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## Draft consolidated proposal to amend UN Regulation No. 150 (Retro-Reflective Devices)

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# UN Regulation on uniform provisions concerning the approval of retro-reflective devices and markings for power-driven vehicles and their trailers

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#### Introduction

This Regulation combines the provisions of individual UN Regulations Nos. 3, 27, 69, 70 and 104 into a single UN Regulation, and is the outcome of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) decision to simplify the lighting and light-signalling Regulations based on the initial proposal by the European Union and Japan.

The objective of this Regulation is to increase the clarity, to consolidate and streamline the complexity of requirements in UN Regulations Nos. 3, 27, 69, 70 and 104 and to prepare for the future transition to performance based requirements, by reducing the number of UN Regulations through an editorial exercise without changing any of the detailed technical requirements already in force up to the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Although this Regulation departs from the traditional approach of having a separate Regulation for each retro-reflective device, by combining all retro-reflectors retro-reflective marking plates, retro-reflective markings and advance warning triangles into a single Regulation, this simplified UN Regulation contains all provisions and operates according to the existing structure of series of amendments, their transitional provisions and supplements. The transitional provisions associated with a new series of amendments to this Regulation will be identified for each device as applicable, this also includes a list of devices and their applicable change indexes relating to the series of amendments.

It is expected that all Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement will adopt this Regulation and will provide detailed explanation in case they are not in a position to adopt particular retro-reflective devices. These decisions will be registered in ECE/TRANS/WP.29/343 that records the status of the annexed UN Regulations and of the amendments.

Regarding the requirements for approval markings, this Regulation includes the requirements for the use of the "Unique Identifier" and is conditional upon access to a secure internet database established by UNECE (in accordance with Schedule 5 of the 1958 Agreement) where all type approval documentation is held. When the "Unique Identifier" is used there is no requirement for retro-reflective devices to carry the conventional type approval markings (E-mark). If it is technically not possible to use the "Unique Identifier" (e.g. if the access to the UN internet database cannot be secured or the UN secure internet database is not operative) the use of conventional type approval markings is required until the use of the "Unique Identifier" is enabled.

#### 1. Scope

This Regulation applies to retro-reflective devices as:

Retro-reflectors of the Classes IA, IB, IIIA, IIIB and IVA

Retro-reflective Markings of the Classes C, D, E and F,  $\mbox{D/E}$ 

Retro-reflective Marking Plates for Heavy and Long Vehicles of the Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Retro-reflective Marking Plates for Slow Moving Vehicles of the Classes 1 and 2

Advance Warning Triangles of Type 1 and 2

#### 2. Definitions

2.1.

For the purpose of this Regulation:

All the definitions given in the latest series of amendments to UN Regulation No. 48 in force at the time of application for type approval shall apply, unless otherwise specified in this UN Regulation or in the pertinent installation UN Regulations Nos. 53, 74 and 86.

2.1.1. "*Retro-reflective devices of different types*" means retro-reflective devices, as retro-reflectors or retro-reflective materials or marking plates or advance warning triangles of different types, which differ in such essential respects as:

- (a) The trade name or mark:
  - (i) Retro-reflective devices bearing the same trade name or mark but produced by different manufacturers are considered as being of different types;
  - (ii) Retro-reflective devices produced by the same manufacturer differing only by the trade name or mark are considered as being of the same type;
- (b) The characteristics of the retro-reflective material;
- (c) The characteristics of the fluorescent material, if applicable;
- (d) The parts affecting the properties of the retro-reflective materials and/or plates;
- (e) The distinctive geometrical and mechanical features of the design (only for plates/devices corresponding to the Annex 5.

For materials and/or plates corresponding to the Annex 5, differences in the shape and dimensions of the marking shall not constitute a different type.

- 2.1.2. In the case of a type of "*retro-reflective device*" or reflective marking material differing only by the trade name or mark from a type that has already been approved it shall be sufficient to submit:
  - (a) A declaration by the "*retro-reflective device*" or reflective marking material manufacturer that the type submitted is identical with (except in the trade name or mark) and has been produced by the same manufacturer as the type already approved, the latter being identified by its approval number;
  - (b) Two samples bearing the new trade name or mark or equivalent documentation.
- 2.2. A type of "*retro-reflective device*" or retro-reflective material is defined by the models and descriptive literature submitted with the application for approval. Retro-reflective devices can be considered as belonging to the same type if they have one or more "retro-reflecting optical units" which are identical with those of the standard model, or if not identical are symmetrical and suitable for mounting one on the left and one on the right side of the vehicle, and if their other parts differ from those of the standard model only in ways not affecting the properties to which this Regulation applies. A change of colour of the retro-reflective materials of the Classes "D" and "E" does not constitute a change of type.

- 2.3. Definitions CIE-Goniometer System
- 2.3.1. Geometric definitions are described in detail in Annex 4 (see Figure A4-II)
- 2.3.1.1. "*Illumination axis (symbol I)*" means a line segment from the centre of reference to the light source.
- 2.3.1.2. "*Observation axis (symbol O)*" means a line segment from the centre of reference to the photometer head;
- 2.3.1.3. "Observation angle (symbol  $\alpha$ )" means the angle between the illumination axis and the observation axis. The observation angle is always positive and, in the case of retro-reflection, is restricted to small angles;
- 2.3.1.4. "*Observation on half-plane*" means the half-plane which originates on the illumination axis and which contains the observation axis;
- 2.3.1.5. "*Reference axis (symbol R)*" means a designated line segment originating on the centre of reference which is used to describe the angular position of the retro-reflective device;
- 2.3.1.6. "*Entrance angle* " means the angle between the illumination axis and the reference axis. The entrance angle consists of a vertical component (symbol  $\beta_1$ ) and a horizontal component (symbol  $\beta_2$ ).

For any direction the vertical angle  $\beta_1$  is always given first.

- NOTE 1 These angles are usually not larger than 90° but, for completeness, the full range is defined as  $-90^{\circ} < \beta_1 < 90^{\circ}$  and  $-180^{\circ} < \beta_2 < 180^{\circ}$ .
- NOTE 2 The entrance angle is sometimes as well referred to as illumination angle.
- 2.3.1.7. "Angle of *Rotation (symbol*  $\varepsilon$ )" means the angle by which the retroreflecting device is rotated about its axis of reference starting from a given position. If retro-reflective materials or devices have a marking (e.g. TOP), this marking defines  $\varepsilon = 0^{\circ}$ . The angle of rotation  $\varepsilon$  ranges from  $-180^{\circ} < \varepsilon < +180^{\circ}$ .
- 2.3.1.8. "*First axis (symbol 1)*" means an axis through the centre of reference and perpendicular to the observation half-plane;
- 2.3.1.11. "Second axis (symbol 2)" means an axis through the centre of reference and perpendicular to both the first axis and the reference axis. The positive direction of the second axis lies in the observation half-plane when  $-90^{\circ} < \beta_1 < 90^{\circ}$  as shown in Figure A4-II.
- 2.3.2. Definition of photometric terms
- 2.3.2.1. "Coefficient of luminous intensity  $R_I$ " means the quotient of the luminous intensity I reflected by the retro-reflective device in the direction considered, divided by the normal illumination  $E_{\perp}$  of the retro-reflecting device for given angles of illumination, divergence and rotation.

$$R_I = \frac{I}{E_{\perp}}$$

NOTE 1 R<sub>I</sub> is often referred to as CIL. The unit is cd/lx.

2.3.2.2. "Specific *coefficient of retro-reflection (symbol*  $R_A$ )" means the quotient of the coefficient of luminous intensity R of a plane retro-reflecting surface and its area A

$$\left(\mathbf{R'} = \frac{\mathbf{R}}{\mathbf{A}}\right)$$

$$R_A = \frac{R_I}{A} = \frac{I}{E_\perp \cdot A}$$

The coefficient of retro-reflection  $R_A$  is expressed in candelas per  $m^2$  per  $lx~(cd{\cdot}m^{-2}{\cdot}lx^{-1})$ 

$$\left( \mathbf{R'} = \frac{\mathbf{I}}{\mathbf{E}_{\perp} \cdot \mathbf{A}} \right)$$
 (Luminance / Illumination);

- 2.3.2.3. "Luminance factor (symbol  $R_F$ )" means the ratio of the luminance of the body to the luminance of a perfect diffuser under identical conditions of illumination and observation;
- 2.3.2.4. "*Colour of the reflected light of the device*". The definitions of the colour of the reflected light are given in paragraph 2.30 of Regulation No. 48.

#### **3.** Administrative provisions

- 3.1. Application for approval
- 3.1.1. The application for type approval shall be submitted by the holder of the trade name or mark or by his duly accredited representative. It shall be accompanied by:
- 3.1.1.1. In case of retroreflectors:
  - (a) At the choice of the applicant, the application for type approval will specify that the device may be installed on a vehicle with different inclinations of the reference axis in respect to the vehicle reference planes and to the ground or, in the case of Classes IA, IB and IVA retro-reflectors, rotate around its reference axis; these different conditions of installation shall be indicated in the communication form;
  - (b) Drawings, in triplicate, in sufficient detail to permit identification of the type, showing geometrically the position(s) in which the retroreflecting device may be fitted to the vehicle, and in case of class IB or IIIB-retro-reflectors details of installation. The drawings must show the position intended for the approval number and class indicator in relation to the circle of the approval mark;
  - (c) A brief description giving the technical specifications of the materials of which the retro-reflecting optical unit is made;
  - (d) Samples of the retro-reflecting device of a colour specified by the manufacturer and, if necessary, the means of fixation; the number of samples to be submitted is specified in Annex 4;

