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## Introduction

This document has been prepared on the basis of the existing design, specifications and performance of advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI) standard build level B (SBL-B). The purpose of this document is to document the design and specifications of this pedestrian legform impactor in a form suitable and intended for worldwide harmonized use.

In 2014, aPLI development started, with the aims of defining a globally accepted next-generation pedestrian legform impactor, with enhanced biofidelity and injury assessment capability by implementing an upper mass to represent the influence of the upper body of a pedestrian, and suitable for harmonized use. Participating in the development were research institutes, dummy and instrumentation manufacturers, governments and car manufacturers from around the world. Details are given in [Annex A](#) through [Annex G](#) and [Annex P](#).

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## Road vehicles - Design and performance specifications for advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI) -

### 1 Scope

This document provides definitions, symbols, mechanical requirements, certification test procedure, electronic subsystem requirements and user's manual for advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI), a standardized pedestrian legform impactor with an upper mass for pedestrian subsystem testing of road vehicles. It is applicable to impact tests involving:

- vehicles of category M1, except vehicles with the maximum mass above 2 500 kg and which are derived from N1 category vehicles and where the driver's position, R-point, is either forward of the front axle or longitudinally rearwards of the front axle transverse centreline by a maximum of 1 100 mm;
- vehicles of category N1, except where the driver's position, R-point, is either forward of the front axle or longitudinally rearwards of the front axle transverse centreline by a maximum of ~~1 400 mm~~ 1 000 mm;
- impacts to the bumper test area as defined by UN R127<sup>[1]</sup> and UN GTR No.9<sup>[2]</sup>;
- pedestrian subsystem tests involving use of a legform for the purpose of evaluating compliance with vehicle safety standards.

### 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 6487, Road vehicles — Measurement techniques in impact tests — Instrumentation](#)

[ISO/TS 13499, Road vehicles — Multimedia data exchange format for impact tests](#)

SAE J2570, *Performance Specifications for Anthropomorphic Test Device Transducers*

SAE J211-1, *Instrumentation for impact test* — [Impact Test Part 1](#) — ~~Electronic instrumentation~~ [Instrumentation](#)

~~ISO 6487, Measurement techniques in impact tests — Instrumentation~~

~~ISO/TS 13499, Road vehicles — Multimedia data exchange format for impact tests~~

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **abduction**

rotation of the *lower limb* (3.34) relative to the *upper mass* (3.49) as the lower limb is rotated toward the *struck side* (3.37)

#### 3.2

##### **adduction**

rotation of the *lower limb* (3.34) relative to the *upper mass* (3.49) as the lower limb is rotated toward the *non-struck side* (3.35)

#### 3.3

##### **adult**

person who is sixteen years old or older

#### 3.4

##### **aPLI**

##### **advanced pedestrian legform impactor**

##### **aPLI**

modified pedestrian legform impactor which incorporates a mass representing the inertial effect of the upper part of a pedestrian body to enhance *biofidelity* (3.8) and *injury assessment capability* (3.26) of conventional pedestrian legforms

#### 3.5

##### **aluminium honeycomb**

manufactured material comprising multi-layered bonded sheets of aluminium bent or corrugated in a rib pattern, in which there is an internal pattern of hexagonal cylindrical spaces

Note 1 to entry: The aluminium honeycomb used in this document as an energy-absorbing element in full assembly *certification* (3.13) tests.

#### 3.6

##### **AAUM**

angular acceleration of upper mass

~~AAUM~~ angular acceleration observed at the upper mass of the *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4) which is obtained by differentiating the angular velocity sensor (X), installed in the *upper mass* (3.49) as a required sensor

Note 1 to entry: See [7.1.3.4](#).

