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EN 1646-1:2025 (E)**European foreword**

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EN 1646-1:2025 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 1646-1:2018:

- a) change from “flammable” to “combustible”
- b) amendment of 5.2.1 “Heights”;
- c) 6.1.2.1 modified for motor caravans;
- d) amendment 5.1 “Occupancy”;
- e) 6.1.3 “Clearance of drop-down bunks” added;
- f) amendment of 6.1.4.3 “Protection by curtains or nets”;
- g) amendment of 6.1.7 “Access to high level bunks”;
- h) amendment of Clause 7 “Drinking water supply, storage and disposal of waste water”;
- i) amendment of 8.1 “Installation of appliances”;
- j) amendment of 10.1.2 “Extra low voltage (DC)”;
- k) amendment of 12.3 “Hotplates”;
- l) amendment of Annex A “Mechanical strength of entrance step”
- m) amendment of Clause D.2 “Preparation and procedure” in Annex D “Clear height over bunks”;
- n) amendment of test equipment for load spreading platform for bunks (Clause K.5)
- o) normative references updated.

EN 1646, *Leisure accommodation vehicles — Motor caravans*, is currently composed of the following parts:

- Part 1: Habitation requirements relating to health and safety.

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Introduction

Figure 1 gives an overview of the relevant standards for caravans, motor caravans and caravan holiday homes.

