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Foreword

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Introduction

The main purpose of this document is to provide a repeatable and discriminatory method for comparing simulation results to measured test data from a physical vehicle for a specific type of test.

The dynamic behaviour of a road vehicle is a very important aspect of active vehicle safety. Any given vehicle, together with its driver and the prevailing environment, constitutes a closed-loop system that is unique. The task of evaluating the dynamic behaviour is therefore very difficult since the significant interactions of these driver–vehicle–environment elements are each complex in themselves. A complete and accurate description of the behaviour of the road vehicle involves information obtained from a number of different tests.

Since this test method quantifies only one small part of the complete vehicle handling characteristics, the validation method associated with this test can only be considered significant for a correspondingly small part of the overall dynamic behaviour.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for comparing simulation results from a vehicle model to measured test data for an existing vehicle according to steady-state circular driving tests as specified in ISO 14792. The comparison is made for the purpose of validating the vehicle model for this type of test.

This document applies to heavy vehicles, including commercial vehicles, commercial vehicle combinations, buses and articulated buses as defined in ISO 3833 (trucks and trailers with a maximum weight above 3,5 tonnes and buses and articulated buses with a maximum weight above 5 tonnes, according to ECE and EC vehicle classification, categories M3, N2, N3, O3 and O4).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

ISO 14792, *Road vehicles — Heavy commercial vehicles and buses — Steady-state circular tests*

ISO 3833, *Road vehicles — Types — Terms and definitions*

ISO 8855, *Road vehicles — Vehicle dynamics and road-holding ability — Vocabulary*

ISO 15037-2:2002, *Road vehicles — Vehicle dynamics test methods — Part 2: General conditions for heavy vehicles and buses*

ISO 19364, *Passenger cars — Vehicle dynamic simulation and validation — Steady-state circular driving behaviour*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 3833, ISO 8855, ISO 15037-2, ISO 19364 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
simulation
calculation of motion variables of a vehicle from equations in a mathematical model of the vehicle system

3.2
vehicle configuration
fundamental vehicle characteristic influencing the vehicle dynamics

EXAMPLE Number of axles, axle types, number and type of the vehicle units.

Note 1 to entry: An example of axle types can be independent suspension or rigid axle.

3.3
basic vehicle parameters
parameters not subject to model fitting, which are directly and accurately measurable on the test vehicle

EXAMPLE Masses and dimensions.

3.4
estimated vehicle parameters
parameters that may be used for model fitting, which are typically hard to be determined

EXAMPLE Mass moment of inertia and tyre characteristics.

3.5
vehicle model validity range
basic vehicle parameters (3.3) which may be changed if the type of vehicle combination and tyre type are maintained

Note 1 to entry: For example, when wheel base is modified some of the estimated parameters may need to be updated accordingly.

4 Principle

The open-loop test methods defined in ISO 14792 are used to determine the steady-state circular driving behaviour of heavy commercial vehicles and buses as defined in ISO 3833.

Within this document, the purpose of the test is to demonstrate that a vehicle model can predict the vehicle behaviour within specified tolerances. The vehicle model is used to simulate a specific existing vehicle which is also tested physically, using one of the steady-state test methods specified in ISO 14792 for both test and simulation. For single vehicle units, alternatively consider a test with constant vehicle velocity and slowly increasing steer or a test with constant turning radius and slowly increasing vehicle velocity. Measurement results are used to define reference curves and tolerance boundaries, and the respective simulation results are overlaid to analyse the deviation between physical testing and simulation.

The validation process shall be repeated when changing the vehicle configuration, resulting in a fundamental change of the structure of the vehicle model, for example when simulating a three-axle vehicle instead of a two-axle vehicle or when simulating a vehicle combination instead of a single vehicle unit. For one vehicle configuration, it is recommended to repeat the process of comparing simulation and measurement results at least once for a change in basic vehicle parameters, for example for a different loading condition or a different wheelbase, to validate the robustness of the vehicle model.