- (e) If necessary, two samples in other colour(s) for simultaneous or subsequent extension of the approval to devices in other colour(s);
- (f) In the case of devices of Class IVA: samples of the retro-reflecting device and, if necessary, the means of fixation; the number of samples to be submitted is specified in Annex 14.
- 3.1.1.2. In case of advance warning triangles:
  - (a) Dimensional drawings in triplicate in sufficient detail to permit identification of the type;
  - (b) A brief description giving the technical specifications of the materials constituting the advance warning triangle and instructions for use;
  - (c) A copy of the instructions on its assembly for use;
  - (d) Four samples of the advance warning triangle and at least two protective covers if the advance warning triangles are to be supplied with protective covers;
  - (e) Two samples of the fluorescent or fluorescent retro-reflecting material in which a 100 x 100 mm square can be inscribed and which are fully representative of the material applied under the same conditions to the same base material as used for the advance warning triangle;
  - (f) In the case of a type of advance-warning triangle differing only by the trade name or mark from a type that has already been approved it shall be sufficient to submit:
    - A declaration by the advance-warning triangle manufacturer that the type submitted is identical (except in the trade name or mark) with and has been produced by the same manufacturer as, the type already approved, the latter being identified by its approval number;
    - (ii) Two samples bearing the new trade name or mark or equivalent documentation.
- 3.1.1.3. In case of marking plates:
  - (a) Drawings, in triplicate, sufficiently detailed to permit identification of the type. The drawings shall show geometrically the position in which the marking plate is to be fitted to the rear end of the vehicle. They shall also show the position intended for the approval number and the identification symbol in relation to the circle of the approval mark;
  - (b) A brief description giving the technical specifications of the materials of which the retro-reflective areas are made;
  - (c) A brief description giving the technical specifications of the materials of which the fluorescent areas are made;
  - (d) Samples of the retro-reflective and of the fluorescent areas; the number of samples to be submitted is specified in Annex 4;
- 3.1.1.3.1. The Type Approval Authority shall verify the existence of satisfactory arrangements for ensuring effective control of the conformity of production before type approval is granted.
- 3.1.1.4. In case of retro-reflective marking material:

- (a) Drawings, in triplicate, sufficiently detailed to permit identification of the type. The drawings shall show geometrically the orientation in which the marking materials are to be fitted to a vehicle. They shall also show the position intended for the approval number and the identification symbol in relation to the circle of the approval mark;
- (b) A brief description giving the technical specifications of the retroreflective marking materials;
- (c) Samples of the retro-reflective marking materials, as specified in Chapter 5;
- (d) In the case of a type of reflective marking material differing only by the trade name or mark from a type that has already been approved it shall be sufficient to submit:
  - A declaration by the reflective marking material manufacturer that the type submitted is identical with (except in the trade name or mark) and has been produced by the same manufacturer as the type already approved, the latter being identified by its approval code;
  - (ii) Two samples bearing the new trade name or mark or equivalent documentation.
- 3.2. Approval
- 3.2.1. A separate approval is required for each retro-reflective device listed in paragraph 1.
- 3.2.2. Notice of approval or of extension or refusal or withdrawal of approval of a type of a device pursuant to this Regulation shall be communicated to the Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement which apply this Regulation, by means of a form conforming to the model in Annex 1;
- 3.2.3. An approval number shall be assigned to each type approved and shall be marked on the device following the requirements of paragraph 3.3. The same Contracting Party shall not assign the same number to another type of device of the same function.
- 3.2.4. The symbols identifying the retro-reflective devices to be referenced in the Annex 1 shall be as follows:

#### Table 1

List of retro-reflective devices and their symbols

Retro-reflective devices	Symbol	Additional symbol	Minimum "a" for Figure A24-I (values in mm)	Paragraph
Retro-reflector for motor vehicles (independent)	IA		4	5.1.
Rear retro-reflector for motor vehicles (combined with other signal lamps which are not watertight)	IB		4	5.1.
Retro-reflector for trailers (independent)	IIIA		4	5.2.
Rear retro-reflector for trailers (combined with other signal lamps which are not watertight)	IIIB		4	5.2.

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Retro-reflective devices	Symbol	Additional symbol	Minimum "a" for Figure A24-I (values in mm)	Paragraph
Rear wide-angle retro reflector	IVA		4	5.3.
Conspicuity marking (material for contour/strip marking)	С	104R	12	5.4.
Conspicuity marking (material for distinctive markings/graphics intended for a limited area)	D	104R	12	5.4.
Conspicuity marking (material for distinctive markings/graphics intended for an extended area)	Е	104R	12	5.4.
Conspicuity marking (materials for distinctive markings or graphics as base or background in printing process for fully coloured logos and markings of class "E" in use which fulfil the requirements of class "D" materials)	D/E	104R	12	5.5.
Retro-reflective materials for extremities marking of class F	F	104R	12	5.6.
Retro-reflective marking for long or heavy vehicles (retro-reflective and fluorescent materials) Marking plate of class 1 or class 2	RF		5	5.7.
Retro-reflective marking for long or heavy vehicles (retro-reflective only materials) - Marking plate of class 3, class 4 or class 5	RR		5	5.7.
Marking for slow moving vehicles (retro- reflective and fluorescent materials) - Marking plate of class 1	RF		5	5.7.
Marking for slow moving vehicles (retro- reflective only materials) - Marking plate of class 2	RR		5	5.8.
Advance Warning Triangle	-	27R	8	5

3.2.5. The applicable change indexes for each device relating to the series of amendments shall be as follows (see also paragraph 6.1.1.):

#### Table 2

#### Series of amendments and change index

Series of amendments to the Regulation	00				
Device	Change Index for the specif device				
Retro-reflector for motor vehicles (independent)	0				
Rear retro-reflector for motor vehicles (combined with other signal lamps which are not watertight)	0				
Retro-reflector for trailers (independent)	0				
Rear retro-reflector for trailers (combined with other	0				

Series of amendments to the Regulation	00		
Device	Change Index for the spec device		
signal lamps which are not watertight)			
Rear wide-angle retro reflector	0		
Conspicuity marking (material for contour/strip marking)	0		
Conspicuity marking (material for distinctive markings/graphics intended for a limited area)	0		
Conspicuity marking (material for distinctive markings/graphics intended for an extended area)	0		
Conspicuity marking (materials for distinctive markings or graphics as base or background in printing process for fully coloured logos and markings of class "E" in use which fulfil the requirements of class "D" materials)	0		
Retro-reflective materials for extremities marking of class F	0		
Retro-reflective marking for long or heavy vehicles (retro-reflective and fluorescent materials) Marking plate of class 1 or class 2	0		
Retro-reflective marking for long or heavy vehicles (retro-reflective only materials) Marking plate of class 3, class 4 or class 5	0		
Marking for slow moving vehicles (retro-reflective and fluorescent materials) Marking plate of class 1	0		
Marking for slow moving vehicles (retro-reflective only materials) Marking plate of class 2	0		
Advance Warning Triangle	0		

3.3. Approval mark

3.3.1. General provisions

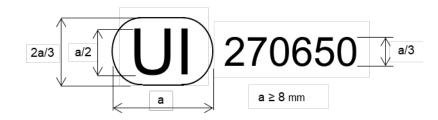
- 3.3.1.1. Every device belonging to an approved type shall comprise a space of sufficient size for the Unique Identifier (UI) as referred to in the 1958 Agreement and other markings as defined in paragraph 3.3.4.2. to 3.3.4.6. or, if technically not possible, the approval marking with the additional symbols and other markings as defined in paragraphs 3.3.4.2. to 3.3.4.6.
- 3.3.1.2. Examples of the arrangement of the markings are shown in Annex 24.
- 3.3.2. The approval marking shall consist of:
- 3.3.2.1. A circle surrounding the letter "E" followed by the distinguishing number of the country which has granted approval.
- 3.3.2.2. The approval number prescribed in paragraph 3.2.3.
- 3.3.2.3. The symbols identifying the retro-reflective device prescribed in paragraph 3.2.4.
- 3.3.2.4. The number of this Regulation followed by the letter 'R' and the two digits

indicating the series of amendments in force at the time of issue of the approval.

- 3.3.2.5. The approval number shall be placed close to the circle prescribed in paragraph 3.3.2.1.
- 3.3.3. The Unique Identifier mark shall follow the format in the example shown below:

Figure I

Unique identifier



The above Unique Identifier marked on the retro-reflective device shows that the type concerned has been approved and that the relevant information on that type approval can be accessed on the UN secure internet database by using 270650 as the Unique Identifier.

3.3.4. Marking requirements

Retro-reflective devices for approval

- 3.3.4.1. Comprise a space sufficient size for the approval marking or the Unique Identifier.
- 3.3.4.1.1. In any case the approval marking or the Unique Identifier shall be visible when the retro-reflective device is fitted on the vehicle or when a movable part such as the hood or boot lid or a door is opened.
- 3.3.4.1.2. The approval marking shall be placed on an inner or outer part (transparent or not) of the retro-reflective device which cannot be separated from the transparent part of the retro-reflective device.
- 3.3.4.2. Bear the trade name or mark of the applicant; this marking shall be clearly legible and indelible.
- **3.3.4**.2.1. In case of a retroreflective device of Class IA, IIIA, IB, IIIB or IVA, the word "TOP" inscribed horizontally on the highest part of the illuminating surface, if such an indication is necessary to determine without ambiguity the angle or angles of rotation prescribed by the manufacturer.
- 3.3.4.3. The symbols identifying the retro-reflective device, marking materials or plates and the additional symbols prescribed in Table 1.
- 3.3.4.4. The approval mark shall be clearly legible and indelible.
- 3.3.4.5. The approval number and the additional symbols shall be placed close to the circle prescribed in paragraph 2.2. and either above or below the letter "E", or to the right or left of that letter. The digits of the approval number shall be on the same side of the letter "E" and face the same direction.
- 3.3.4.6. Examples of the arrangement of vehicle and devices marking are shown in

Annex 24.

- 3.3.4.7. The space for the approval mark shall be shown in the drawings mentioned in paragraph 3.1.2.3.;
- 3.4. Modifications of a type of retro-reflective device for motor vehicles and their trailers and extension of approval
- 3.4.1. Every modification of the type of retro-reflective device shall be notified to the Type Approval Authority which approved the type. The Authority may then either:
- 3.4.1.1. Consider that the modifications made are unlikely to have an appreciable adverse effect, and that in any case the retro-reflective of device still meets the requirements; or
- 3.4.1.2. Require a further report from the technical service responsible for conducting the tests.
- 3.4.2. Confirmation or refusal of approval, specifying the alterations, shall be communicated by the procedure specified in paragraph 3.2.3.1. to the Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement applying this Regulation.
- 3.4.3. The Type Approval Authority issuing the extension of approval shall assign a series number for such an extension and inform thereof the other Contracting Parties to the 1958 Agreement applying the UN Regulation under which the approval has been granted by means of a communication form conforming to the model in Annex 1.
- 3.5. Conformity of production

The conformity of production procedures shall comply with those set out in the 1958 Agreement, Schedule 1 (E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.3), with the following requirements:

- 3.5.1. Retro-reflectors approved under this Regulation shall be so manufactured as to conform to the type approved by meeting the requirements set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5.
- 3.5.1.1. The minimum requirements for conformity of production control procedures set forth in Annex 2 shall be complied with.
- 3.5.1.2. The minimum requirements for sampling by an inspector set forth in Annex 3 shall be complied with.
- 3.5.2. The authority which has granted type approval may at any time verify the conformity control methods applied in each production facility. The normal frequency of these verifications shall be once every two years.
- 3.5.3. Advance warning triangles approved under this Regulation shall be so manufactured as to conform to the type approved under this Regulation.