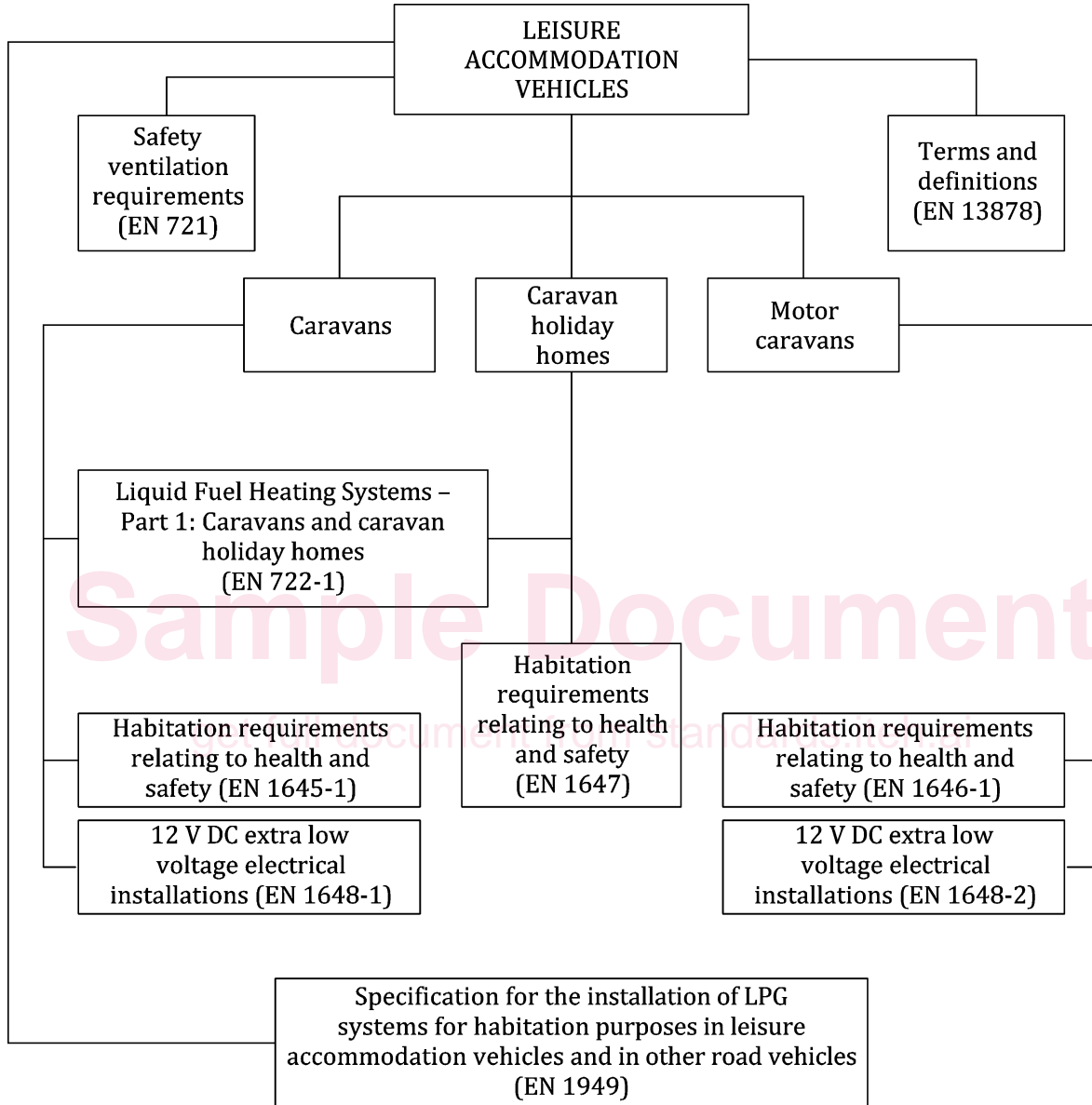


Figure 1 — Overview of relevant standards applying to leisure accommodation vehicles

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements intended to ensure the safety and health of persons when they use motor caravans for temporary or seasonal habitation.

It also specifies the corresponding test methods.

Specific requirements of this document apply to motor caravans where the overall length multiplied by the overall width does not exceed 13,5 m² plan area.

Requirements applicable to road safety are not included in the scope of this document.

This document is applicable exclusively to motor caravans as defined in EN 13878.

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.

EN 721, *Leisure accommodation vehicles - Safety ventilation requirements*

EN 1648-2, *Leisure accommodation vehicles - 12 V direct current extra low voltage electrical installations - Part 2: Motor caravans*

EN 1949, *Specification for the installation of LPG systems for habitation purposes in leisure accommodation vehicles and accommodation purposes in other vehicles*

EN 13501-1:2018, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements - Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests*

EN 13878, *Leisure accommodation vehicles - Terms and definitions*

EN ISO 8936, *Awnings for leisure accommodation vehicles - Requirements and test methods (ISO 8936)*

HD 60364-7-721, *Low-voltage electrical installations - Part 7-721: Requirements for special installations or locations - Electrical installations in caravans and motor caravans (IEC 60364-7-721)*

ISO 4649:2024, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of abrasion resistance using a rotating cylindrical drum device*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 13878 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/>

4 Testing

The tests described in Annex A to Annex K are intended to verify that a motor caravan representative of a given model, including its fixtures and fittings, meets the requirements of this document.

These tests are intended to simulate the most onerous conditions, for the relevant characteristics.

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It is recommended to take environmental aspects into account during development, production and disposal of motor caravans based on established knowledge and within the respective technical possibilities (see also Annex L).

5 Design and construction**5.1 Occupancy**

The manufacturer shall designate the occupancy as the number of berths, both standard berths and additional berths provided by the manufacturer and shall include it in the user's handbook. The occupancy is also necessary to determine the ventilation requirements (see EN 721).

NOTE The number of seating positions defined on the registration certificate might be different.

5.2 Entrance steps to living area**5.2.1 Heights**

When the entrance height of the motor caravan, measured at maximum technically permissible laden mass, and standing on horizontal ground, exceeds 450 mm, the motor caravan shall either be fitted with an entrance step, attachable or integral with the structure of the motor caravan, or a separate entrance step(s) shall be provided. An integral entrance step can be either retractable, folding or fixed.

The rise of the first tread shall not exceed 450 mm. The rise of any other tread shall not exceed 300 mm.

5.2.2 Minimum tread dimensions

The minimum tread dimensions shall be:

- a) attachable or integral entrance steps: 150 mm going over a minimum, uninterrupted width of 320 mm;
- b) separate steps: 270 mm going over a minimum, uninterrupted width of 450 mm.

5.2.3 Mechanical strength

An entrance step and any fixing devices shall be capable of withstanding a load of 2 00 kg applied to any surface area of 100 mm × 150 mm of the tread(s).

After application of this load for a period of 5 min, any permanent deformation caused shall not exceed 5 mm.

The strength of each step shall be tested in accordance with Annex A.

5.2.4 Slip resistance and stability test of entrance step**5.2.4.1 Attachable or integral entrance step**

An attachable or integral step shall have a slip resistant surface.

The slip resistance surface shall pass the test in Annex B.

5.2.4.2 Separate entrance step

A separate entrance step shall have a slip resistant surface. The slip resistant surface shall be tested in accordance with Annex B after having fixed the feet or base of the step.

In addition, the stability of a separate entrance step shall be tested in accordance with Annex C.

