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## Foreword

This document (prEN 16230-1:2011) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 354 "Ride-on, motorized vehicles intended for the transportation of persons and goods and not intended for use on public roads - Safety requirements", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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For relationship with EU Directive, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

## Introduction

This document is a type C standard as stated in EN ISO 12100.
The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations and hazardous events are covered are indicated in the scope of this document.

When provisions of this type C standard are different from those which are stated in type A or B standards, the provisions of this type C standard take precedence over the provisions of the other standards, for machines that have been designed and built according to the provisions of this type $C$ standard.

## 1 Scope

The vehicles covered by this European Standard are not intended to be used on public roads.
They are only intended to be used on tracks designed for karting activities.
This European standard is applicable for karts according to 3.1 .
This European standard applies to:

- Leisure karts only
- Karts propelled by a combustion engine, including LPG combustion engines,
- uses on indoor and outdoor tracks, permanent or temporary
- uses on tracks designed for leisure karting, with a sealed ground ( such as asphalt, concrete, ice or snow) but which:
- excludes competition organised by and under the responsibility of the CIK-FIA and/or ASN, ensuring through the granting of licenses by an ASN or one of it's affiliated members as defined in the International Sporting code, compliance with the safety, sporting, disciplinary and technical rules of the CIAK-FIA and/ or ASN.
- takes place under the responsibility of the legal entity providing the services, and is managed by it's personnel or personnel acting under it's responsibility.

This European Standard does not apply to:

- cross country karts
- karts with two or more seats
- vehicles intended exclusively for competition and toys
- karts used on tracks not mentioned above (such as mud, earth )
- vehicles in amusement parks.

The requirements related to the electrical hazards are not covered in this European standard.
Considering safety in karting activities also involves the facilities, general requirements about them are included in this document.

This European standard specifies appropriate measures to eliminate or reduce the risks arising from significant hazards, hazardous situations and events ( see clause 4) during operation and maintenance of the vehicles, when carried out in accordance with the specification as intended by the manufacturer.

- This document is not applicable to vehicles which are manufactured before the date of publication of this European standard by CEN.


## 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 ISO 3744: 2009, Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure - Engineering method in an essentially free field over a reflecting plane

EN ISO 12100-1:2003, Safety of machinery - Basic concepts, general principles for design — Part 1 : Basic terminology, methodology (ISO 12100-1:2003)

ISO 3864-1:2006, Graphical symbols — Safety colours and visual safety signs — Part 1 : design principles
ISO 3864-2:2004, Graphical symbols - Safety colours and safety signs - Part 2: Design principles for product safety labels

CEN/TR 15172-1:2006, Whole-body vibration - Guidelines for vibration hazards reduction Part 1 : engineering methods by design of machinery

CR 1030-1:1995, Hand-arm vibration - Guidelines for vibration hazards reduction - Part 1 : Engineering methods by design of machinery

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 12100-1:2003 and the following apply.

## 3.1

kart
multilane motor driven sports equipment, with four wheels not set in a straight line, two wheels of which are powered and the other two serving as control, and without suspension

## 3.2 <br> leisure karting

- organised activity, offering leisure services in karting including leisure competition


## 3.3

leisure kart
kart intended and designed for leisure karting activities

## 3.4

## all around protection

device made of one or several parts encircling the kart and meant to protect the driver and the kart from external impacts, so as to eliminate the risk of wheel to kart contact

## 3.5 <br> evaluation <br> assessment of the ability of a person to drive

## 3.6

## training

teaching process by which a driver is brought to an appropriate level of driving standard for the session or event he or she is participating

## 3.7

slow track
closed indoor or outdoor track on sealed ground with a number of individual series of successive loops

## 3.8

fast track
closed outdoor or indoor track on sealed ground with a number of individual series of successive loops, whose track is wider and has a longer roll out area than a slow track

## 3.9 <br> Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG)

mixture of propane and butane which is suitable as power fuel for combustion engines and fluid at room temperature and overpressure

## 4 Classification

Leisure karting covers a wide range of activities on indoor and outdoor tracks, and can be used by drivers of different age, size, weight and experience.
For the purpose of this document, different types of karts have been defined. The Tables 1 and 2 below, defines their restrictions of use.

Table 1 - Type of kart - Manufacturers design parameters


Table 2 - Type of kart - Minimum age / Training and / or evaluation

| Kart type | Minimum age <br> years | Training (T) or at least Evaluation (E) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kart type A1 <br> (baby) | 6 | T |
| Kart type A2 <br> (mini) | 7 | $7-\mathrm{T}$ |
| above 8 E |  |  |

## 5 List of significant hazards

This clause contains all significant hazards, hazardous situations and events, as far as they are dealt with in this document, and identified by risk assessment as significant for the karts and which require action to eliminate or reduce the risk.

Table 3 - List of significant hazards

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Clauses } \\ \text { I } \\ \text { Sub } \\ \text { clauses } \end{gathered}$ | Danger zone or source of hazard | EN 162 Type of hazard | Fig / subfigure | Relevant clause of this standard |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5.1 | Mechanical hazards |  |  |  |
| 5.1.1 | Protection of the kart / Roll bar | Wheel to wheel, or plastic/metal to wheel contact leading to a "lauching" type of roll over <br> NOTE Most leisure(rental) karts have all around protection that eliminates this case ; occurrence would be medium to high otherwise |  | 6.3.1 protection $\quad$ kart |
|  |  | Karts "climbing" one on the other NOTE Most leisure(rental) karts have all around protection designed to prevent such case ; occurrence would be medium to high otherwise |  | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { 6.3.1 } & \text { kart } \\ \text { protection } \end{array}$ |
|  |  | Crash situations leading to high forces on the driver |  | 6.3.1 kart protection |