The compliance with the requirements set forth in paragraphs 4. and 5. shall be verified as follows:

3.5.3.1. In addition, the stability in time of the optical properties and colour of retroreflecting optical units of advance warning triangles conforming to an approved type and in use shall be verified. In the event of a systematic deficiency of the retro-reflecting optical units of advance warning triangles in use and conforming to an approved type, approval may be withdrawn. A "systematic deficiency" shall be deemed to exist where an approved type of advance warning triangle fails to meet the requirements of paragraph 5.

- 3.5.4. Any retro-reflective marking material approved to this Regulation shall be so manufactured as to conform to the type approved by meeting the requirements set forth in paragraphs 4. and 5.
- 3.5.4.1. The conformity of production shall not be contested if the mean value of the photometric measurements of five specimens taken at random deviates unfavourably by not more than 20 per cent from the prescribed values given in paragraphs 4. and 5.
- 3.5.4.2. The conformity of production shall not be contested, if the mean value of the colorimetric properties of five specimens taken at random meet the specifications of paragraphs 4. and 5. to be judged by visual inspection.
- 3.5.4.3. The authority which has granted type approval may at any time verify the conformity control methods applied in each production facility. The normal frequency of these verifications shall be once every two years.
- 3.6. Penalties for non-conformity of production
- 3.6.1. The approval granted may be withdrawn if the requirements in this Regulation are not met.
- 3.6.2. If a Contracting Party to the 1958 Agreement which applies this Regulation withdraws an approval it has previously granted, it shall forthwith so notify the other Contracting Parties applying this Regulation by means of a communication form conforming to the model in Annex 1.
- 3.7. Production definitively discontinued

If the holder of the approval completely ceases to manufacture a retroreflective device approved in accordance with this Regulation, he shall so inform the authority which granted the approval. Upon receiving the relevant communication, that authority shall inform thereof the other Contracting Parties to the Agreement applying this Regulation by means of a communication form conforming to the model in Annex 1.

3.8. Name and address of the Technical Services responsible for conducting approval tests; and of Type Approval Authorities

The Contracting Parties to the Agreement applying this Regulation shall communicate to the United Nations secretariat the names and addresses of the Technical Services responsible for conducting approval tests and of the Type Approval Authorities which grant approval and to which forms certifying approval or extension or refusal or withdrawal of approval, or the definitive discontinuation of production issued in other countries, are to be sent.

#### 4. General requirements

- 4.1. For the purpose of this Regulation, retro-reflectors or retro-reflective materials or marking plates or advance warning triangles for general descriptions herein after referred to as "retro-reflective devices".
- 4.1.1. Retro-reflective devices shall be so constructed that they function satisfactorily and will continue to do so in normal use. In addition, they must not have any defect in design or manufacture that is detrimental to their

efficient operation or to their maintenance in good condition.

- 4.1.2. The components of retro-reflective devices or parts thereof shall not be capable of being easily dismantled.
- 4.1.3. The means of attachment of the marking materials shall be durable and stable.
- 4.1.4. The outer surface of retro-reflective devices shall be easy to clean. The surface shall therefore not be rough and any protuberances they may exhibit shall not prevent easy cleaning.
- 4.1.5. There shall be no access to the inner surface of the retro-reflectors when in normal use.

4.1.6. In case of retro-reflectors

- 4.1.6.1. Retro-reflective devices may consist of a combined retro-reflecting optical unit and filter, which must be so designed that they cannot be separated under normal conditions of use.
- 4.1.6.2. The colouring of retro-reflecting optical units and filters by means of paint or varnish is not permitted.
- 4.2. Colorimetric test conditions
- 4.2.1. Test procedure for night time colours:
- 4.2.1.1. These specifications shall apply only to clear, red or amber retro-reflective devices
- 4.2.1.2. For testing the colour of the retro-reflective device, the device shall be illuminated by CIE Standard Illuminant A, with an angle of divergence of  $1/3^{\circ}$  and an illumination angle of  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0$  degree, or, if this produces a colourless surface reflection, an angle  $\beta_1 = +/-5$  degrees, H  $\beta_2 = 0^{\circ}$ , the trichromatic coordinates of the reflected luminous intensity must be within the limits according to the specifications in paragraph2.30. of Regulation No. 48.
- 4.2.1.3. Clear retro-reflective devices must not produce a selective reflection, that is to say, the trichromatic coordinates "x" and "y" of Standard Illuminant "A" used to illuminate the retro-reflective device must not undergo a change of more than 0.01 after reflection by the retro-reflective device.
- 4.2.2. Test procedure for day time colours:
- 4.2.3.1.1. For testing the daytime colour, the material shall be illuminated by the CIE Standard Illuminant D65 (ISO 11664-2:2007(E)/CIE S 014-2/E:2006) using geometry (45a:0) or (0:45a) as described in Annex 23.
- 4.3. Determination of the luminance factor:

For the determination of the luminance factor, the sample shall be tested with the method as described in Annex 23.

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#### 5. Specific technical requirements

- Technical requirements concerning retro-reflectors of the Classes IA and IB (Symbols "IA" and "IB")
- 5.1.1. Every retro-reflector of the Classes IA and IB, when tested according to paragraph 5.1.7., shall meet:
  - (a) The dimensions and shape requirements set forth in Annex 5; and
  - (b) The photometric and colorimetric requirements as specified in paragraphs 5.1.4. to 5.1.5.; and
  - (c) The physical and mechanical requirements set forth in paragraph 5.1.7., depending on the nature of the materials and construction of the retro-reflective devices.
- 5.1.2. The applicant shall submit ten samples for approval which shall be tested in the chronological order as indicated in paragraph 5.1.7.
- 5.1.3. Test procedure.
- 5.1.3.1. After verification of the general specifications (paragraph 4.) and the specifications of shape and dimensions (Annex 5), the ten samples shall be subjected to the heat resistance test described in Annex 6 and at least one hour after this test examined as to their colorimetric characteristics and CIL in paragraph 5.1.4., for an angle of divergence of 20' and an illumination angle  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$  or if necessary, in the position defined in paragraph 1..1 in Annex 4.

The two retro-reflective devices giving the minimum and maximum values shall then be fully tested as shown in paragraph 5.1.4.

These two samples shall be kept by the laboratories for any further checks which may be found necessary.

Four samples out of the remaining eight samples shall be selected at random and divided into two groups of two in each group.

The other eight samples shall be divided into four groups of two:

First group:	The two samples shall be subjected successively to the water penetration test (Annex 7) and then, if this test is satisfactory, to the tests for resistance to fuels and lubricants (Annex 9 and Annex 10).
Second group:	The two samples shall, if necessary, be subjected to the corrosion test in Annex 11, and then to the abrasive-strength test of the rear face of the retro-reflective device Annex 12.
Third group:	The two samples shall be subjected to the test for stability in time of the optical properties of retro-reflective device Annex 14.
Fourth group:	The two samples shall be subjected to the colour-fastness test (Annex 21).

5.1.3.2. After undergoing the tests referred to in the paragraph 5.1.3.1., the retroreflective devices in each group must have:

- 5.1.3.2.1. A colour which satisfies the conditions laid down in paragraph 5.1.5.
- 5.1.3.2.2. A CIL which satisfies the conditions laid down in paragraph 5.1.4. The verification shall be performed only for an angle of divergence of 20' and an illumination angle of  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$  or, if necessary, in all positions specified in paragraph 5.1.4.
- 5.1.4. Minimum values for the CIL values of retro-reflection
- 5.1.4.1. When applying for approval, the applicant shall specify one or more or a range of axis of reference, corresponding to the illumination angle  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$  in the table of coefficients of luminous intensity (CIL).
- 5.1.4.2. In the case where more than one or a range of different axis of reference are specified by the manufacturer, the photometric measurements shall be repeated making reference each time to a different axis of reference or to the extreme axis of reference of the range specified by the manufacturer.
- 5.1.4.3. For photometric measurements, only the illuminating surface defined by the planes contiguous to the outermost parts of the optical system of the retro-reflective device as indicated by the manufacturer and contained within a circle of 200 mm diameter for Class IA or IB shall be considered, and the illuminating surface itself shall be limited to 100 cm<sup>2</sup> though the surfaces of the retro-reflecting optical units need not necessarily attain this area. The manufacturer shall specify the perimeter of the area to be used.
- 5.1.4.4. Class IA and Class IB
- 5.1.4.4.1. When measured as described in paragraph 3 of Annex 4, the CIL values for red retro-reflective devices must be equal to or greater than those in Table 3, expressed in millicandelas per lux, for the angles of divergence and illumination shown.