5 Variables

The variables of motion used to describe the behaviour of the vehicle shall be related to the reference axis system (*X, Y, Z)* of the first vehicle unit (see ISO 8855). For the purpose of this document, the reference point shall be the centre of gravity of the first vehicle unit. This provision overrides the similar provision of ISO 15037-2. Measurement requirements shall be taken from ISO 14792 and ISO 15037-2. The variables that shall be determined for compliance with this document are:

— longitudinal velocity, v_x;

— steering-wheel angle, δ_H;

— lateral acceleration, a_y;

— roll angle of first vehicle unit, φ.

It is recommended that the following variables are also determined:

— steering-wheel torque, M_H;

— yaw velocity, $\dot{\psi}$;

— sideslip angle, β;

— lateral acceleration of the cabin of the first vehicle unit, $a_{y,C}$;

— lateral acceleration of the axles, a_y;

— cabin roll angle of the first vehicle unit, φ_C;

— roll angle(s) of the towed vehicle unit(s) at relevant points, φ_i;

— articulation angle(s) between the vehicle units, $\Delta\psi$.

6 Simulation model parameters and requirements

6.1 General

The vehicle model used to predict the behaviour of a vehicle of interest shall include a mathematical model capable of calculating variables of interest for the test procedures being simulated. In this document, the vehicle model is used to simulate one of the steady-state cornering test methods described in 7.2 and provide calculated values of the variables of interest, see Clause 5.

Any data input into the model should be derived from design data or characteristics measurements of the relevant components described below. If only input data of a similar component are available (e.g. tyre characteristics measurements of tyres of a different brand), the validation process described in this document may serve to identify the unknown component parameters by a parameter variation within moderate, feasible boundaries.

6.2 Basic vehicle parameters — Mass and geometry

The vehicle model shall include all relevant masses of all vehicle units. The value of the mass and the location of the centre of mass are essential properties of the vehicle for the tests covered in this document. Table 1 shows the recommended maximum deviations.

Mathematical models of vehicle combinations shall include a correct representation of the position and the rotational degrees of freedom of the coupling device(s) between the units.

Table 1 — Recommended maximum input data deviation between vehicle model and test vehicle for basic vehicle parameters

Vehicle parameter	Typical usage range	Recommended maximum error between model and physical vehicle combination
Axle and coupling positions with front axle as reference	0 m to 100 m	±0,02 m
Axle loads[a]	0 kg to 15 000 kg	±100 kg
Vehicle unit mass	0 kg to 50 000 kg	±200 kg

[a] To receive an accurate centre of gravity position in the longitudinal direction, each vehicle unit in the vehicle combination with significant vertical force in joint couplings between units, such as fifth wheel on tractor or converter dolly, shall also be measured separately on the weighting scale.

6.3 Estimated vehicle parameters

The following model parameters are based on representative data or calculations with expected variability. As they have substantial influence on the vehicle behaviour during steady-state cornering, they may be adjusted within feasible boundaries for the test vehicle and test conditions during the validation process.

NOTE Moments and products of inertia have no effect under steady-state conditions, when angular accelerations are negligible.

6.3.1 Height of the centre of gravity

For heavy commercial vehicles, the characteristic curve of the roll angle versus lateral acceleration depends largely on the loading condition and the resulting height of the centre of gravity of the vehicle units.

For the purpose of simulation, the height of the centre of gravity of the laden test vehicle can be determined from measurement or design data of the unladen vehicle, modified in accordance with the measured payload geometries and conditions. The loading conditions of the test vehicle shall be recorded as accurately as possible to ensure that the remaining uncertainty in the height of the centre of gravity shall lie within the boundaries shown in Table 2.

NOTE The height of the centre of gravity of the laden vehicle will be influenced not only by the mass and position of the payload but by other associated effects including, but not limited to, suspension and tyre deflections.

6.3.2 Tyre lateral force characteristics

The vertical, lateral, and longitudinal forces and moments where each tyre contacts the ground provide the main actions on the vehicle. The simulated vehicle movement depends largely on the accuracy of the calculated tyre forces and moments.

Large lateral slip angles can occur under the conditions covered in this document. Longitudinal slip ratios are usually limited to the amounts needed to generate longitudinal forces to maintain a target speed in the test. The tyre model should cover the entire ranges of slip (lateral and longitudinal), camber angle relative to the ground, and vertical load that occur in the tests being simulated. The simulated tests may take place on a flat homogenous surface; detailed tyre models that handle uneven surfaces are not needed. The surface friction coefficient between the tyre and ground is an important property for the limit friction conditions that can be encountered in steady-state circular driving tests.

