph 2 of this Annex if the conditions laid down in paragraphs 3.1.1 to 3.1.3 are fulfilled

3.1.1 Impact speed

The impact speed shall be between 78.5 km/h and 80.1 km/h

3.1.2 Offset vehicle to barrier

The overlap between car and barrier shall be 70%

3.1.3 Movable deformable barrier (MDB)

The movable deformable barrier shall meet following specifications:

(a) The total weight of MDB with impact face shall be 1,361 ± 4.5 kg

(b) The overall length of MDB with impact face shall be 4,115 mm ± 25 mm

(c) The overall length of MDB excluding impact face shall be 3,632 mm (includes 50.8 mm thick mounting block)

(d) The overall width of framework carriage shall be 1,251 mm

(e) The tracking width (centreline to centreline of front or rear wheels) shall be 1,880 mm

(f) The wheelbase for framework carriage shall be 2,591 mm ± 25 mm

(g) Inertial properties of the MDB (with two cameras and camera mounts and a light trap vane and ballast reduced); the center of gravity (CG) is as follows:

X = (1,123 ± 25 ) mm rear of front axle

Y = (7.6 ± 25) mm left of longitudinal centerline

Z = (450 ± 25) mm from ground

Moments of inertia (tolerance 5% for testing purposes) are as follows:

Pitch = 2,263 kg-m2

Roll = 508 kg-m2

Yaw = 2,572 kg-m2

(h) Shape of honeycomb impact face

Width =1,676 mm ± 6 mm

Height = 559 mm ± 6 mm

Ground Clearance = 229 mm ± 3 mm

Depth at Bumper Height = 483 mm ± 6 mm

Depth at upper impact face = 381 mm ± 6 mm

(i) Force-deflection properties (crush strength) for honeycomb impact face shall be 310 kPa ± 17 kPa and 1,690 kPa ± 103 kPa for the bumper.

Other parameters and settings may be similar to the definitions in paragraph 2 of this regulation.

3.2 If a method other than that described in paragraph 2 or paragraph 3.1 above is used, its equivalence shall be demonstrated.

Annex 4

**Test procedures for the vehicles equipped with electric power train**

This Annex describes test procedures to demonstrate compliance to the electrical safety requirements of paragraph 5.2.2. of this UN Regulation.

1. Test setup and equipment

If a high voltage disconnect function is used, measurements are to be taken from both sides of the device performing the disconnect function. However, if the high voltage disconnect is integral to the REESS or the energy conversion system and the high-voltage bus of the REESS or the energy conversion system is protected according to protection degree IPXXB following the impact test, measurements may only be taken between the device performing the disconnect function and the electrical loads.

RESS

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Vb

The voltmeter used in this test shall measure DC values and have an internal resistance of at least 10 MΩ.

2. The following instructions may be used if voltage is measured.

After the impact test, determine the high voltage bus voltages (Ub, U1, U2) (see Figure 1 below).

The voltage measurement shall be made not earlier than 10 seconds, but, not later than 60 seconds after the impact.

This procedure is not applicable if the test is performed under the condition where the electric power train is not energized.

Figure 1

**Measurement of Ub, U1, U2**

Electrical Chassis

Electrical Chassis

High Voltage Bus

Energy Conversion

System Assembly

REESS Assembly

U2

U1

Ub

+

-

+

-

Energy

Conversion

System

REESS

Traction System

3. Assessment procedure for low electrical energy

Prior to the impact a switch S1 and a known discharge resistor Re is connected in parallel to the relevant capacitance (ref. Figure 2 below).

(a) Not earlier than 10 seconds and not later than 60 seconds after the impact the switch S1 shall be closed while the voltage Ub and the current Ie are measured and recorded. The product of the voltage Ub and the current Ie shall be integrated over the period of time, starting from the moment when the switch S1 is closed (tc) until the voltage Ub falls below the high voltage threshold of 60 V DC (th). The resulting integration equals the Total Energy (TE) in joules.



(b) When Ub is measured at a point in time between 10 seconds and   
60 seconds after the impact and the capacitance of the X-capacitors (Cx) is specified by the manufacturer, Total Energy (TE) shall be calculated according to the following formula:

TE = 0.5 x Cx x Ub2

(c) When U1 and U2 (see Figure 1 above) are measured at a point in time between 10 seconds and 60 seconds after the impact and the capacitances of the Y-capacitors (Cy1, Cy2) are specified by the manufacturer, Total Energy (TEy1, TEy2) shall be calculated according to the following formulas:

TEy1 = 0.5 x Cy1 x U12

TEy2 = 0.5 x Cy2 x U22

This procedure is not applicable if the test is performed under the condition where the electric power train is not energized.