				Minir	num requir	ements for	CIL valu	es [cd·lx	:-1]
Class	Calaar	Illumination	Vertical B1	0°	±10°	±5°	0	0	0
Class	Colour	angles [°]	Horizontal B2	0°	0°	±20°	±30	±40	±50
	33/1 -		20'	1200	800	400			
	White		1°30'	20	11,2	10			
LA ID	A 1		20'	750	500	250			
IA, IB	Amber		1°30'	12,5	7	6,25			
	Red		20'	300	200	100			
		Red		1°30'	5	2,8	2,5		
	White		20'	1800	800	600			
		white	1°30'	48	32	32			
		Angle of	20'	1125	500	375			
IIIA, IIIB	Amber	divergence a	1°30'	30	20	20			
	D 1		20'	450	200	150			
	Red		1°30'	12	8	8			
	33/1 -		20'	1800	1200		540	470	400
	White		1°30'	34	24		15	15	15
IV	A h		20'	1125	750		335	290	250
IV	Amber		1°30'	21	15		10	10	10
	D - 1		20'	450	300		135	115	100
	Red		1°30'	9	6		4	4	4

 Table 3

 Requirements for CIL values of Retro-reflectors

 [mcd.lx<sup>-1</sup>]

CIL values lower than those shown in the last two columns of Table 3 are not permissible within the solid angle having the centre of reference as its apex and bounded by the planes intersecting along the following lines:

 $(\beta_1 = \pm 10^\circ, \beta_2 = 0^\circ)$   $(\beta_1 = \pm 5^\circ, \beta_2 = \pm 20^\circ).$ 

- 5.1.4.4.2. CIL values for amber retro-reflective devices in Class IA or IB must be at least equal to those in Table 3 multiplied by the coefficient 2.5.
- 5.1.4.4.3. CIL values for colourless retro-reflective devices in Class IA or IB must be at least equal to those in Table 3 multiplied by the coefficient 4.
- 5.1.4.5. However, in the case where a retro-reflective device of Class IA or Class IB, is intended to be installed with its H plane at a mounting height less than 750 mm above the ground, the CIL values are verified only up to an angle of 5° downwards.
- 5.1.5. Colour of the reflected light of the device:
- 5.1.5.1. The testing of the colour for retro-reflective device (night-time colour) shall be carried out according to the method described in paragraph 4.2.1.
- 5.1.5.2. The trichromatic coordinates of the reflected luminous flux must be within the limits for the night-time colours red, amber or white as specified in UN Regulation No. 48.

#### 5.1.6. Special specification (tests) / resistance to external agents

Depending on the nature of the materials of which the retro-reflective devices and, in particular, their optical units, are made, the Type Approval Authorities may authorize laboratories to omit certain unnecessary tests, subject to the express reservation that such omission must be mentioned under "Remarks" on the form notifying approval.

This is only applicable to tests described in Annexes 11, 12, 14 and 21.

5.1.7. Chronological order of tests

Table 4

#### Chronological order of tests (Classes IA, IB, IIIA and IIIB)

Number of annex	Tests					Sam	ples				
		а	b	с	d	е	f	g	h	i	j
-	General specifications: visual inspection	х	x	х	х	х	х	х	x	x	x
5	Shapes and dimensions: visual inspection	x	x	х	х	х	х	х	x	x	x
10	Heat: 48 h at 65° ± 2°C Visual inspection for distortion	x x	x x	X X	X X	X X	x x	X X	x x	x x	x x
6	Colorimetry: visual inspection Trichromatic coordinates in case of doubt	x	x x	X	X	X	x	X	x	x	x
7	Photometry: limited to 20' and $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	x	x	x
7	Complete photometry			х	х						
8	Water: 10 min. in normal position 10 min. in inverted position visual inspection							X X X	X X X		
4	Colorimetry: visual inspection Trichromatic coordinates in case of doubt							x x	x x		
4	Photometry: limited to 20' and $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$							х	х		
8	Motor fuels: 5 min. visual inspection							x x	X X		
8	Oils: 5 min. visual inspection							x x	x x		
4	Colorimetry: visual inspection Trichromatic coordinates in case of doubt							x	x		
4	Photometry: limited to 20' and $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$							x	x		
8	Corrosion: 24 hours 2 hours interval 24 hours visual inspection					X X X X	X X X X				
8	Rear face: 1 min. visual inspection					x x	x x				
4	Colorimetry: visual inspection Trichromatic coordinates in case of doubt					x x	x x				
4	Photometry: limited to 20' and $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$					x	x				
9	Stability in time										

Number of annex	Tests	Samples									
		а	b	с	d	е	f	g	h	i	j
4	Colorimetry: Visual inspection or trichromatic coordinates										
4	Photometry: limited to 20' and $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$										
11	Colour-fastness										
4	Colorimetry: Visual inspection or trichromatic coordinates										
4	Photometry: limited to 20' and $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$										
4	Deposit of samples with authority			х	x						

#### Table 5

#### Chronological order of tests (Class IVA)

Number of annex	Tests		Samples								
		а	b	с	d	е	f	g	h	i	j
-	General specifications: visual inspection	х	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
5	Shape and dimensions: visual inspection	х	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
10	Heat: 48 h at 65 °C $\pm$ 2°C	х	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Visual inspection for distortion	х	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
6	Colorimetry: visual inspection	х	x	x	x	х	x	х	х	x	x
	Trichromatic coordinates in case of doubt		х								
7	Photometry: limited to 20' and $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^{\circ}$	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
7	Complete photometry	х	x								
8	Water: 10 min. in normal position			x	x						
	10 min. in inverted position			х	х						
	visual inspection			x	x						
8	Motor fuels: 5 min.			х	х						
	visual inspection			х	х						
8	Oils: 5 min.			х	х						
	visual inspection			х	х						
6	Colorimetry: visual inspection			х	х						
	Trichromatic coordinates in case of doubt			х	х						
7	Photometry: limited to 20' and $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$	)		х	х						
8	Corrosion: 24 hours					х	х				
	2 hours' interval					х	х				
	24 hours					х	х				
	visual inspection					X	X				
8	Rear face: 1 min.					х	х				
	visual inspection					x	x				
13	Impact					х	х				
	visual inspection					Х	х				

Number of annex	Tests	Samples									
		а	b	с	d	е	f	g	h	i	j
6	Colorimetry: visual inspection Trichromatic coordinates in case of doubt					x x	x x				
7	Photometry: limited to 20' and $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$					x	x				
14	Deposit of samples with Authority	х	х								



Technical requirements concerning retro-reflective markings

- 5.2.1. Every retro-reflective marking, when tested according to paragraph 5.4.3., shall meet:
  - (a) The dimensions and shape requirements set forth in Annex 5; and
  - (b) The photometric and colorimetric requirements as specified in paragraphs 5.4.4. to 5.4.5.; and
  - (c) The physical and mechanical requirements set forth in paragraph 5.4.6.
- 5.2.2. The applicant shall submit for approval:
- 5.2.2.1. Five test samples representing strips of retro-reflective marking materials of classes C and F have to be submitted to the test laboratory. In the case of strips, at least a length of 3 meters shall be provided
- 5.5.2.2. Five test samples representing planes of retro-reflective marking materials of Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or SMV have be submitted to the test laboratory.

In case of Rear marking plates

Two large rear marking plates for trucks and tractors and two large rear marking plates for trailers and semi-trailers (or their equivalent in smaller plates) shall be supplied to the testing laboratory for the various tests to be conducted.

In case of SMV

Five marking plates shall be supplied to the testing laboratory for the various tests to be conducted.

- 5.2.3. Chronological order of tests for Classes C, F and D, E
- 5.2.3.1. Five test samples representing either strips or planes of retro-reflective marking materials have to be submitted to the test laboratory. In the case of strips, at least a length of 3 meters shall be provided; in the case of planes, at least a surface of 500 mm x 500 mm shall be provided.
- 5.2.3.2. The test samples shall be representative of current production, manufactured in accordance with the recommendation of the manufacturer(s) of the retro-

reflective marking materials. 1

5.2.3.3.	After verification of the general specifications (paragraph 4.) and the specifications of shape and dimensions (Annex 5), the samples shall be subjected to the heat resistance test described in Annex 8, prior to the tests described in Annexes 6 and 7.
5.2.3.4.	The photometric and colorimetric measurements may be made on five samples. The mean values should be taken.
5.2.3.5.	For other tests, samples which have not undergone any testing should be used.
5.2.4.	Chronological order of tests for Classes, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
5.2.4.1.	Test procedure
	Every retro-reflective marking shall meet the requirements of the checks and tests described in paragraph 5.5.5.
5.2.4.2.	In the case of Plates:
	A specimen of a complete plate shall be subjected to a test of rigidity of plates as specified in Annex 19.
5.2.4.3.	The test samples shall be representative of current production, manufactured in accordance with the recommendation of the manufacturer(s) of the retro-reflective marking materials. $^2$
5.2.4.4.	The samples shall be tested in the chronological order indicated in paragraph 5.4.7.
5.2.4.5.	Test procedure
5.2.4.5.1.	After verification of the general specifications (paragraph 4.) and the specifications of shape and dimensions (Annex 5), the samples shall be subjected to the heat resistance test described in Annex 6, prior to the tests described in the paragraphs $5.4.4$ . and $5.4.5$ .
5.2.4.5.2.	The photometric and colorimetric measurements may be made on five samples. The mean values should be taken.
5.2.4.5.3.	For other tests, samples which have not undergone any testing should be used.
5.2.5.	Minimum values for the coefficient of retro-reflection
	Photometric specifications for retro-reflective markings:
5.2.5.1.	When measured as described in Annex 4, the coefficient of retro-reflection R' in candelas per $m^2$ per lux (cd/m <sup>2</sup> /lux) of the retro-reflective areas in new condition shall be at least as indicated in Table 6 for white, yellow and red materials.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Test samples of retro-reflective marking materials shall be applied to edged and degreased aluminium panels of 2 mm thickness and shall be conditioned for 24 hours at  $23^{\circ}C \pm 2^{\circ}C$  at  $50\% \pm 5\%$  relative humidity prior to testing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Test samples of retro-reflective marking materials shall be applied to edged and degreased aluminium panels of 2 mm thickness and shall be conditioned for 24 hours at  $23^{\circ}C \pm 2^{\circ}C$  at  $50\% \pm 5\%$  relative humidity prior to testing.

Observation angle $\alpha$ [°] $\alpha$ =0.33(20')	Minimum values for the Coefficient of Retro-reflection $R'$ [cd·m- <sup>2</sup> ·lx-1]					
Entrance	β1	0	0	0	0	0
Angle β [°]	β2	5	20	30	40	60
	Yellow	300		130	75	10
Class C	White	450		200	95	16
	Red	120	60	30	10	
	White	450		200	95	16
Class F, 5	Red	120	60	30	10	
Class 1 2 2 4	Yellow	300		180	75	10
Class 1, 2, 3, 4	Red	10		7	4	
Class SMV	Red of the outer border (class 1, 2)	120		60	30	10
	Red of the enclosed triangle (class 2)	10		7	4	

# Table 6 Minimum values for the Coefficient of Retro-reflection R<sub>A</sub> [cd·m<sup>-2</sup>·lx<sup>-1</sup>]

*Note*: If the sample is provided with an orientation mark, the specified values must only be observed for this orientation. Test samples without an orientation mark must be observed for values at  $0^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$  orientations as well.