The simulated tests involve conditions that are intended to be steady state; therefore, transient effects in tyre response (e.g. relaxation length) are not relevant.

Typically, the tyre model applied within the vehicle model uses measurements of the tyre characteristics on test rigs as a basis for the tyre model parameters. For the validation, tyre measurements of the same tyres as used on the test vehicle (or, at least, measurements of a tyre with comparable size and wheel load range) shall be used for parametrizing the tyre model. The validation process may be used for adjusting the tyre model parameters within feasible boundaries. It is recommended that (on a dry and even road surface) the deviation of the characteristic curves of the lateral tyre force versus the tyre slip angle used in the tyre model and the curves of the tyre measurement should not exceed ±25 % for slip angles below 10° (see Table 2). To avoid this tolerance being used to alter the balance between front and rear tyre force characteristics, it is recommended that the relative difference between the lateral force characteristics of the tyres at the front axle and the first driven rear axle of the first vehicle unit is not modified by more than 20 % during this adjustment process, see also Table 2. For example, if the cornering stiffness of the tyres of the first axle is increased by 25 %, the cornering stiffness of the rear axle tyres shall also be increased by at least 5 % to meet this requirement. For this comparison of characteristic curves of the tyres, curves of at least three wheel loads should be used, covering a wide range of the wheel loads occurring during the test.

NOTE 1 It can be necessary to consider the tyre side force characteristics for slip angles up to 10° if, during the physical tests, the nonlinear tyre force range is reached.

NOTE 2 When representing the twin tyres on the rear axle of heavy commercial vehicles by a single tyre in the simulation model, the tyre force characteristics of the single tyres are the same as those of twin tyres but the correct track width for twin tyres is parametrized in the model.

6.3.3 Suspension kinematics and compliance properties

The properties of the suspensions that determine how the tyre is geometrically located, oriented, and loaded against the ground shall be represented properly in the vehicle model in order for the tyre model to generate the correct tyre forces and moments. The suspension properties also determine how active and reactive forces and moments from the tyres are transferred to the sprung mass.

The suspension properties should include change of location and orientation of the wheel due to suspension deflection and applied load as would be measured in a physical system in kinematics and compliance (K&C) tests. The K&C properties should not be altered during the validation process.

The vehicle model used for the steady-state cornering tests, shall cover the full range of springs and auxiliary roll moments due to anti-roll bars and other sources of roll stiffness (including the torsional frame stiffness for trucks). Rate-dependent forces such as those produced by shock absorbers are not relevant in steady-state conditions.

During the validation process, the stiffness characteristics of springs and anti-roll bars shall be taken from measurement or design data and should not be altered by more than the corresponding production tolerances of the components, see Table 2.

NOTE 1 The vehicle model can cover the K&C properties either by a measurement-based approach or by detailed suspension modelling. For detailed modelling, the results of K&C simulation and K&C measurement are compared before conducting the entire vehicle simulation. If the vehicle tested for K&C properties is not the same vehicle tested for handling performance, vehicle-to-vehicle variation in suspension geometry and compliance may result in significant differences in K&C properties such as ride, roll, and compliance steer and camber.

NOTE 2 Conventional modelling of leaf springs typically under-represents the amount of auxiliary roll stiffness that leaf spring torsional rate provides.

6.3.4 Steering system

The vehicle model shall include kinematic and compliance relationships (including non-linear effects) between the steering wheel angle and the road wheel angles. Steering system damping and friction are not relevant in steady-state conditions and can be neglected. For compensation of a constant offset between the measured and the simulated curve of the steering wheel angle versus lateral acceleration, the parameters of the steering system giving the overall steering ratio may be adapted to meet the measured curve for low lateral accelerations (see Table 2).

NOTE 1 The steering system geometry can cause different Ackermann steering angles for left- and right-hand steer. This effect is represented correctly in the simulation model.

NOTE 2 Wear in steering system components, particularly a power steering gear, can result in significant changes in steering friction that affect the magnitude and linearity of steering compliance and thereby lateral force and aligning torque compliance steer.