#### 3.7

##### **Belleville washer**

type of spring which can be loaded along its axis, with its frusto-conical shape giving the spring characteristics

**3.8****biofidelity**

aspect of an *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4) capability to represent impact responses of human subjects

**3.9****bone core**

beam with a rectangular cross-section made of glass fibre reinforced plastic installed in the centre of the *femur* (3.14) and the *tibia* (3.40) that provides human-like bending stiffness

**3.10****bumper angle**

acute angle formed by the vertical plane tangential to the surface of a car bumper and the vertical transverse plane relative to the car

**3.11****bumper system**

component installed at the *hip joint* (3.24) inside the *upper mass* (3.49) composed of the bumper, the bumper mount and the compression surface, designed to apply a force on the upper part of the *femur* (3.14) in *adduction* (3.2) to enhance *injury assessment capability* (3.26) of an *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4)

**3.12****capacity**

maximum value of a physical quantity which can be measured by a sensor without causing sensor damage

**3.13****certification**

process by which the relevant *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4) component or full assembly is verified and documented to meet the specifications

**3.14****femur**

portion of the *lower limb* (3.34) between the *femur top* (3.15) and the upper *knee block* (3.29), excluding the *flesh* (3.22) and the *skin* (3.36)

**3.15****femur top**

aluminium part that forms the *hip joint* (3.24) and the junction between the *upper mass* (3.49) and the *femur* (3.14)

**3.16****femur-1**

measurement location of the *femur's* (3.14) bending moment (137 mm vertically up from the flat surface of the knee meniscus) used in the development and evaluation phase of the *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4)

**3.17****femur-2**

measurement location of the *femur's* (3.14) bending moment (217 mm vertically up from the flat surface of the knee meniscus) used in the development and evaluation phase of the *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4)

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#### ~~femur-2~~

~~measurement location of the femur's (3.14) bending moment (217 mm vertically up from the flat surface of the knee meniscus) used in the development and evaluation phase of the advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI) (3.4)~~

#### ~~femur-3~~

~~measurement location of the femur's (3.14) bending moment (297 mm vertically up from the flat surface of the knee meniscus) used in the development and evaluation phase of the advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI) (3.4)~~

### 3.19

#### femur-LO

measurement location of the femur's (3.14) bending moment which is equal to the measurement location of femur-1 (3.16) used in the development and evaluation phase of the advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI) (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: For the femur-LO, the femur's bending moment is specified in ISO/TS 13499.

### 3.20

#### femur-MID

measurement location of the femur's (3.14) bending moment which is equal to the measurement location of femur-2 (3.17) used in the development and evaluation phase of the advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI) (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: For the femur-MID, the femur's bending moment is specified in ISO/TS 13499.

### 3.21

#### femur-UP

measurement location of the femur's (3.14) bending moment which is equal to the measurement location of femur-3 (3.18) used in the development and evaluation phase of the advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI) (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: For the femur-UP, the femur's bending moment is specified in ISO/TS 13499.

### 3.22

#### flesh

moulded soft part constituting the outer layer of the lower limb (3.34) positioned inside the skin (3.36)

### 3.23

#### high-bumper car

car with a lower bumper reference line height (3.33) of 425 mm or more

### 3.24

#### hip joint

uniaxial joint that allows abduction (3.1) and adduction (3.2) and connects the upper mass (3.49) with the lower limb (3.34)

### 3.25

#### impact carriage

moving part of the full assembly certification (3.13) test fixture comprising the impact surface with an aluminium honeycomb (3.5) and a linearly guided rigid mass

### 3.26

**injury assessment capability**

aspect of an *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4) capability to produce peak injury values that correlate with those obtained from human body model impact simulations

**3.27****ISO metric**

objective rating metric used in this document to verify time histories of sensor output against experimentally or computationally produced target time histories

Note 1 to entry: For more information on the ISO metric, refer to ISO/TS 18571.

**3.28****knee**

middle part of the *lower limb* (3.34) that involves the knee joint, comprises the upper and lower *knee blocks* (3.29) and provides a junction between the *femur* (3.14) and the *tibia* (3.40)

**3.29****knee block**

aluminium block that forms either the upper part of the knee joint with condyles, or the lower part of the knee joint with the meniscus attached, accommodating knee ligaments, *Belleville washers* (3.7) that represent stiffness of the knee ligaments and sensors to measure elongation of the knee ligaments and linear acceleration and angular rate of the *knee* (3.28)

**3.30****lateral**

direction from the *struck side* (3.37) to the *non-struck side* (3.35)

**3.31****leg**

portion of the *lower limb* (3.34) below the lower *knee block* (3.29), including the *flesh* (3.22) and the *skin* (3.36)