5.2.5.2. For class "D" and "E" retroreflective marking materials the maximum values of the coefficient of retro-reflection are less or equal to the value defined in table 7, and are intended to be used in distinctive markings, graphics.

Table 7

# Photometric specifications for distinctive markings or graphics of class D and class E: Maximum values for the Coefficient of Retro-reflection R<sub>A</sub> [cd·m<sup>-2</sup>·lx<sup>-1</sup>]

Observation angle $\alpha$ [°] $\alpha$ =0.33(20')	Maximum values for the Coefficient of Retro-reflection $R'$ [cd·m- <sup>2</sup> ·lx-1]					
Entrance	β1	0	0	0	0	0
Angle β [°]	β2	5	20	30	40	60
Any colour	class D	150		65	37	5
	class E	50		22	12	1

*Note*: If the sample is provided with an orientation mark, the specified values must only be observed for this orientation. Test samples without an orientation mark must be observed for values at  $0^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$  orientations as well.

- 5.2.5.3. The subtended angle at the sample shall not be larger than 80'.
- 5.2.6. Colour of the reflected light of the device
- 5.2.6.1. The testing of the colour for retro-reflective device (night-time colour) shall be carried out according to the method described in paragraph 4.2.1.
- 5.2.6.2. The trichromatic coordinates of the reflected luminous intensity must be within the limits for the night-time colours red, amber or white as specified in UN Regulation No. 48.

5.2.6.3.	The testing of the day-time colour for retro-reflective device shall be carried out according to the method described in paragraph 4.2.2.						
5.2.6.4.	Luminance factor determined in accordance to paragraph 4.2.2.:						
	for red colour shall be $\geq 0.03$ ,						
	for white colour, it shall be $\geq 0.25$ .						
5.2.6.5.	Luminance factor $R_F$ determined in accordance to Annex 23 shall be $\geq 0.03$ .						
5.2.7.	Special specification (tests) / resistance to external agents						
5.2.7.1.	Resistance to weathering						
	A specimen shall be subjected to a test as specified in Annex 13.						
5.2.7.2.	Resistance to corrosion						
	A specimen of the sample unit shall be subjected to a test as specified in Annex 11.						
5.2.7.3.	Resistance to fuels						
	A specimen of the sample unit shall be subjected to a test as specified in Annex 9.						
5.2.7.4.	Resistance to heat						
	A specimen of the sample unit shall be subjected to a test as specified in Annex 6.						
5.2.7.5.	Resistance to cleaning						
	A specimen of the sample unit shall be subjected to a test as specified in Annex 15.						
5.2.7.6.	Stability of photometric properties						
	A specimen of the sample unit shall be subjected to a test as specified in Annex 14.						
5.2.7.7.	Resistance to penetration of water						
	A specimen of the sample unit shall be subjected to a test as specified in Annex 7.						
5.2.7.8.	Bonding strength (in the case of adhesive materials)						
	A specimen of the sample unit shall be subjected to a test as specified in Annex 16.						
5.2.7.9.	Flexing						
	For samples that are to be adhered to a flexible substrate, i.e. tarpaulin, the following shall apply:						
	A specimen of the sample unit shall be subjected to a test as specified in Annex 17.						

- Technical requirements concerning advance warning triangles of type 1 and 2
- 5.3.1. Retro-reflective devices of this paragraph must satisfy the conditions as to
  - (a) Dimensions and shape set forth in Annex 5; and
  - (b) The photometric and colorimetric as specified in paragraphs 5.3.4. to 5.3.5.; and
  - (c) The physical and mechanical requirements set forth in Annexes 9, 11 to 13.
- 5.3.2. The applicant shall submit for approval:

5.3.

- 5.3.2.1. Four samples of the advance warning triangle and at least two protective covers if the advance warning triangles are to be supplied with protective covers;
- 5.3.2.2. Two samples of the fluorescent or fluorescent retro-reflecting material in which a 100 x 100 mm square can be inscribed and which are fully representative of the material applied under the same conditions to the same base material as used for the advance warning triangle;
- 5.3.2.3. In the case of a type of advance-warning triangle differing only by the trade name or mark from a type that has already been approved it shall be sufficient to submit:
- 5.3.2.3.1. A declaration by the advance-warning triangle manufacturer that the type submitted is identical (except in the trade name or mark) with and has been produced by the same manufacturer as, the type already approved, the latter being identified by its approval number;
- 5.3.2.3.2. Two samples bearing the new trade name or mark or equivalent documentation.

The samples shall be tested in the chronological order indicated in paragraph 5.9.6.

5.3.3. Test procedure

Every advance warning triangle and its protective cover, if any, shall meet the requirements of the checks and tests described in Annex 5.

5.3.4. Maximum values for the coefficient of retro-reflection

Photometric specifications for advance warning triangles of Type 1 and 2

5.3.4.1. When measured as described in paragraph 3. the CIL values of the entire red retro-reflective area in new condition shall be at least as indicated in Table 14.

5.3.4.2. Retro-reflective devices and fluorescent retro-reflecting material.

Table 8 Minimum values for the CIL [mcd.lx<sup>-1</sup>]

	Illumination angles $\beta$			
Vertical $\beta_1$	0°	±20°	0°	0°
Horizontal B <sub>2</sub>	$0^{\circ} \text{ or } \pm 5^{\circ}$	0°	±30°	±40°
Angles of divergence 20'	8,000	4,000	1,700	600
Angles of divergence 1°30'	600	200	100	50

- 5.3.4.2.1. The CIL measured on random slices of 50 mm length of the retro-reflective device shall lie between extremes having a ratio not in excess of 3. These slices are taken between the perpendiculars to the side of the triangle and passing through the corresponding apexes of the central aperture. This requirement applies to an angle of divergence of 20' and to illumination angles of  $\beta_1 = 0^\circ$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0^\circ$  or  $\pm 5^\circ$  and  $\beta_1 = \pm 20^\circ$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0^\circ$ .
- 5.3.4.2.2. Diversity of luminance at angles of illumination of V  $\beta_1 = 0^\circ$ , H  $\beta_2 = \pm 30^\circ$ , and  $\beta_1 = 0^\circ$ ,  $\beta_2 = \pm 40^\circ$  shall be tolerated on condition that the triangular shape remains clearly discernible, for an angle of divergence of 20' and an illumination of approximately 1 lux.
- 5.3.4.2.3. The measurements referred to above shall be performed by the method described in Annex 5, paragraph 4.
- 5.3.5. Colorimetric specification
- 5.3.5.1. Retro-reflective devices
- 5.3.5.1.1. Retro-reflective devices shall be made of material coloured red in the mass.
- 5.3.5.1.2. The testing of the colour for retro-reflective device (night-time colour) shall be carried out according to the method described in paragraph 4.2.1. and the trichromatic co-ordinates of the red reflected luminous flux shall be within the following limits:

Table 9

Colour coordinates for retro-reflective device (night-time colour)

Point	1	2	3	4
x	0.712	0.735	0.589	0.625
у	0.258	0.265	0.376	0.375

5.3.5.2. Fluorescent materials

- 5.3.5.2.1. The fluorescent materials shall either be coloured in the mass or take the form of separate coatings applied to the surface of the triangle.
- 5.3.5.2.2. The testing of the colour of the fluorescent materials (daytime colour) of advance warning triangle of type 1 or type 2 shall be carried out according to the method described in paragraph 4.2.3, and the colour of the material in new condition shall be within an area of which the corner points are determined by the following coordinates as specified in Table 10:

x	0.570	0.506	0.595	0.690	
у	0.430	0.404	0.315	0.310	
5.3.5.2.3.	The testing of the luminance factor of the fluorescent materials shall be carried out according to the method described in Annex 23.				
	The luminance fluorescence sl		ncluding the	luminance by	reflection and
	(a) For adv	ance warning tri	angle of type 1	, not less than 30	) per cent; and
	(b) For adv	ance warning tri	angle of type 2	, not less than 25	5 per cent.
5.3.5.3.	paragraph 4.2.	. (night time co	olour) shall be	linate y value smaller or equa cording to <mark>paragi</mark>	al to the largest
5.3.6.	Special specifi	cation (tests) / re	sistance to exte	ernal agents	
5.3.6.1.	Resistance to v	veathering			
	A specimen sh	all be subjected	to a test as spec	cified in Annex 1	3.
5.3.6.2.	Resistance to c	orrosion			
	A specimen o Annex 11.	the sample un	it shall be sub	jected to a test	as specified in
5.3.6.3.	Resistance to f	uels			
	A specimen o Annex 9.	the sample un	it shall be sub	jected to a test	as specified in
5.3.6.4.	Resistance to h	eat			
	A specimen o Annex 6.	the sample un	it shall be sub	jected to a test	as specified in
5.3.6.5.	Resistance to c	leaning			
	A specimen o Annex 15.	the sample un	it shall be sub	jected to a test	as specified in
5.3.6.6.	Stability of pho	tometric proper	ties		
	A specimen o Annex 14.	the sample un	it shall be sub	jected to a test	as specified in
5.3.6.7.	Resistance to p	enetration of wa	ter		
	A specimen o Annex 7.	the sample un	it shall be sub	jected to a test	as specified in
5.3.6.8.	Bonding streng	th (in the case o	f adhesive mat	erials)	
	A specimen o Annex 16.	the sample un	it shall be sub	jected to a test	as specified in

Table 10Colour coordinates of the fluorescent materials (daytime colour)

2

3

4

1

Point

5.3.6.9. Flexing

For samples that are to be adhered to a flexible substrate, i.e. tarpaulin, the following shall apply:

A specimen of the sample unit shall be subjected to a test as specified in Annex 17.

