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Foreword

This document (EN 14389-2:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 226 "Road equipment", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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The main change compared to the previous edition is a new presentation of the requirement in order to be coherent with the new EN 14389-1. In the new version, the manufacturer has to declare in Table 1 the working life of non-acoustic performances in function of exposure classes.

This part is concerned with long-term durability. It should be read in conjunction with:

EN 1793, *Road traffic noise reducing devices – Test method for determining the acoustical performance*

— *Part 1: Intrinsic characteristics of sound absorption*

— *Part 2: Intrinsic characteristics of airborne sound insulation under diffuse sound field conditions*

— *Part 6: Intrinsic characteristics – In situ values of airborne sound insulation under direct sound field conditions*

CEN/TS 1793-5, *Road traffic noise reducing devices – Test method for determining the acoustical performance*

— *Part 5: Intrinsic characteristics - In situ values of sound reflection and airborne sound insulation (CEN/TS)*

EN 1794, *Road traffic noise reducing devices - Non-acoustic performance*

— *Part 1: Mechanical performance and stability requirements*

— *Part 2: General safety and environmental requirements*

— *Part 3: Reaction to fire. Burning behaviour of noise reducing devices based on assessment of their components.*

EN 14389, *Road traffic noise reducing devices - Procedures for assessing long-term performance*

— *Part 1: Acoustical characteristics*

EN 60721-3-4, *Classification of environmental conditions*

— *Part 3: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities – Section 4: Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations*

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Introduction

Noise reducing devices alongside roads should not only fulfil their acoustic function and structural design requirements in accordance with appropriate documents, but also maintain their performance during the required working life. The structural elements need to retain acceptable minimum safety factors at the end of their working life and the acoustic elements not only have to remain effective structurally but provide the specified acoustic performance.

All elements in the construction of noise reducing devices should be resistant to electrolytic or/and chemical corrosion and embrittlement, be dimensionally stable and have generally a high ageing resistance in many differing conditions.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements for assessing the working life and provides the relevant exposure conditions.

Standards of construction and any material tests conducted should provide evidence of resistance to specified conditions selected from the following:

I.	Chemical Agents	Location dependent
II.	De-icing salt	Location/climate dependent
III.	Dirty water/dust	Location/climate dependent
IV.	Dew	Climate dependent
V.	Freeze/thaw	Climate dependent
VI.	Cold	Climate dependent
VII.	Heat	Climate dependent
VIII.	UV Radiation	Climate dependent
IX.	Traffic Vibration	Location dependent
X.	Biological Process	Climate dependent
XI.	Ozone	Location dependent
XII.	Water	Climate dependent
XIII.	Water spray (Wet/dry)	Location dependent

NOTE Special care is taken for combinations of different materials, whether inside a single device or in combination with other devices (for example: a combination of different acoustic elements or another combination of acoustic and structural elements).

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 60721-3-4, *Classification of environmental conditions — Part 3: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities — Section 4: Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations (IEC 60721-3-4)*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

noise reducing device (NRD)

device that is designed to reduce the propagation of traffic noise away from the road environment

Note 1 to entry: This may be a noise barrier, cladding, a road cover or an added device. These devices may include both acoustic and structural elements.

3.2

noise barrier

noise reducing device, which obstructs the direct transmission of airborne sound emanating from road traffic

3.3**acoustic element**

element whose primary function is to provide the acoustic performance of the device

3.4**structural element**

element whose primary function is to support or hold in place acoustic elements

3.5**cladding**

noise reducing device, which is attached to a wall or other structure and reduces the amount of sound reflected

3.6**cover**

noise-reducing device, which either spans or overhangs the highway

3.7**added device**

added component that influences the acoustic performance of the original noise-reducing device (acting primarily on the diffracted energy)

3.8**working life**

period of time during which the performance of the device will be sustained which enables it to fulfil the performance characteristics as identified in EN 1794 parts 1, 2 and 3

3.9**roadside exposure**

conditions experienced by the noise reducing devices installed alongside a road

4 Requirements

The structural design shall comply with the requirements of the appropriate European code.

Standard environmental categories selected for road traffic noise reducing devices with possible variations are given in Annex A of this document.

The manufacturer shall list the measures taken to limit the effects of ageing on his product following the list of ageing agents I to XIII and the adverse effects of combining different materials.

Where material standards exist, durability shall be assessed using them (see Annex B). The manufacturer shall define the working life under the exposure classes, listed in the Table 1, adapted to the intended use of the noise reducing device. In any cases, the working life of the noise reducing device is the minimum of the working lives of its components.

Adverse effects on long-term performance of contact with the ground shall be taken into account.

If retention of water is likely to degrade the working life, the design shall ensure that water is not retained.

The working life of structural and acoustic elements may be different, therefore they have to be assessed under the same exposure conditions when installed on the same site.

If a change in humidity and/or temperature and/or UV affects the dimensional stability of materials used in the construction, then the design shall allow for such changes and ensure that the performance continues to fulfil the performance characteristics.

Where different materials are used in the construction, all appropriate measures shall be taken to avoid electrolytic and chemical corrosion or interaction that could adversely affect working life.

Table 1 — Declared working life of non-acoustic performances in function of exposure classes

Environmental class of exposure	Declared working life in years
4B1	
4B2	
4C2	
4C3	
4C4	
4K2	
4K3	
4M3	
4M4	
4S2	
4Z6	
4Z7	

NOTE This European Standard permits specifying authorities to indicate where there is no requirement for assessment under any particular exposure classes.

The supplier shall provide for both structural and acoustic elements:

- a) the list of measures taken to limit the effects of ageing on his product;
- b) the working life corresponding to the specific environmental exposure classes;
- c) a statement of the design codes used, appropriate Eurocodes etc., and evidence of evaluation of working life.

Installation instructions shall describe how the product (acoustic element, full noise barrier, etc.) shall be installed in order to be able to achieve the declared working life.

A maintenance manual shall specify measures which are necessary, or to be avoided, in order to achieve the declared working life.