Figure 2

**E.g. measurement of high voltage bus energy stored in X-capacitors**

Electrical Chassis

Electrical Chassis

High Voltage Bus

Energy Conversion

System Assembly

REESS Assembly

Ub

+

-

+

-

Energy

Conversion

System

REESS

Traction System

Re

Ie

S1

4. Physical protection

Following the vehicle impact test any parts surrounding the high voltage components shall be, without the use of tools, opened, disassembled or removed. All remaining surrounding parts shall be considered part of the physical protection.

The jointed test finger described in Figure 3 shall be inserted into any gaps or openings of the physical protection with a test force of 10 N ± 10 per cent for electrical safety assessment. If partial or full penetration into the physical protection by the jointed test finger occurs, the jointed test finger shall be placed in every position as specified below.

Starting from the straight position, both joints of the test finger shall be rotated progressively through an angle of up to 90° with respect to the axis of the adjoining section of the finger and shall be placed in every possible position.

Internal electrical protection barriers are considered part of the enclosure.

If appropriate a low-voltage supply (of not less than 40 V and not more than 50 V) in series with a suitable lamp should be connected, between the jointed test finger and high voltage live parts inside the electrical protection barrier or enclosure.

Figure 3

**Joint Test Finger**



**Chamber  
all edges**

**Section B-B**

**Jointed text finger**

**Guard**

**Handle**

**Insulating**

**material**

**spherical**

**Stop face**

**Joints**

**cylindrical**

**Section A-A**

**IPXXB**

Material: metal, except where otherwise specified

Linear dimensions in mm.

Tolerances on dimensions without specific tolerance:

(a) on angles: +0/-10 seconds;

(b) on linear dimensions:

(i) up to 25 mm: +0/-0.05;

(ii) over 25 mm: ±0.2.

Both joints shall permit movement in the same plane and the same direction through an angle of 90° with a 0 to +10° tolerance.

The requirements of paragraph 5.2.2.1.3. of this UN Regulation are met if the jointed test finger described in Figure 3, is unable to contact high voltage live parts.

If necessary, a mirror or a fiberscope may be used to inspect whether the jointed test finger touches the high voltage buses.

If this requirement is verified by a signal circuit between the jointed test finger and high voltage live parts, the lamp shall not light.

4.1. Test method for measuring electric resistance:

(a) Test method using a resistance tester.

The resistance tester is connected to the measuring points (typically, electrical chassis and electro conductive enclosure/electrical protection barrier) and the resistance is measured using a resistance tester that meets the specification that follows:

(i) Resistance tester: Measurement current at least 0.2 A;

(ii) Resolution: 0.01 Ω or less;

(iii) The resistance R shall be less than 0.1 Ω.

(b) Test method using DC power supply, voltmeter and ammeter.

The DC power supply, voltmeter and ammeter are connected to the measuring points (Typically, electrical chassis and electro conductive enclosure/electrical protection barrier).

The voltage of the DC power supply is adjusted so that the current flow becomes at least 0.2 A.

The current "I" and the voltage "U" are measured.

The resistance "R" is calculated according to the following formula:

R = U / I

The resistance R shall be less than 0.1 Ω.

*Note:* If lead wires are used for voltage and current measurement, each lead wire shall be independently connected to the electrical protection barrier/enclosure/electrical chassis. Terminal can be common for voltage measurement and current measurement.

Example of the test method using DC power supply, voltmeter and ammeter is shown below.

Figure 4

**Example of test method using DC power supply**

**Connection to Exposed Conductive Parts**



**Electrical Chassis**

**Exposed Conductive   
Parts**

**Connection to Electrical Chassis**

**D.C.**

**Power**

**Supply**

5. Isolation resistance

5.1. General.

The isolation resistance for each high voltage bus of the vehicle is measured or shall be determined by calculating the measurement values of each part or component unit of a high voltage bus.

All measurements for calculating voltage(s) and electrical isolation are made after a minimum of 10 s after the impact.

5.2. Measurement method.

The isolation resistance measurement is conducted by selecting an appropriate measurement method from among those listed in paragraphs 5.2.1. to 5.2.2. of this Annex, depending on the electrical charge of the live parts or the isolation resistance.

The range of the electrical circuit to be measured is clarified in advance, using electrical circuit diagrams. If the high voltage buses are conductively isolated from each other, isolation resistance shall be measured for each electrical circuit.

Moreover, modifications necessary for measuring the isolation resistance may be carried out, such as removal of the cover in order to reach the live parts, drawing of measurement lines and change in software.