5.3.6.10. Wind test

A specimen of a complete plate shall be subjected to a test of rigidity of plates as specified in Annex 10

- 5.3.7. Chronological order
- 5.3.7.1. General
- 5.3.7.1.1. The applicant shall submit samples, as mentioned in paragraphs 3.1, for approval.
- 5.3.7.1.2. After verification of the general specifications Annex 4 (paragraph 6.) and the specifications of shape and dimensions Annex 5 (paragraph 7.1.), all samples shall be subjected to the heat resistance test Annex 6 (paragraph 7.) and examined after at least one hour of rest.
- 5.3.7.1.3. The CIL value of the four samples of the advance warning triangles submitted is measured at an observation angle of 20' and at an illumination angle with the components  $\beta_1 = 0^\circ$ ,  $\beta_2 = \pm 5^\circ$ ; this test is carried out in accordance with the method described in paragraph 4.
- 5.3.7.1.4. The two samples with the smallest and the largest CIL value in the tests according to paragraph 1.3. shall be subsequently subjected to the following tests:
- 5.3.7.1.4.1. Measurement of the values of the CIL in respect of the observation and illumination angles referred to in paragraph 5.3.4.2. according to the method described in paragraph 4.
- 5.3.7.1.4.2. Testing of the colour of the retro-reflected light according to paragraph 4.2. on the sample with the highest CIL concerned shall be examined.
- 5.3.7.1.4.3. Test of clearance to ground according to Annex 20 paragraph 5.
- 5.3.7.1.4.4. Mechanical solidity test according to Annex 20 paragraph 6.
- 5.3.7.1.5. One sample other than those referred to in paragraph 5.3.7.1.1. shall be subjected to the following tests:
- 5.3.7.1.5.1. Testing of resistance to penetration of water into the retro-reflective device according to Annex 7 or if relevant, of the mirror-backed reverse side of the retro-reflective device, according to Annex 7.
- 5.3.7.1.6. The second sample, other than those referred to in paragraph 5.3.7.1.1., shall be subjected to the following tests:
- 5.3.7.1.6.1. Water test according to Annex 7.
- 5.3.7.1.6.2. Testing of resistance to fuels according to Annex 9.
- 5.3.7.1.6.3. Test of stability against wind according to Annex 20.
- 5.3.7.1.7. After the tests specified in paragraph 5.3.7.14., the two samples submitted according to paragraph 3.1 shall be subjected to the following tests:
- 5.3.7.1.7.1. Colour test according to paragraph 4.2.2.;

- 5.3.7.1.7.2. Test of the luminance factor according to Annex 23.;
- 5.3.7.1.7.3. Test of weather resistance according to Annex 13.

# 6. Transitional provisions

- 6.1 General
- 6.1.1. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall continue to accept type approvals of the devices, to any of the preceding series of amendments to this Regulation, which are not affected by the changes introduced by the latest series of amendments.

To verify this, the change index applicable to the pertinent device shall not differ from its change index as indicated in the latest series of amendments.

6.1.2. Contracting Parties applying this Regulation shall not refuse to grant extensions to type approvals according to any preceding series of amendments to this Regulation.

### Annex 1

### Communication

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2.2.	for the ad	vance warning triangle		
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2.4.	for the rea	ar marking plate type:		

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Distinguishing number of the country which has granted/extended/refused/withdrawn approval (see approval provisions in the Regulation).
 <sup>2</sup> Strike out what does not apply.

2.4.1.	Rear marking plate class:
2.5.	Class of the marking material:
3.	Name and address of the manufacturer:
4.	If applicable, name and address of manufacturer's representative:
5.	Date on which the marking material was submitted for approval tests:
6.	Technical service responsible for carrying out the approval test:
7.	Date of test report issued by the technical service:
8.	Number of test report issued by the technical service:
9.	Remarks:
10.	Approval granted/refused/extended/withdrawn <sup>2</sup>
11.	Reason(s) for the extension (if applicable):
12.	Place:
13.	Date:
14.	Signature:
	Name:
15.	Annexed is a list of documents making up the approval file, deposited with the Type Approval Authority which granted approval; a copy can be obtained on request.

#### Annex 2

# Minimum requirements for conformity of production control procedures

- 1. General
- 1.1. The conformity requirements shall be considered satisfied from a mechanical and geometric standpoint, if the differences do not exceed inevitable manufacturing deviations within the requirements of this Regulation.
- 1.2. With respect to photometric performances, the conformity of mass-produced retro-reflective devices shall not be contested if, when testing photometric performances of any retro-reflective device chosen at random no measured value deviates unfavourably by more than 20 per cent from the minimum values prescribed in this Regulation.
- 1.3. The chromaticity coordinates shall be complied with.
- 2. Minimum requirements for verification of conformity by the manufacturer

For each type of retro-reflective device the holder of the approval mark shall carry out at least the following tests, at appropriate intervals. The tests shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.

If any sampling shows non-conformity with regard to the type of test concerned, further samples shall be taken and tested. The manufacturer shall take steps to ensure the conformity of the production concerned.

2.1. Nature of tests

Tests of conformity in this Regulation shall cover the photometric and colorimetric characteristics and the resistance to penetration of water.

- 2.2. Methods used in tests
- 2.2.1. Tests shall generally be carried out in accordance with the methods set out in this Regulation.
- 2.2.2. In any test of conformity carried out by the manufacturer, equivalent methods may be used with the consent of the Type Approval Authority. The manufacturer is responsible for proving that the applied methods are equivalent to those laid down in this Regulation.
- 2.2.3. The application of paragraphs 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. requires regular calibration of test apparatus and its correlation with measurements made by a Type Approval Authority.
- 2.2.4. In all cases the reference methods shall be those of this Regulation, particularly for the purpose of administrative verification and sampling.
- 2.3. Nature of sampling

Samples of retro-reflective devices shall be selected at random from the production of a uniform batch. A uniform batch means a set of retro-reflective devices of the same type, defined according to the production methods of the manufacturer.

The assessment shall in general cover series production from individual factories. However, a manufacturer may group together records concerning the same type from several factories, provided these operate under the same quality system and quality management.

2.4. Measured and recorded photometric characteristics

The sampled retro-reflective device shall be subjected to photometric measurements at the points and the chromaticity coordinates provided for in the Regulation.

2.5. Criteria governing acceptability

The manufacturer is responsible for carrying out a statistical study of the test results and for defining, in agreement with the Type Approval Authority, criteria governing the acceptability of his products in order to meet the specifications laid down for the verification of conformity of products in paragraph 3.5.1. of this Regulation. The criteria governing the acceptability shall be such that, with a confidence level of 95 per cent, the minimum probability of passing a spot check in accordance with Annex 18 (first sampling) would be 0.95.

#### Annex 3

#### Minimum requirements for sampling by an inspector

- 1. General
- 1.1. The conformity requirements shall be considered satisfied from a mechanical and a geometric standpoint, in accordance with the requirements of this Regulation, if any, if the differences do not exceed inevitable manufacturing deviations.
- 1.2. With respect to photometric performance, the conformity of mass-produced retro-reflective devices shall not be contested if, when testing photometric performances of any retro-reflective device chosen at random:
- 1.2.1. No measured value deviates unfavourably by more than 20 per cent from the minimum values prescribed in this Regulation.
- 1.2.2. Retro-reflective devices with apparent defects are disregarded.
- 1.3. The chromaticity coordinates shall be complied with.
- 2. First sampling

In the first sampling four retro-reflective devices are selected at random. The first sample of two is marked A, the second sample of two is marked B.

2.1. The conformity of mass-produced retro-reflective devices shall not be contested if the deviation of any specimen of samples A and B (all four retro-reflective devices) is not more than 20 per cent.

In the case, that the deviation of both retro-reflective devices of sample A is not more than 0 per cent, the measurement can be closed.

2.2. The conformity of mass-produced retro-reflective devices shall be contested if the deviation of at least one specimen of samples A or B is more than 20 per cent.

The manufacturer shall be requested to bring his production in line with the requirements (alignment) and a repeated sampling according to paragraph 3. below shall be carried out within two months' time after the notification. The samples A and B shall be retained by the Technical Service until the entire CoP process is finished.

3. First repeated sampling

A sample of four retro-reflective devices is selected at random from stock manufactured after alignment-

The first sample of two is marked C, the second sample of two is marked D.

3.1. The conformity of mass-produced retro-reflective devices shall not be contested if the deviation of any specimen of samples C and D (all four retro-reflective devices) is not more than 20 per cent.

In the case, that the deviation of both retro-reflective devices of sample C is not more than 0 per cent, the measurement can be closed.

3.2. The conformity of mass-produced retro-reflective devices shall be contested if the deviation of at least:

3.2.1. One specimen of samples C or D is more than 20 per cent but the deviation of all specimen of these samples is not more than 30 per cent.

The manufacturer shall be requested again to bring his production in line with the requirements (alignment).

A second repeated sampling according to paragraph 4. shall be carried out within two months' time after the notification. The samples C and D shall be retained by the Technical Service until the entire CoP process is finished.

3.2.2. One specimen of samples C and D is more than 30 per cent:

In this case the approval shall be withdrawn and paragraph 5. shall be applied.

4. Second repeated sampling

A sample of four retro-reflective devices is selected at random from stock manufactured after alignment.

The first sample of two is marked E, the second sample of two is marked F.

- 4.1. The conformity of mass-produced retro-reflective devices shall not be contested if the deviation of any specimen of samples E and F (all four retro-reflective devices) is not more than 20 per cent. In the case, that the deviation of both retro-reflective devices of sample E is not more than 0 per cent the measurement can be closed.
- 4.2. The conformity of mass-produced retro-reflective devices shall be contested if the deviation of at least one specimen of samples E or F is more than 20 per cent.

In this case the approval shall be withdrawn and paragraph 5. shall be applied.

5. Approval withdrawn

Approval shall be withdrawn according to paragraph 3.6. of this Regulation.

- 6. Resistance tests
- 6.1. One of the retro-reflective devices of sample A after the sampling procedure in paragraph 2. shall be tested according to the procedure described in paragraph 1. of Annex 7 or, in the case of the Advance Warning Triangle, the sample A shall be tested according to the procedure described in paragraph 2. of Annex 7.

The retro-reflective devices shall be considered as acceptable if the test has been passed. However, if the test on sample A is not complied with, the two retro-reflective devices of sample B shall be subjected to the same procedure and both shall pass the test.

6.2. Specimens of one of the rear marking plates of sample A after the sampling procedure in paragraph 2., shall be tested according to the procedures described in Annexes 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16 and 18 to this Regulation.

