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European foreword

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Introduction

The safety considerations of pedestrians using road bridges, footbridges and similar elevated structures require the installation of special road restraint systems, so called pedestrian restraint systems or pedestrian parapets.

Pedestrian parapets are used to prevent people from falling off a bridge or other type of elevated structure.

Aspects included in the Technical Report are:

- a) safety in use for pedestrians and other highway users (excluding motor vehicles);
- b) the safety considerations of pedestrians using road bridges and footbridges and similar structures;
- c) analysis and test methods;
- d) durability;
- e) labelling and marking.

1 Scope

This Technical Report specifies geometrical and technical requirements for the design and manufacture for pedestrian parapets on road bridges, on footbridges, on top of retaining walls and on similar elevated structures.

This Technical Report also specifies test methods and provision for the labelling and marking of these products.

This Technical Report does not cover:

- vehicle restraint systems;
- pedestrian restraint systems in residential, commercial or industrial buildings and within their perimeter;
- non-rigid rails i.e. rope, cables.

This Technical Report may be used for pedestrian parapets on structures which cross over railways, rivers and canals.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. 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*

EN 1990:2002, *Eurocode - Basis of structural design*

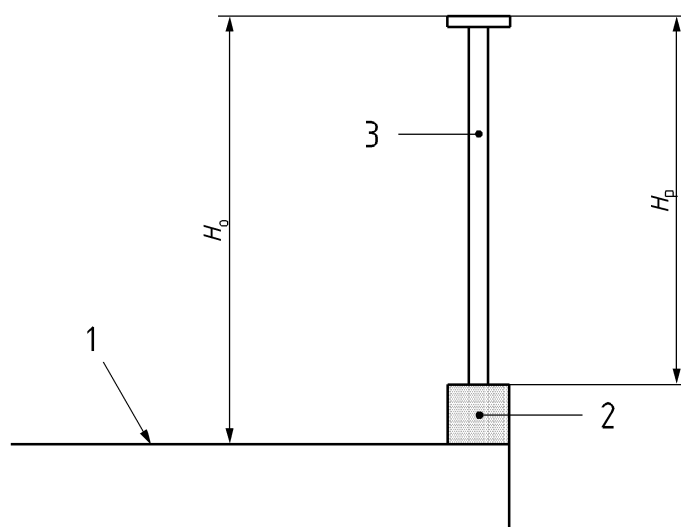
EN 10204, *Metallic products - Types of inspection documents*

EN 12767, *Passive safety of support structures for road equipment - Requirements, classification and test methods*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

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



NOTE 1 See Figure 1:

Key

- H_o Pedestrian parapet height (m) above the walking surface (ground level)
- H_p (Manufactured) pedestrian parapet height (m) above the plinth (fixing level)
- 1 pedestrian walking surface
- 2 plinth (concrete, steel, or other material)
- 3 manufactured pedestrian parapet covered by this Technical Report (manufactured product in steel, aluminium, wood, or other material which is capable of meeting the requirements of this Technical Report)

Figure 1 — Pedestrian parapet

NOTE 2 See informative Annex E for examples of parapets, Figure E.1 and E.2.

3.1.1

base-plate

plate attached to the base of a pedestrian parapet post, which is used to fix the pedestrian parapet to the structure

3.1.2

design working life

period of time in which the product or component is required to maintain the declared performance characteristics and will not require repair or withdrawal from service under normal maintenance and intended use conditions

3.1.3

handrail

rigid rail attached to or part of a pedestrian parapet to assist and guide pedestrians

Note 1 to entry: The top rail may also function as the handrail.

3.1.4

infilling

material that is fixed to posts and/or rails of a pedestrian parapet in order to reduce the size of openings (voids)

3.1.5

kicking plate

continuous upstand which can be attached to the bottom of the pedestrian parapet

3.1.6

overall working height

H_0

total working height (regulatory height) of the pedestrian parapet above the pedestrian walking surface

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

3.1.7

panel

section of a pedestrian parapet bounded by two posts

Note 1 to entry: The panel includes any surrounding posts and rails.

3.1.8

pedestrian parapet

pedestrian or other users restraint system along or on top of a bridge, retaining wall or similar structure which is not intended to act as a road vehicle restraint system

3.1.9

pedestrian restraint system

product designed to meet the requirements of this Technical Report

3.1.10

plinth

continuous upstand which supports the posts of the pedestrian parapet and which is part of the main structure to which it is attached

3.1.11

post

vertical or inclined member of a pedestrian parapet which withstands both horizontal and vertical forces and transmits these forces to the supporting structure

3.1.12

product height

H_p

overall height of the manufactured product including base-plate if provided

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

3.1.13

rail

member of a pedestrian parapet that transmits vertical and horizontal forces to the posts

Note 1 to entry: Top and other rails are included.

