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Foreword

This document (EN 1317-3:2010) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 226 "Road equipment", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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- EN 1317-3, *Road restraint systems — Part 3: Performance classes, impact test acceptance criteria and test methods for crash cushions*;
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Annex A is normative.

The significant technical changes incorporated in this revision are:

- a) Deletion of PHD;

- b) Introduction of the measure of VCDI;
- c) Reduction of impact angle tolerance to $\pm 1^\circ$;
- d) Introduction of combined limit deviation of speed and angle for side tests;
- e) New Annex A (normative) – Detailed test report template.

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Introduction

Based on safety considerations, the design of roads may require the installation of crash cushions at certain locations. These are designed to reduce the severity of vehicle impact with a more resistive object.

The standard specifies the levels of performance, required of crash cushions, for the restraint and/or redirection of impacting vehicles.

The impact severity of vehicles in collision with crash cushions is rated by the indices Theoretical Head Impact Velocity (THIV), and Acceleration Severity Index (ASI) (see EN 1317-1).

The different performance levels will enable national and local authorities to specify the performance class of crash cushions.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the acceptance of a crash cushion will require the successful completion of a series of vehicle impact tests (see Tables 1, 2, 3, etc.) as well as compliance with the full standard.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements for the performance of crash cushions during vehicle impacts. It specifies performance classes and acceptance criteria for impact tests, which should be read in conjunction with EN 1317-1 and EN 1317-5.

The modifications included in this European Standard are not a change of test criteria, in the sense of EN 1317-5:2007+A1:2008, ZA.3.

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 1317-1:2010, *Road restraint systems — Part 1: Terminology and general criteria for test methods*

3 Abbreviations

ASI:	Acceleration Severity Index
THIV:	Theoretical Head Impact Velocity

4 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1317-1:2010 and the following apply.

4.1

obstacle

item or hazard being protected from vehicular impact by the presence of a crash cushion

4.2

front face of the obstacle

surface closest to a plane drawn perpendicular to the centre line of the crash cushion

4.3

family of crash cushions

multiple performance product that can be assembled to form different models from the same set of components, to obtain different shapes and performances, with the same working mechanism for the system and its components

4.4

crash cushion head

structural beginning of a crash cushion, i.e. first point at which the system offers significant resistance to an impact in the direction defined in 5.2

NOTE 1 In some designs, a non-structural beginning (head) may be included which offers no significant resistance to an impact. The crash cushion head is defined by the manufacturer and accepted by the test house performing the test.

NOTE 2 If no agreement is reached between the manufacturer and the test house regarding the definition of the crash cushion head, the test can be performed according to the manufacturer's definition and a note should be added to the test report outlining the diverging points of view.

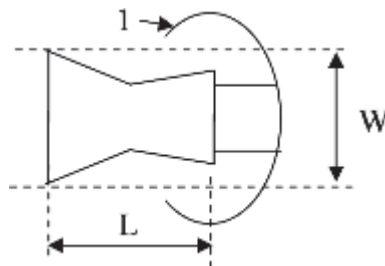
4.5 structural length of a crash cushion

L
length of a crash cushion to be used to define the impact points, i.e. the longitudinal distance from the head of the crash cushion to the rearmost point of the system required to achieve the declared performance

4.6 crash cushion width

W
maximum horizontal distance between the approach side and the departure side of the crash cushion, measured orthogonally to its centre line

NOTE See Figure 1.



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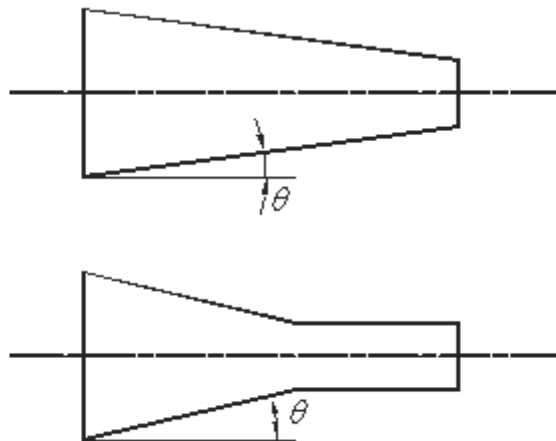
- 1 Non structural head
- L Structural length of the crash cushion
- W Crash cushion width

Figure 1 — Example of crash cushion width

4.7 taper angle

maximum angle in plan view from a parallel of the center line and the angled side of the crash cushion

NOTE See Figure 2.



Key

- θ Taper angle

Figure 2 — Example of taper angle

4.8

trapezoidal envelope

trapezium surrounding the plan profile of the crash cushion, having a minimum plan area as shown in Figures 4 and 5

NOTE Any essential supporting structure should be included within this envelope.

5 Performance classes

5.1 General

Crash cushions shall comply with requirements given in 5.2 to 5.6 when tested in accordance with impact test criteria defined in Table 1.

Vehicle specifications and deviations shall conform to EN 1317-1.

5.2 Types of crash cushion

Types of crash cushion shall be:

- a) redirective (R): crash cushions which contain and redirect vehicles;
- b) non-redirective (NR): crash cushions which contain but do not redirect vehicles.

5.3 Vehicle impact tests

Vehicle impact test descriptions shall be as given in Table 1.

Table 1 — Vehicle impact test descriptions for crash cushions

Test ^a	Approach	Total vehicle mass kg	Velocity km/h	Figure 3 Test no.
TC 1.1.50	Frontal centre	900	50	1
TC 1.1.80		900	80	
TC 1.1.100		900	100	
TC 1.2.80		1 300	80	1
TC 1.2.100			100	
TC 1.3.110		1 500	110	1
TC 2.1.80	Frontal, ¼ vehicle offset	900 ^b	80	2
TC 2.1.100			100	
TC 3.2.80	Head (centre), at 15°	1 300	80	3
TC 3.2.100		1 300	100	
TC 3.3.110		1 500	110	
TC 4.2.50	Side impact at 15°	1 300	50	4
TC 4.2.80		1 300	80	
TC 4.2.100		1 300	100	
TC 4.3.110		1 500	110	
TC 5.2.80	Side impact at 165°	1 300	80	5
TC 5.2.100		1 300	100	
TC 5.3.110		1 500	110	

^a Test notation is as follows:

TC	1	2	80
Test of crash cushion	Approach	Test vehicle mass	Impact speed

^b For this test condition, the ATD shall be located at the more distant location from the centre line of crash cushion.