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Comments on GRE/2012/27(Lighting & Signalling WG)

Headlamp Initial Aiming

October 2012

GRE/2012/27 proposes changes to ECE R48 to improve the minimum range of visibility, and to replace the artificial 2000lm limit for automatic levelling with more appropriate glare control.

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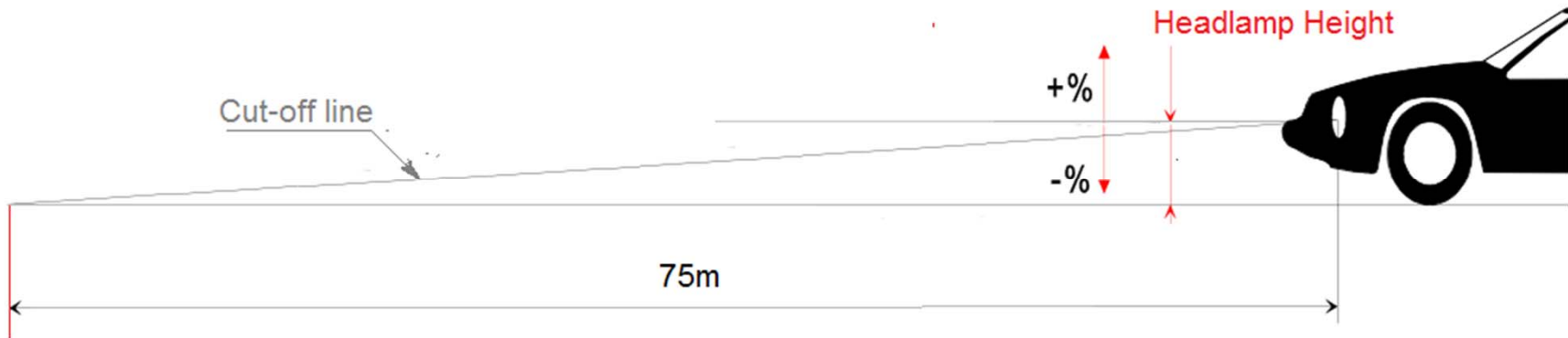
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- **To add a visible warning to the driver, defining what is the minimum visibility distance, if theoretical range is less than 50m.**

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- Specified % inclination is (Headlamp height / 75) as a %, rounded to nearest 0.1%.

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- Currently: initial aim is specified by the manufacturer, within permitted limits dependent on lamp height. Height bands overlap for tolerance.

min height	max height	%down
500	1000	1.0% to 1.5%
800	1200	1.5% to 2.0%

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- Under proposal,
 - No overlap between height bands
 - Most headlamps would be aimed higher than at present
 - Risks increased glare.

min height	max height	%down
488	563	0.7%
563	638	0.8%
638	713	0.9%
713	788	1.0%
788	863	1.1%
863	938	1.2%
938	1013	1.3%
1013	1088	1.4%
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1163	1238	1.6%

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< van/SUV

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- The following examples are taken from the CIE TC4-45 report
 - Two similar R98 headlamps, with similar mounting heights (715mm, 717mm)
 - Both are aimed at 1.0% down. This is the same value of aim that would apply under the proposal for these headlamp heights.
 - Ranges are calculated according to TC4-45 method.

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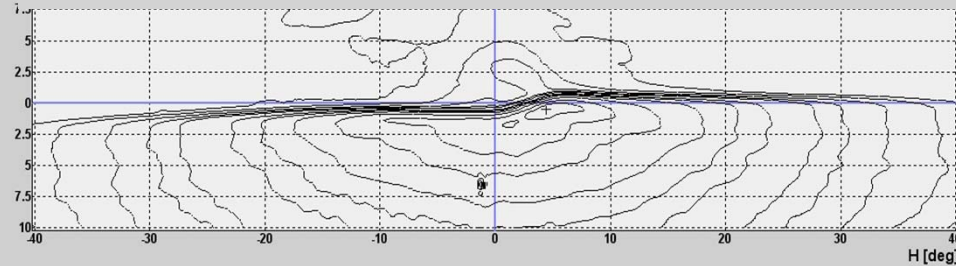
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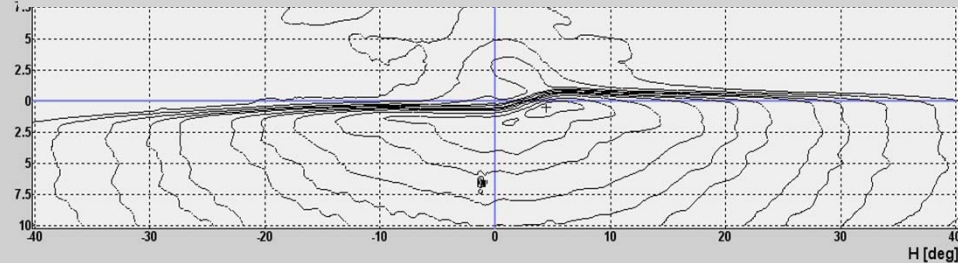
60m
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Visibility