**3.32****low-bumper car**

car with a *lower bumper reference line height* (3.33) less than 425 mm

**3.33****lower bumper reference line height****LBRL height**

height of the geometric trace of the lowermost points of contact between a straight edge and the bumper, measured from the ground, ~~as defined in UN R127 and UN GTR No.9~~

**3.34****lower limb**

lower part of the *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4) attached to the *upper mass* (3.49) via a *hip joint* (3.24), representing the *thigh* (3.39), *knee* (3.28) and *leg* (3.31) of a human in a standing position

**3.35****non-struck side**

opposite side of the *struck side* (3.37)

**3.36**

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### **skin**

sheet of polychloroprene with fabric surface that covers the *flesh* (3.22), forming the outermost layer of the *lower limb* (3.34)

### **3.37**

#### **struck side**

side facing a car in car tests, representing the outer side of the *lower limb* (3.34) of a pedestrian

### **3.38**

#### **subsystem test**

test to evaluate safety performance of cars where subsystem impactors representing individual body regions of a pedestrian are propelled into a front-end collision with a stationary car, in impact conditions representing specific load cases in car-pedestrian accidents, as described in UN R127<sup>[1]</sup> and UN GTR No.9<sup>[2]</sup>

### **3.39**

#### **thigh**

portion of the *lower limb* (3.34) between the *femur top* (3.15) and the upper *knee block* (3.29), including the *flesh* (3.22) and the *skin* (3.36)

### **3.40**

#### **tibia**

portion of the *lower limb* (3.34) below the lower *knee block* (3.29), excluding the *flesh* (3.22) and the *skin* (3.36)

### **3.41**

#### **tibia-1**

measurement location of the *tibia's* (3.40) bending moment (134 mm vertically down from the flat surface of tibia plateau) used in the development and evaluation phase of the *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4)

### **3.42**

#### **tibia-2**

measurement location of the *tibia's* (3.40) bending moment (214 mm vertically down from the flat surface of tibia plateau) used in the development and evaluation phase of the *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4)

### **3.43**

#### **tibia-3**

measurement location of the *tibia's* (3.40) bending moment (294 mm vertically down from the flat surface of tibia plateau) used in the development and evaluation phase of the *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4)

### **3.44**

#### **tibia-4**

measurement location of the *tibia's* (3.40) bending moment (374 mm vertically down from the flat surface of tibia plateau) used in the development and evaluation phase of the *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4)

### **3.45**

#### **tibia-LO**

measurement location of the *tibia's* (3.40) bending moment which is equal to the measurement location of *tibia-4* (3.44) used in the development and evaluation phase of the *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: For the tibia-LO, the tibia's bending moment is specified in ISO/TS 13499.

**3.46 tibia-MID-LO**

measurement location of the *tibia's* (3.40) bending moment ~~specified in ISO/TS 13499~~ which is equal to the measurement location of *tibia-3* (3.44) used in the development and evaluation phase of the *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: For the tibia-MID-LO, the tibia's bending moment is specified in ISO/TS 13499.

**3.47 tibia-MID-UP**

measurement location of the *tibia's* (3.40) bending moment ~~specified in ISO TS 13499~~ which is equal to the measurement location of *tibia-2* (3.44) used in the development and evaluation phase of the *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: For the tibia-MID-UP, the tibia's bending moment is specified in ISO/TS 13499.

**3.48 tibia-UP**

measurement location of the *tibia's* (3.40) bending moment ~~specified in ISO TS 13499~~ which is equal to the measurement location of *tibia-1* (3.44) used in the development and evaluation phase of the *advanced pedestrian legform impactor (aPLI)* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: For the tibia-UP, the tibia's bending moment is specified in ISO/TS 13499.

**3.49 upper mass**

block of mass attached on top of the *lower limb* (3.34) via a *hip joint* (3.24) to represent inertial contribution of the upper part of a pedestrian body when hit by a car

**3.50 validation of biofidelity**

evaluation of an anthropomorphic test device in terms of its representativeness of impact responses of a human body

**3.51 validation of injury assessment capability**

evaluation of an anthropomorphic test device in terms of the correlation of the peak values of its injury metrics with those of a human body, specifically represented by multiple HBMs

**4 Abbreviated terms**

See [Table 1](#).

**Table 1 — Abbreviated terms**

Abbreviation	Meaning
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Split Cells

Split Cells