3.1.14

spaces, gaps and voids

space formed by the surrounding infilling of posts and rails

3.1.15

traffic loads

non-vehicular loads caused by pedestrians and other highway users e.g. cyclists and equestrians

3.2 Symbols and abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the following symbols and abbreviations apply:

3.2.1 Latin upper case letters

A_d	Design value of an accidental action
C_d	Limiting design value of the relevant serviceability criterion
D_s	Declared dimension(s) of spaces and voids
D_b	Diameter of spherical object which defines the dimensions of the spaces and voids
E	Energy
E_d	Design value of effect of actions
F_d	Design value of an action (load)
F_{dc}	Design value of connection to main structure
F_{hk}	Characteristic horizontal point load caused by traffic
F_{pdn}	Design load perpendicular on the infill
F_T	Test load
$F_{T,S}$	Test load at serviceability level
$F_{T,U}$	Test load at ultimate level
F_w	Resultant Wind force
G_k	Characteristic value of a permanent action
H_0	Overall height in metres of the pedestrian parapet above the pedestrian walking surface
H_P	The vertical height of the manufactured pedestrian parapet
Q_{hk}	Characteristic value of the concentrated horizontal traffic loads
Q_{vk}	Characteristic value of the concentrated vertical traffic loads
R_d	Design resistance
R_k	Characteristic resistance
R_T	Resistance derived from testing
S	Slope of load/deformation curve
$S_{n,dyn}$	Load from snow removal machinery
S_n	Snow load
SLS	Serviceability Limit State
ULS	Ultimate Limit State

3.2.2 Latin lower case letters

b	Width of footway
q_{hk}	Characteristic value of the uniformly distributed horizontal traffic loads (line load or patch load)-top rail
q_{hki}	Characteristic value of the uniformly distributed horizontal traffic loads (line load or patch load)-other rails
q_{vk}	Characteristic value of the uniformly distributed vertical traffic loads (line load or patch load)

3.2.3 Greek lower case letters

α	Test resistance reduction factor (and include bag angle B.5.3.3.2)
γ	Partial factor
γ_A	Partial factor for accidental actions
γ_{Gs}	Partial factor for permanent actions (e.g. self weight permanent actions)
γ_M	Partial factor for a material property
γ_Q	Partial factor for variable actions (traffic loads, wind loads, snow loads)
δ_h	Horizontal deformation or deflection
ψ	Combination factor
ψ_0	Factor for the combination value of a variable action
ψ_1	Factor for the frequent value of a variable action

4 Requirements

4.1 General

Pedestrian parapets should be designed and/or tested and should conform to the requirements of this Technical Report.

Where a vehicle restraint system is required to also function as a pedestrian parapet, the requirements of EN 1317-5 should be met.

Figures in Annex E illustrate the constituent parts of a pedestrian parapet.

Manufacturers may provide other design types which are not shown in Annex E provided they comply with the requirements of this Technical Report.

4.2 Construction

4.2.1 Assembly

Design, drawing, installation and maintenance instructions should be provided describing the measures that have to be taken in order to achieve the following performances where they form part of the pedestrian parapet:

- a continuous flowing alignment;
- smooth surfaces;
- the absence of sharp edges that could cause injury to users;

- d) the provision for expansion, contraction and movement of the main structure (e.g. under traffic loads and temperature effects) so that these do not endanger the performance or flowing alignment;
- e) the avoidance of corrosion pockets;
- f) the provision for adequate drainage in hollow sections and channels;
- g) the compatibility between component parts so that there is avoidance of electrolytic action;
- h) that fixings and fittings cannot be loosened without using tools;
- i) to demonstrate the ease of assembly at site location, the ease of maintenance and repair including the replacement of parts;
- j) finish and surface protection;
- k) any special provisions for end posts/panels.

NOTE A method for ensuring a smooth finish is described in Annex G.

4.2.2 Optional facilities

The following optional facilities may be declared:

- a) safety provisions for maintenance personnel;
- b) provision for the fixing of safety harnesses to support the weight of maintenance personnel to be fixed to the posts;
- c) special provisions for the safe passage of cyclists;
- d) the manufactured height of a kicking plate;
- e) the manufactured height of solid infill where horses and cattle are expected to use the bridge or structure, the position of the infill is to be specified;
- f) measures to prevent snow, debris and other hazards from falling on to traffic below the bridge or structure;
- g) the provision of a plinth, which shall have a minimum height of 50 mm;
- h) specification for the provision of a steel cable inside the handrail;
- i) avoidance of footholds to discourage climbing;
- j) provision for intervisibility;
- k) meeting the requirements of EN 12767.

4.3 Geometrical requirements

4.3.1 Height of manufactured product

The height H_p of the manufactured pedestrian parapet should be declared. Where the pedestrian parapet is to be installed at an angle, the vertical height H_p should be declared m; see Figure 1.