The rear marking plate shall be considered acceptable if the tests were passed.

However, if the tests on specimens of sample A did not pass the tests, the two rear marking plates of sample B shall be subjected to the same procedure and both shall pass the test.

# Photometric measurements of retro-reflective devices and marking materials

- 1. Test procedures
- 1.1. When the CIL of a retro-reflective device is measured for an angle  $\beta$  of  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$ , it shall be ascertained whether any mirror effect is produced by slightly turning the device. If there is any such effect, a reading shall be taken with an angle  $\beta$  of  $\beta_1 = \pm 5^\circ$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0^\circ$ . The position adopted shall be that corresponding to the minimum CIL for one of these positions.
- 1.2. With an illumination angle  $\beta$  of  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$ , or the angle specified in paragraph 5. of this Regulation, and an angle of divergence of 20', retro-reflective devices which are not marked "TOP" shall be rotated about their axes of reference to the position of minimum CIL, which must conform to the value specified in paragraph 5. of this Regulation. When the CIL is measured for the other angles of illumination and divergence, the retro-reflective device shall be placed in the position corresponding to this value of  $\varepsilon$ . If the specified values are not attained, the device may be rotated about its axis of reference  $\pm 5^\circ$  from that position.
- 1.3. With an illumination angle  $\beta$  of  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$ , or the angle specified in paragraph 4. of this Regulation, and an angle of divergence of 20', retroreflective devices marked "TOP" shall be rotated about their axes  $\pm 5^\circ$ . The CIL must not fall below the prescribed value in any position assumed by the device during this rotation.
- 1.4. If for the direction  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$ , and for  $\varepsilon = 0^\circ$  the CIL exceeds the specified value by 50 per cent or more, all measurements for all angles of illumination and divergence shall be made for  $\varepsilon = 0^\circ$ .
- 2. Definitions

Basic definitions are given in 2.3, but further geometry parameter are listed below and illustrated in Figures A4-I to A4-III.

A Area of the illuminating surface of the retro-reflecting device, usually given in cm2

C Reference centre, e.g. a point on a retro-reflective area which is designated to be the centre of the device for the purpose of specifying its performance and mounting on the goniophoto-meter.

R Reference axis of the retroreflector, e.g. a designated line originating from the reference centre used to describe the angular position of the retro-reflective device.

Note 1 The reference axis is fixed in the retro-reflective material and moves with  $\beta 1$  and  $\beta 2$ .

I Illumination axis, e.g. the line passing through the centre of the light source and the reference centre.

O Observation axis, e.g. the line connecting the reference centre and the centre of the photometer head.

- Rr Receiver, observer or measuring device (e.g. photometer head)
- Cr Centre of receiver
- Ør Diameter of receiver Rr, if circular
- Se Source of illumination
- Cs Centre of source of illumination
- Øs Aperture diameter of illumination source
- De Distance from centre Cs to centre C
- D'e Distance from centre Cr to centre C

Note 1 In general, De and D'e are very nearly the same. Therefore, it may be assumed that De = D'e.

 $\alpha$  Observation angle, e.g. the angle between the illumination axis and the observation axis.

Note 1 This angle is sometimes called angle of divergence.

 $\beta 1/\beta 2$  Entrance angle, e.g. the angle between the reference axis and the illumination axis. The illumination angle consists of a vertical component (symbol  $\beta_1$ ) and a horizontal component (symbol  $\beta_2$ ). For any direction the vertical angle is always given first.

NOTE 1 These angles are usually not larger than  $90\Box$  but, for completeness, the full range is defined as

 $-90^{\circ} < \beta_1 < 90^{\circ}$  and

 $-180^{\circ} < \beta_2 < 180^{\circ}$ .

NOTE 2 The entrance angle is sometimes as well referred to as illumination angle.

 $\epsilon$  Angle of rotation means the angle through which the retro-reflecting device is rotated about its axis of reference starting from a given position. If the retro-reflecting device is marked "TOP" (e.g. the datum mark), the indicated position is taken as the origin.

 $\gamma$  Angular aperture of the measuring device Rr, i.e. the angle subtended by the largest dimension of the receiver as seen from the reference centre ( $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0^\circ$ ).

 $\delta$  Angular aperture of the source Se as seen from the reference centre

 $\eta$  Angular aperture of the retro-reflecting device, e.g. the angle subtended by the largest dimension of the visible area of the illuminating surface, either at the centre of the source of illumination or at the centre of the receiver.

E Illumination of the retro-reflecting device, e.g. the illuminance measured in a plane perpendicular to the incident rays and passing through the reference centre.

- 3. Dimensional and physical specifications for the photometry of retroreflective devices
- 3.1. The CIE-angular system as shown in Figure A4-I shall be used for specifying and measuring retro-reflective device and marking materials.

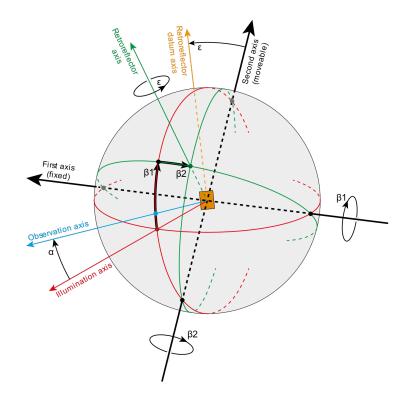


Figure A4-I: The CIE co-ordinate system

3.2

An adequate support (goniometer) is demonstrated in Figure A4-II. It represents a goniometer mechanism embodying the CIE angular system for specifying and measuring retro-reflective device and marking materials. All axes, angles, and directions of rotation are shown positive.

Notes:

- (a) The principle axis is given by the illumination axis;
- (b) The first axis is <u>fixed</u> perpendicular to the plane containing the observation and illumination axis; the second axis is perpendicular both to the first axis and to the reference axis.
- (c) The reference axis is <u>fixed</u> in the retro-reflective device and moved with  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$ . Its rotation is given by  $\epsilon$ .

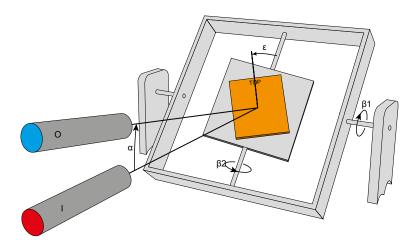


Figure A4-II: Goniometer mechanism embodying the CIE angular system Any arrangement of the components which is equivalent to the one shown can be used.

- 3.3. For testing the retro-reflection the retro-reflective devices shall be illuminated with a CIE Standard Illuminant A (ISO 11664-2:2007(E)/CIE S 014-2/E:2006) and measured as described in Annex 4.
- 3.4. The measuring geometry is described in Figure A4-III. The following limits apply:

Angular diameter of the source -	$\delta \le 10'$
Angular diameter of the measuring device -	$\gamma \le 10'$
Angular diameter of the illuminated area -	$\eta \le 80'$

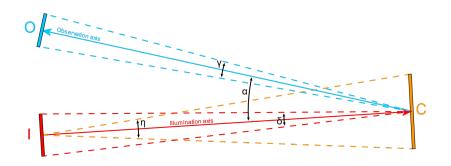


Figure A4-III: Measuring geometry for the measurement of retro-reflective devices

- 3.5. During photometric measurements, stray reflections should be avoided by appropriate masking.
- 3.6. The measuring distance shall be chosen in such an order that at least the limits for the angles  $\delta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\eta$  given above and illustrated in Figure A4-IV are respected, but not lower than 10 m.
- 3.7.

The illuminance over the useful area of the retro-reflective device, measured perpendicular to the incident light shall be sufficiently uniform. A check on this condition requires a measuring element, the sensitive area of which is not greater than one-tenth of the area to be examined. The variation in the value of the illuminance shall then comply with the condition:

#### $max/min \le 1.05$

- 3.8. The photometer head (measuring element)
- 3.8.1. The photometer head shall be corrected to the spectral luminous efficiency for the CIE standard photometric observer in photopic vision.
- 3.8.2. The device shall not show a perceptible change in local sensitivity within the area of its aperture; otherwise suitable provisions shall be added, e.g. the application of a diffusing window at a certain distance in front of the sensitive surface.
- 4. Measurement precautions in the photometry of retro-reflection

Best practice procedures are described in the relevant CIE reports and standards, however, items to be considered are briefly outlined below.

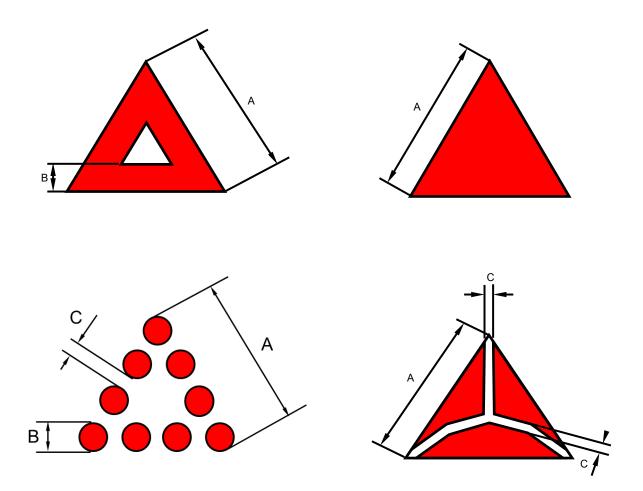
- 4.1. Residual and stray light
- 4.1.1. Since very low light levels are to be measured special precautions are needed to minimize errors due to stray light. The background to the sample and the framework of the sample holder should be matt black and the field of view of the photometer head and the spread of light from both the sample and the source shall be restricted as much as possible.
- 4.1.2. Reflections from the floor and walls which occur over the relatively long test distances used shall be screened from both the sample and the photometer head by baffles.
- 4.1.3. Correction of residual stray light should always be allowed for by measuring it when the sample is covered by an opaque matt black surface, zigzag folded black paper of the same size and shape or a specular black surface suitably oriented with a light trap. This value shall be subtracted from that measured on the retro-reflective device
- 4.2. Stability of the apparatus
- 4.2.1. The light source and photometer head should remain stable throughout the period of the test. Since the sensitivity and the adaptation to the V ( $\lambda$ ) function of most photometer heads change with temperature, the laboratory ambient temperature should not vary significantly during this period. Sufficient time should always be allowed for the apparatus to stabilize before commencing measurements.