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Low gradient through the cutoff = less glare sensitivity to initial aiming tolerances

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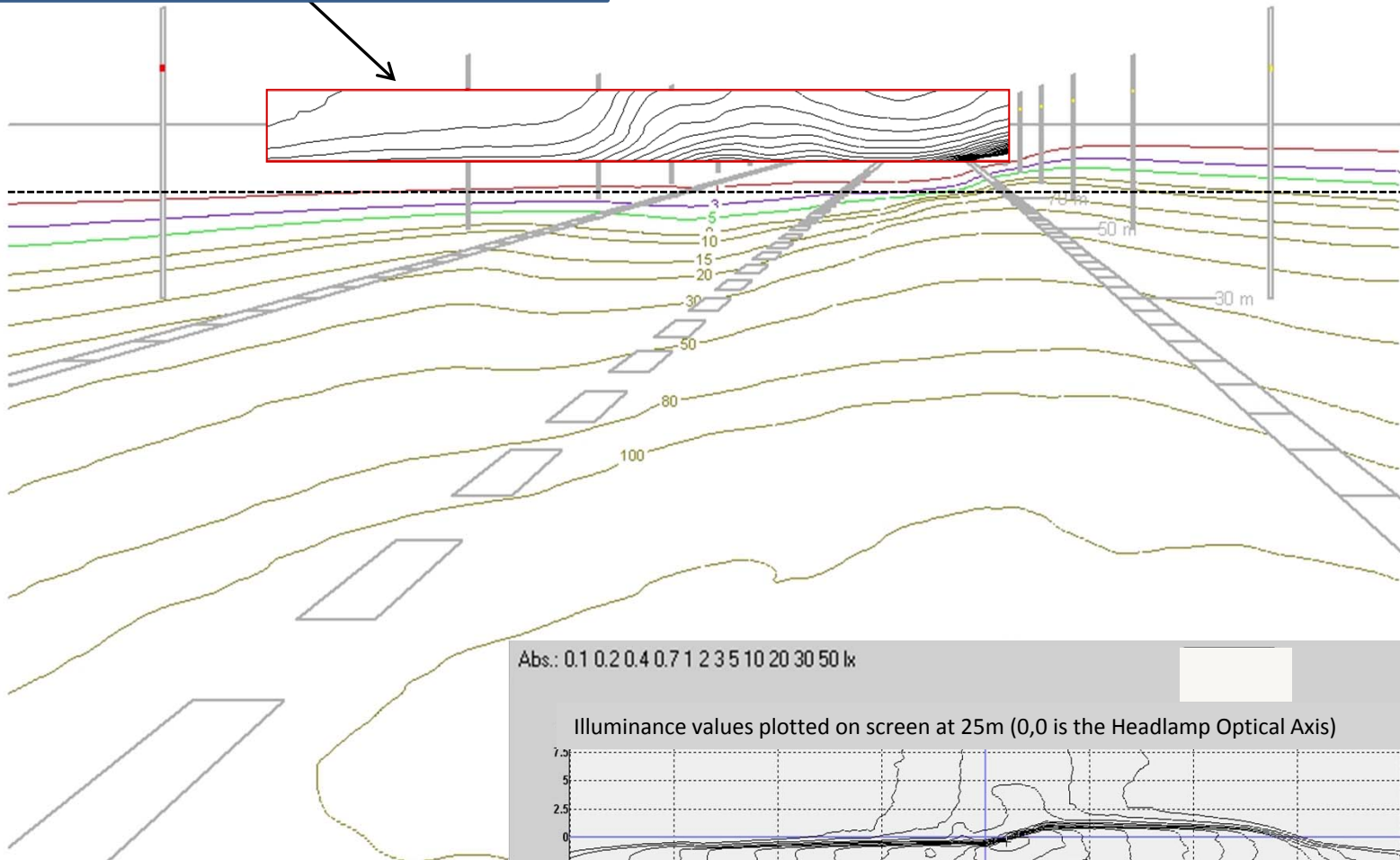
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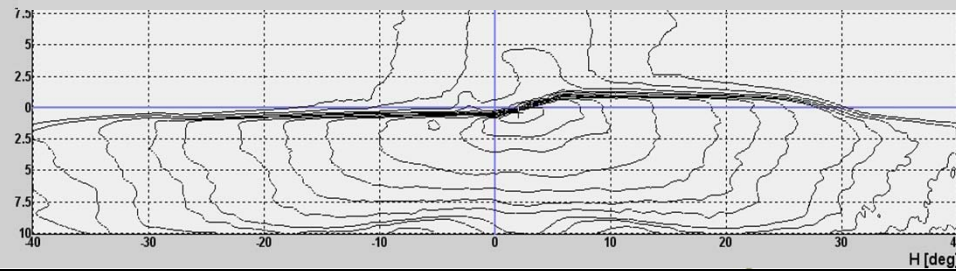
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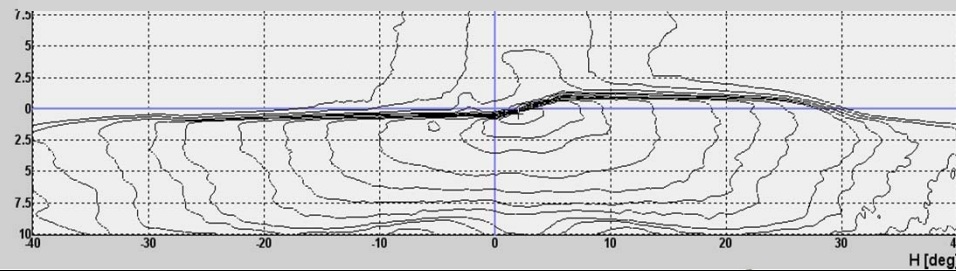
85m
forward
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High gradient
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- **Conclusion: theoretical range is a poor measure of real-world visibility**