In cases where the measured values are not stable due to the operation of the on-board isolation resistance monitoring system, necessary modifications for conducting the measurement may be carried out by stopping the operation of the device concerned or by removing it. Furthermore, when the device is removed, a set of drawings will be used to prove that the isolation resistance between the live parts and the electrical chassis remains unchanged.

These modifications shall not influence the test results.

Utmost care shall be exercised to avoid short circuit and electric shock since this confirmation might require direct operations of the high-voltage circuit.

5.2.1. Measurement method using DC voltage from external sources.

5.2.1.1. Measurement instrument.

An isolation resistance test instrument capable of applying a DC voltage higher than the working voltage of the high voltage bus shall be used.

5.2.1.2. Measurement method.

An isolation resistance test instrument is connected between the live parts and the electrical chassis. The isolation resistance is subsequently measured by applying a DC voltage at least half of the working voltage of the high voltage bus.

If the system has several voltage ranges (e.g. because of boost converter) in conductively connected circuit and some of the components cannot withstand the working voltage of the entire circuit, the isolation resistance between those components and the electrical chassis can be measured separately by applying at least half of their own working voltage with those components disconnected.

5.2.2. Measurement method using the vehicle's own REESS as DC voltage source.

5.2.2.1. Test vehicle conditions.

The high voltage-bus is energized by the vehicle's own REESS and/or energy conversion system and the voltage level of the REESS and/or energy conversion system throughout the test shall be at least the nominal operating voltage as specified by the vehicle manufacturer.

5.2.2.2. Measurement method.

5.2.2.2.1. First step.

The voltage is measured as shown in Figure 1 and the high voltage bus voltage (Ub) is recorded.

5.2.2.2.2. Second step.

The voltage (U1) between the negative side of the high voltage bus and the electrical chassis is measured and recorded (see Figure 1).

5.2.2.2.3. Third step.

The voltage (U2) between the positive side of the high voltage bus and the electrical chassis is measured and recorded (see Figure 1).

5.2.2.2.4. Fourth step.

If U1 is greater than or equal to U2, a standard known resistance (Ro) is inserted between the negative side of the high voltage bus and the electrical chassis. With Ro installed, the voltage (U1') between the negative side of the high voltage bus and the electrical chassis is measured (see Figure 5).

The electrical isolation (Ri) is calculated according to the following formula:

Ri = Ro\*Ub\*(1/U1' – 1/U1)

Figure **5**

**Measurement of U1’**

Electrical Chassis

REESS Assembly

Energy Conversion

System Assembly

High Voltage Bus

+

+

Traction System

REESS

Energy

Conversion

System

-

-

R0

U1’

Electrical Chassis

If U2 is greater than U1, insert a standard known resistance (Ro) between the positive side of the high voltage bus and the electrical chassis. With Ro installed, measure the voltage (U2’) between the positive side of the high voltage bus and the electrical chassis (see Figure 6).

The electrical isolation (Ri) is calculated according to the following formula:

Ri = Ro\*Ub\*(1/U2' – 1/U2)

Figure **6**

**Measurement of U2’**

Electrical Chassis

Electrical Chassis

High Voltage Bus

Energy Conversion

System Assembly

REESS Assembly

U2’

+

-

+

-

Energy

Conversion

System

REESS

Traction System

R0

5.2.2.2.5. Fifth step.

The electrical isolation value Ri (in Ω) divided by the working voltage of the high voltage bus (in V) results in the isolation resistance (in Ω/V).

*Note:* The standard known resistance Ro (in Ω) should be the value of the minimum required isolation resistance (Ω/V) multiplied by the working voltage (V) of the vehicle plus/minus 20 per cent. Ro is not required to be precisely this value since the equations are valid for any Ro; however, a Ro value in this range should provide a good resolution for the voltage measurements.

6. Electrolyte leakage

An appropriate coating, if necessary, may be applied to the physical protection (casing) in order to confirm if there is any electrolyte leakage from the REESS after the impact test.

7. REESS retention

Compliance shall be determined by visual inspection.

1. As defined in the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3.), document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev.6, para. 2. –

   www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29resolutions.html [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The distinguishing numbers of the Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement are reproduced in Annex 3 to the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3), document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev. 6, Annex 3- [www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29resolutions.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29resolutions.html)**.** [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. 1 Distinguishing number of the country which has granted/extended/refused/withdrawn an approval (see approval provisions in the Regulation). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. 2 Strike out what does not apply [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. If the means of identification of type contains characters not relevant to describe the vehicle, types covered by the type-approval certificate such characters shall be represented in the documentation by the symbol: '? ' (e.g. ABC??123??). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. As defined in R.E.3. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)