The overall height H_o of the pedestrian parapet is related to H_p but depends on the location of the fixing. See Figure 1 for examples. Where the post height exceeds the height of the top horizontal rail the declared height should be to the top of the top rail.

Table 1 — Minimum heights

Height (H_p)	Height m
A	1
B	1,1
C	1,2
D	1,4
F	1,6
E	1,5
G	1,8

Height should be measured with equipment that accords to EN ISO 9001.

4.3.2 Spaces and voids

The spaces and voids should not allow the passage of a spherical object with a diameter D_b . The maximum value of D_b should be declared as D_s . Various values for D_s should be declared in relation to height, see Figure 2.

Determination of D_s should take account of manufacturing tolerances and measured from a sample (using callipers) and/or an analysis of the manufacturing drawings.

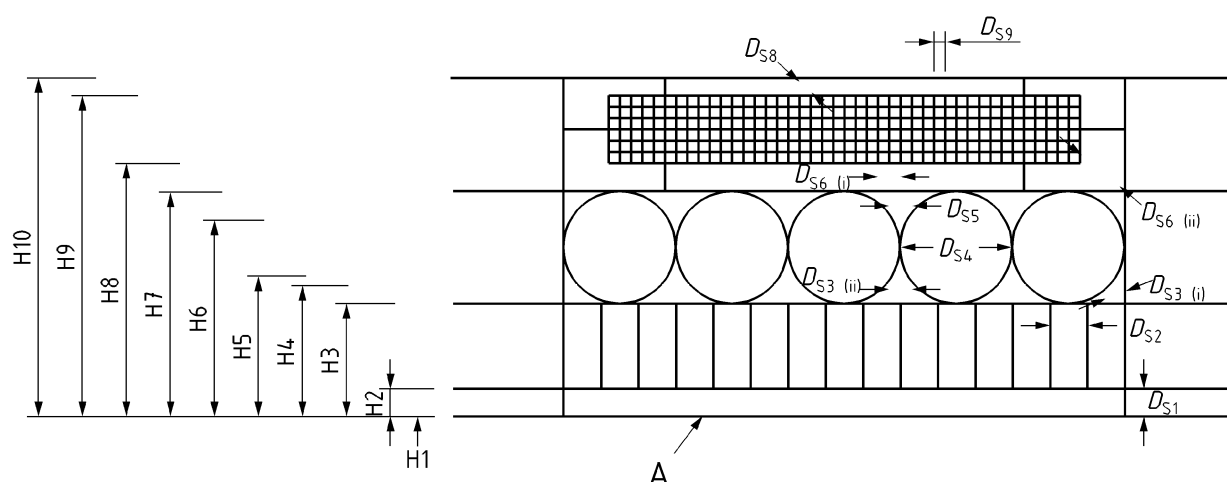
Table 2 — Maximum spaces and voids

Void D_s	Diameter mm
0	$D_s = 0$
15	$D_s = 15$
30	$D_s = 30$
50	$D_s = 50$
60	$D_s = 60$
100	$D_s = 100$
110	$D_s = 110$
120	$D_s = 120$
130	$D_s = 130$
150	$D_s = 150$
300	$D_s = 300$
500	$D_s = 500$

NOTE The selection of void size(s) may have implications for

- i) the avoidance of footholds which could make provision for persons to climb the pedestrian parapet (e.g. minimum height 1,1 m and no horizontal ledges on traffic face greater than 15 mm);
- ii) visibility (transparency/intervisibility) for drivers particularly at road junctions where there is a need for side visibility (e.g. percentage of clear view area through parapet when viewed at a specified angle);
- iii) the avoidance of objects being thrown through the pedestrian parapet onto traffic below (e.g. limiting a void/space size to 5 mm).

The above implications are mainly related to the site location of the pedestrian parapet which is not an issue for this Technical Report and further guidance on the selection of sizes may be found in guideline requirements prepared by Member States.



Key

- A fixing level
- D_S diameter in mm
- H height level in mm

Report each D_S value for each H level measured from fixing level, e.g

D_{S1} from H1 to H2

D_{S2} from H2 to H3

$D_{S3(i)}$ and $D_{S3(ii)}$ from H3 to H4

D_{S4} from H3 to H4

etc.

Figure 2 — Spaces and voids

4.4 Design requirements

4.4.1 General

The design working life under given use and maintenance conditions should be declared.

A minimum design working life of 25 years is normally required, excluding the possibility of accidental action (see EN 1990:2002, 2.3).

Pedestrian parapets should be designed in accordance with the general requirements in EN 1990:2002 and in the EN 1991 series and with the material resistance requirements in the EN 1992 series, the EN 1993 series, the EN 1994 series, the EN 1995 series, the EN 1996 series and the EN 1999 series (see subclauses below) for the following limit states:

- a) Ultimate Limit State (ULS) (see 4.5.2);