Tolerance with load levelling to be 50m to 100m theoretical range (6.2.6.1.2) for both approval and CoP

- Currently total load levelling tolerance is 2.0% approval, 2.6% CoP
- Manufacturer may define initial aim to optimise levelling results

Current Approval		
min height	max height	%down
500	1000	0.5% to 2.5%
800	1200	1.0% to 3.0%

Current CoP		
min height	max height	%down
500	1000	0.2% to 2.8%
800	1200	0.7% to 3.3%

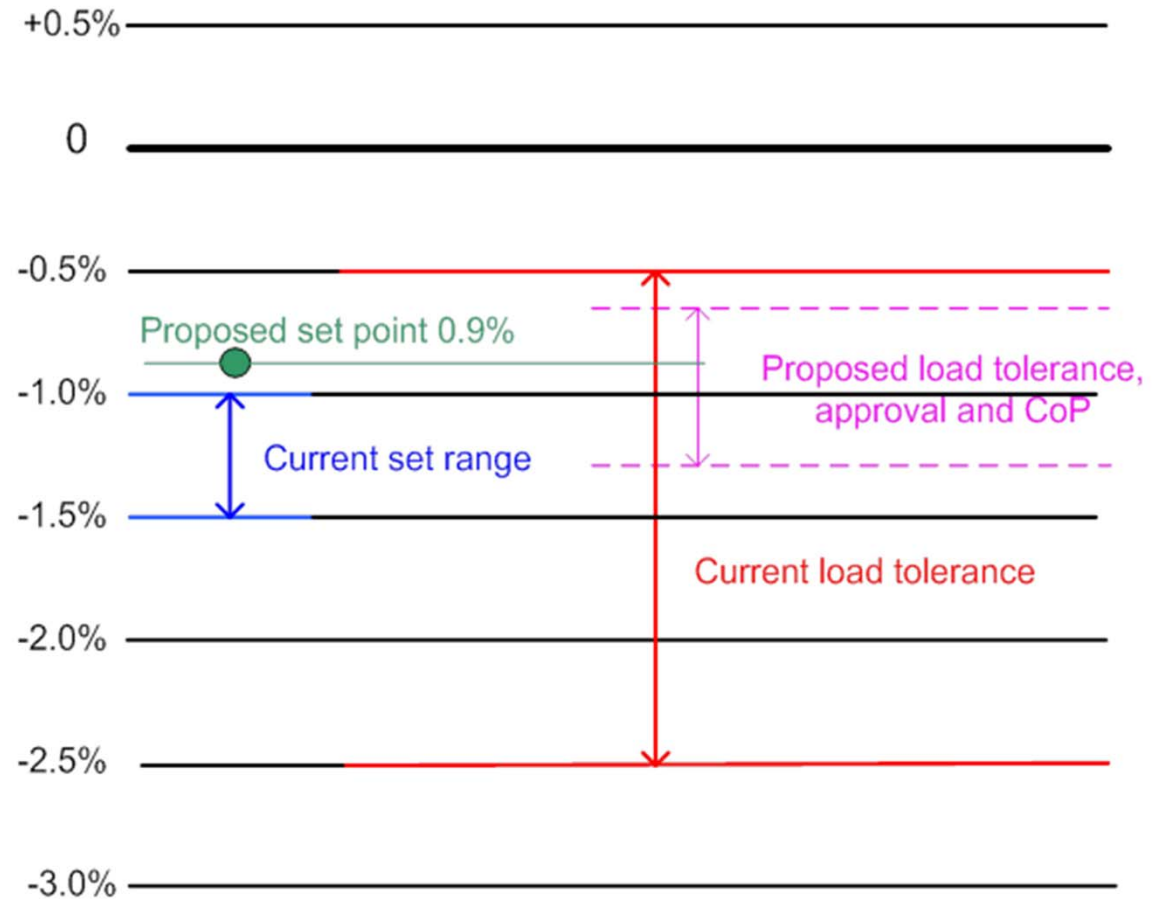
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- Proposal is shown expressed as %.
- Initial aim is defined by regulation
- Highest permitted aim with levelling unchanged at -0.5%
- Corresponds to a reduction in load levelling tolerance for most cars of **60-75%**

Proposal				
	min angle	set	max angle	
H(mm)	100m	"75m"	50m	total tol
500	-0.5%	-0.7%	-1.0%	0.5%
550	-0.6%	-0.7%	-1.1%	0.6%
600	-0.6%	-0.8%	-1.2%	0.6%
650	-0.7%	-0.9%	-1.3%	0.7%
700	-0.7%	-0.9%	-1.4%	0.7%
800	-0.8%	-1.1%	-1.6%	0.8%
900	-0.9%	-1.2%	-1.8%	0.9%
1000	-1.0%	-1.3%	-2.0%	1.0%
1200	-1.2%	-1.6%	-2.4%	1.2%

Tolerance with load levelling

Example for
650mm high
passenger car
headlamp



- To consistently meet CoP requirements, initial aim and levelling system need to be repeatable with a standard deviation of better than 0.1%.
Repeatability of suspension system alone is not this good.

6.2.6.1.3 requires that if, under loading conditions of Annex 5, aim falls above the 100m range, glare must be measured

- This is assessing the glare with the headlamp aimed as it would be under Annex 5 load conditions. Measurement to take place during headlamp type approval.
 - But at time of headlamp Type Approval, R48 inspection has not taken place, so the aim of the headlamp under Annex 5 conditions is not known.

Deletion of 2000lm requirement

- Current regulation para 6.2.9 prohibits the use of para 6.2.2.2 manual levelling option with LED or >2000lm light sources
- Proposal deletes this prohibition
 - Provided that 50-100m theoretical range can be achieved by manual levelling, manual levelling would be permissible for any headlamp.
- GTB working group is currently reviewing visibility and glare: it would be better to await their outcome.

Warning message

- If theoretical range under Annex 5 loading conditions falls below 50m but above 25m, a warning notice is to be placed in the car, declaring the minimum theoretical range as a minimum "visibility distance"
 - Visibility distance does not correlate directly with theoretical range (see above).

GRE/2012/21 proposed changes to ECE R48 (1 of 3):

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Conclusion:

- Redefining the aim point will raise the aim for most passenger cars
This may not give the desired visibility range
- To prevent this causing increased glare, aiming and levelling tolerances must be tightened
 - Industry needs aiming and levelling capability data to identify if this tolerance tightening is practicable.

Thank You