5.3 Doors

5.3.1 Dimensions

5.3.1.1 Motor caravans above 13,5 m² plan area

Each exterior door opening to the habitation area shall have a minimum clear height of 1 590 mm and a minimum clear width of 480 mm and corners of maximum radius of 90 mm. The locking system may intrude on the minimum width up to 30 mm and for a maximum height of 150 mm, regardless of the number of locks.

5.3.1.2 Motor caravans equal to or less than 13,5 m² plan area

Each exterior door opening to the habitation area shall have a minimum clear height of 1 140 mm and a minimum clear width of 480 mm and corners of maximum radius of 90 mm.

There shall be a clear opening free from any obstruction of at least 0,65 m².

5.3.2 Securing doors

Each exterior door shall be fitted with a locking device capable of keeping it closed when subjected to all forces caused by movement of the motor caravan in normal traffic conditions.

Interior doors shall be capable of being kept in a fixed position, open or closed, in the above conditions.

5.3.3 Childproof locking systems

When an external door is fitted with a childproof lock, a notice shall be permanently fixed close to the lock. The notice shall read:

- “Ensure that the childproof lock is not activated when the motor caravan is parked for use for habitation.”

5.3.4 Dead-locking systems

If a dead-locking system is fitted on the base vehicle, information shall be included in the user's handbook on how to operate the doors from the inside when the dead-locking system is activated.

5.4 Awning rails

Any awning rail shall permit the correct fitting of an awning complying with EN ISO 8936.

6 Internal equipment

6.1 Bunks

6.1.1 Mattress and/or upholstery

Bunks shall be provided with mattresses or be upholstered.

6.1.2 Clearance

6.1.2.1 Motor caravans above 13,5 m² plan area

The clear height over 2/3 of the surface of the bunk shall be not less than 500 mm when measured from the compressed surface of the mattress or upholstery in accordance with the test in Annex D.

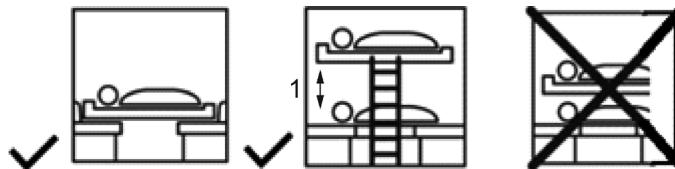
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6.1.2.2 Motor caravans equal to or below 13,5 m² plan area

The clear height over half the surface area of the bunk shall be not less than 400 mm when measured from the compressed surface of the mattress or upholstery in accordance with the test in Annex D.

6.1.3 Clearance of drop-down bunks

Where it is possible for a drop-down bunk to be lowered so that the clear height is not according to 6.1.2, then a label according to Figure 2, shall be affixed in a visible position close to the switch or operating mechanism to advise the customer of the risk of lowering the bunk when the lower bunk is in use.



Key

1 minimum clear height

Figure 2 — Bunk information

6.1.4 Protection against falling out

6.1.4.1 General

High level bunks shall be protected on all sides to prevent the occupant from falling out. Any gap between one element of protection and another shall conform to 6.1.8. However, no gap shall exceed 75 mm.

All protections shall be secured against unintentional loosening.

High level bunks shall be provided with a label written in a language which can be easily understood by consumers and other end-users where the motor caravan is to be first sold with the following wording:

“Not suitable for children under 6 years old without supervision”.

6.1.4.2 Rigid protection

A protection is considered as rigid if it is not deformed more than 10 mm under a force of 100 N applied horizontally in the middle of the protection, this may be tested in accordance with Annex E.

For rigid protection, the minimum height of the protection shall be at least 150 mm above the uncompressed upper surface of the mattress or upholstery. To allow entry, an access gap of 350 mm to 550 mm measured at its narrowest point shall be provided.

6.1.4.3 Protection by curtains or nets

Alternatively, the protection may be obtained by means of curtains or nets. The minimum height of the protection shall be at least 160 mm at any point above the uncompressed upper surface of the mattress or upholstery, when the upper edge is loaded with 100 N in a vertical direction downward.

To allow access to the bunk, the curtains or nets on at least one side of the bunk may be detachable, to enable an opening of at least 350 mm. If a permanent opening is provided for access, this opening shall be between 350 mm to 550 mm.

The curtains or nets shall be capable of resisting a force of 100 N applied horizontally towards the outside of the bunk for 15 s to any point and this shall not result in any tearing nor detaching nor creating any gap larger than 60 mm at the lower edge of the protection.