Table 3 (continued)


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| $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Clauses } \\ I \\ \text { Sub } \\ \text { clauses } \end{gathered}$ | Danger zone or source of hazard | Type of hazard | Fig / subfigure | Relevant clause of this standard |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5.1.8 | Stability | Flip over of the kart resulting from excessive grip |  | 6.11 wheels and tyres |
| 5.2 | Electrical hazards |  |  |  |
|  | Starter batteries and/or 2nd systems (not propulsion), if any | Fire caused by short circuits |  | Not covered in this European standard. |
|  |  | Electrical risks of the power source (charger) <br> NOTE Power supply is not part of the kart ; the safety devices of the power supply are either in the charger, or in the electrical system of the facility |  | Not covered in this European standard. |
| 5.3 | Thermal hazard |  |  |  |
|  | All high temperature components | Burns due to inadvertent contacts with hot parts |  | $\begin{array}{\|lr\|} \hline 6.8 & \text { protection } \\ \text { against } & \text { hot } \\ \text { surfaces } & \end{array}$ |
| 5.4 | Noise |  |  |  |
|  |  | Risk for the driver, due to close source of noise |  | 6.14 noise |
|  | Whole kart | Risk for other persons than the driver due to fleet of karts <br> NOTE As stated in text of 1.5.8 what is at stake is a commitment to reduce noise using state of the art techniques |  | 6.14 noise |
| 5.5 | Vibrations hazards |  |  |  |
|  | Whole kart | Risk for the driver, due to sources of vibration |  | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 6.15 \text { vibrations } \\ \text { hazards } \end{array}$ |
| 5.6 | Material / substance hazards |  |  | 6.2 materials and products |
| 5.6.1 | Fuel system Fuel tank | Fire or explosion due to damage on fuel system after impacts |  | 6.13.1 fuel tank |
|  |  | Fire or explosion due to filling |  | 6.13.2 fuel lines |
| 5.6.2 | LPG system <br> LPG tank <br> LPG line | Fire or explosion due to folling |  | 6.12 specific requirements for LPG karts |
|  |  | Fire or explosion due to damage on fuel system after impacts |  | 6.12 specific requirements for LPG karts |

Table 3 (end)

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Clauses } \\ \text { I } \\ \text { Sub } \\ \text { clauses } \end{gathered}$ | Danger zone or source of hazard | Type of hazard | Fig / subfigure | Relevant clause of this standard |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5.6.3 | Starter batteries and/or 2nd systems (not propulsion), if any | Electrolyte of batteries spilled or projected due to battery failure <br> NOTE Power supply is not part of the kart ; the safety devices of the power supply are either in the charger, or in the electrical system of the facility |  | 6.17 Batteries |
| 5.6.4 | Indoor facilities. <br> Requirements on karts is an open question | Risk for the driver when exposed to gas emissions, in particular to carbon monoxide |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 6.16 } \\ & \text { emission } \end{aligned} \quad \text { Gas }$ |
|  |  | Risk for the other persons than driver when exposed to gas emissions , in particular to carbon monoxide |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 6.16 Gas } \\ & \text { emission } \end{aligned} \quad \text { Ger }$ |
| 5.7 | Ergonomics hazards |  |  |  |
| 5.7.1 | Pedals means of adjustment <br> Pedals <br> Pedal Brake <br> Pedal Throttle | Loss of control due to bad ergonomics leading to crash situations |  | 6.9 Protection against incorrect action on control systems |
|  |  | Crash situation resulting from incorrect action on pedal / failure of brake pedal |  | 6.9 Protection against incorrect action on control systems |
| 5.7.2 | Steering system | Crash situation resulting from a failure of steering system |  | 6.4.2 Steering wheel |
| 5.7.3 | Steering wheel | Injury due to steering wheel bad design <br> NOTE In case 3, the bad design of the steering wheel is an aggravating factor of a risk that has an other cause such as high speed crash. |  | 6.4.2 Steering wheel |

## 6 Safety requirements and/or protective measures

### 6.1 Description dimensions

The dimensions of the kart shall meet the requirements of Table 4.
Table 4 - Dimensions of the kart
Dimensions in mm

|  | Maximum Total length <br> L/ mm/ max | Maximum Total width <br> B/mm/max | Minimum Wheel base <br> A/mm | Minimum Rear wheel track ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ratio ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Minimum Front wheel track ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ratio ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kart Type A1 | 1700 | 1300 | 700 | 1 | 0,8 |
| Kart Type A2 | 2000 | 1400 | 800 | 1 | 0,8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Others (B, C1, } \\ & \mathrm{C} 2) \end{aligned}$ | 2200 | 1500 | 900 | 1 | 0,8 |
| a The measurement of the track is taken from centre of the wheel to centre of the wheel. <br> b The minimum rear wheel track dimension is the actual q . <br> c The minimum front wheel track dimension is the actual wheel base multiplied by the minimum front wheel track ratio. |  |  |  |  |  |

### 6.2 Materials and products

The kart shall be designed in such a way the risks related to the presence of fuel including LPG is kept to a minimum.

No part or system shall contain asbestos or other materials endangering persons' safety or health.

### 6.3 Protection against mechanical hazards

### 6.3.1 Kart protection

All around protection shall be provided that:

- prevents wheel to kart contact and, therefore, the launching effect,
- ensures impact stability, e.g. reduce the risk of karts climbing one on the other, of karts rolling over, of karts going under track protection,
- reduces the effect of impact loads on the driver,
- reduces the effects of the impact loads on the frame and components.