4.2.2. A useful check on the overall stability of the reflex photometer during a series of tests is to make periodic measurements of CIL values of a stable reference standard.

#### Specifications of shape and dimensions

- 1. Shape and dimensions of retro-reflective devices in Class IA or IB
- 1.1. The shape of the illuminating surfaces must be simple, and not easily confused at normal observation distances, with a letter, a digit or a triangle.
- 1.2. The preceding paragraph 1.1. notwithstanding, a shape resembling the letters or digits of simple form O, I, U or 8 is permissible.
- 2. Shape and dimensions of retro-reflective devices in Classes IIIA and IIIB (see appendix to this annex)
- 2.1. The illuminating surfaces of retro-reflective devices in Classes IIIA and IIIB must have the shape or an equilateral triangle. If the word "TOP" is inscribed in one corner, the apex of that corner must be directed upwards.
- 2.2. The illuminating surface may or may not have at its centre a triangular, nonretro-reflecting area, with sides parallel to those of the outer triangle.
- 2.3. The illuminating surface may or may not be continuous. In any case, the shortest distance between two adjacent retro-reflecting optical units must not exceed 15 mm.
- 2.4. The illuminating surface of a retro-reflective device shall be considered to be continuous if the edges of the illuminating surfaces of adjacent separate optical units are parallel and if the said optical units are evenly distributed over the whole solid surface of the triangle.
- 2.5. If the illuminated surface is not continuous, the number of separate retroreflecting optical units including the corner units shall not be less than four on each side of the triangle.
- 2.5.1. The separate retro-reflecting optical units shall not be replaceable unless they consist of approved retro-reflective devices in Class IA.
- 2.6. The outside edges of the illuminating surfaces of triangular retro-reflective devices in Classes IIIA and IIIB shall be between 150 and 200 mm long. In the case of devices of hollow-triangle type, the width of the sides, measured at right angles to the latter, shall be equal to at least 20 per cent of the effective length between the extremities of the illuminating surface.
- 3. Shape and dimensions of retro-reflective devices in Class IVA
- 3.1. The shape of the light emitting surfaces must be simple and not easily confused at normal observation distances with a letter, a digit or a triangle. However, a shape resembling the letters and digits of simple form, O, I, U and 8 is permissible.
- 3.2. The light emitting surface of the retro-reflective device must be at least  $25 \text{ cm}^2$ .
- 3.3. Compliance with the above specifications shall be verified by visual inspection.

Figure A5-I Retro-reflectors for trailers – Classes IIIA and IIIB



150 mm ≤ A ≤ 200 mm
B≥ <u>A</u> 5
C ≤ 15 mm

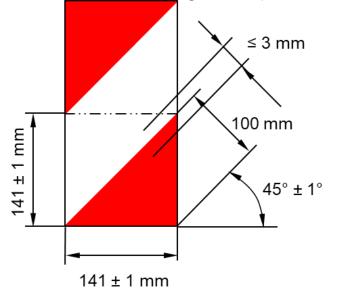
Note: These sketches are for illustration purposes only.

4.	Shape and dimensions of retro-reflective side and rear marking with strips
4.1.	General
	The markings shall be made of strips of retro-reflective material.
4.2.	Dimensions
4.2.1.	The width of a side and/or rear marking material shall be 50 mm $\pm$ 10/- 0 mm.
4.2.2.	The minimum length of an element of a retro-reflective marking material shall be such that at least one approval mark is visible.
5.	Side, rear and/or front marking with strips (Class F) retro-reflective markings plates of the Class 5
5.1.	General
	The markings shall be made of strips of retro-reflective material.
5.2.	Dimensions
5.2.1.	Class F and Class 5 retro-reflective materials shall consist of red and white diagonal stripes downwards at $45^{\circ} \pm 1^{\circ}$ as shown in Figures A5-II, A5-III and A5-IV respectively. The basic standard area is a square of 141 mm $\pm 1$ mm in length subdivided diagonally into a white half and red half, which represents one standard area as shown in Figure A5-II.

5.2.2. The minimum length of an element of a retro-reflective marking material shall incorporate a minimum of 9 standard areas as described in paragraph 5.2.1. on large vehicles with available mounting space, but may be reduced to a minimum of 4 standard areas on vehicles with limited mounting space.

#### Figure A5-II

Retro-reflective material marking of Class F (Standard Element)



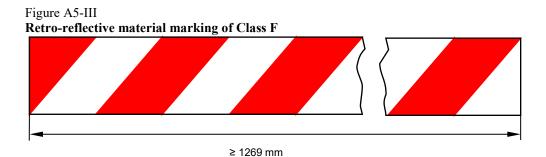
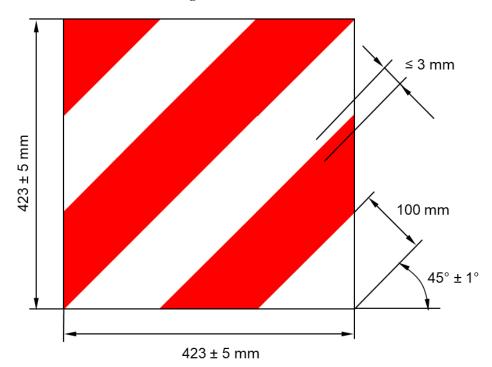


Figure A5-IV Retro-reflective material marking of Class 5



- 6. Shape and dimensions of retro-reflective/fluorescent rear marking plate(s)
- 6.1. Shape

The plates shall be rectangular in shape for mounting at the rear of vehicles.

6.2. Pattern

For mounting on trailers and semi-trailers, the plates shall have a yellow retro-reflective background with a red fluorescent or retro-reflective border;

For mounting on non-articulated vehicles (tractors or trucks), the plates shall be of the chevron type with alternate, oblique stripes of yellow retroreflective and red fluorescent or retro-reflective materials or devices.

6.3. Dimensions

The minimum total summarized length of a set of rear marking plates consisting only of one, two or four marking plates with retro-reflective and fluorescent materials shall be 1,130 mm, the maximum total length shall be 2,300 mm.

6.3.1. The width of a rear marking plate shall be:

For trucks and tractors:  $140 \pm 10$  mm.

For trailers and semi-trailers: 200 + 30 - 5 mm.

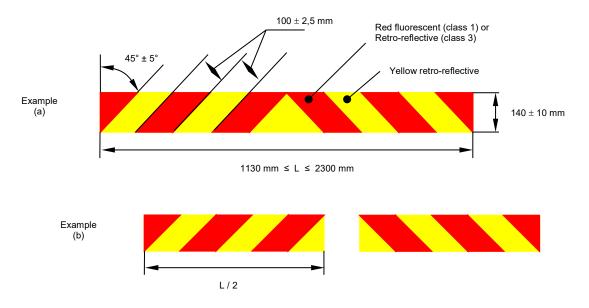
- 6.3.2. The length of each rear marking plate in a set consisting of two plates for trucks and tractors, as illustrated in Figures A5-V and A5-VI, may be reduced, to a minimum of 130 mm, provided that the width is increased such that the area of each marking is at least 735 cm<sup>2</sup>, does not exceed 1,725 cm<sup>2</sup> and the marking plates are rectangular.
- 6.3.3. The width of the red fluorescent border of the rear marking plates for trailers and semi-trailers shall be 40 mm  $\pm$  1 mm.
- 6.3.4. The slope of the oblique stripes of the chevron band shall be  $45^{\circ} \pm 5^{\circ}$ . The width of the stripes shall be 100 mm  $\pm$  2.5 mm.

Prescribed shapes, patterns and dimensional features are illustrated in Figure A5-V.

6.3.5. Rear marking plates supplied in sets shall form matching pairs.

#### Figure A5-V:

Rear Marking Plates (Class 1 and Class 3)



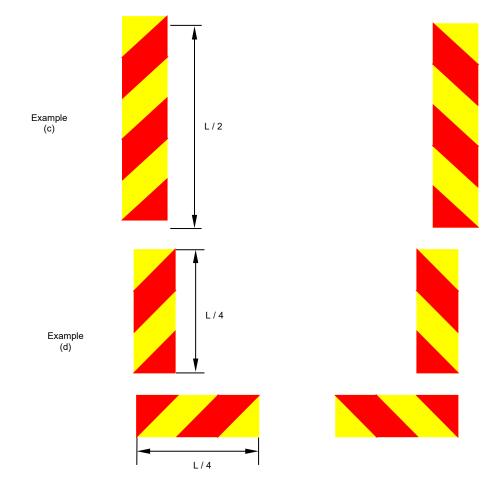
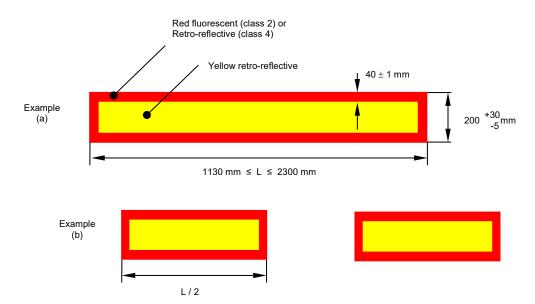
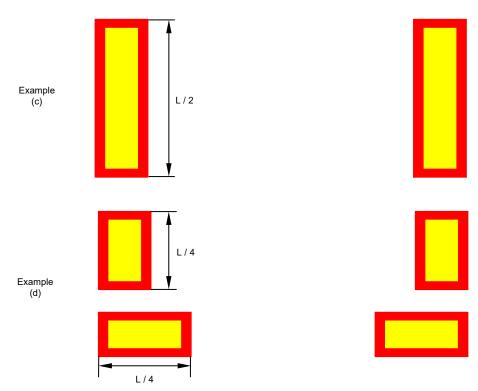


Figure A5-VI Rear marking Plates (Class 2 and Class 4)



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7. Shape and dimensions of retro-reflective/fluorescent (Class 1) or retroreflective only (Class 2) SMV rear marking plates

#### 7.1. Shape

The plates shall be in the shape of an equilateral triangle with truncated corners, for mounting with one apex upwards at the rear of slow-moving vehicles.

#### 7.2. Pattern

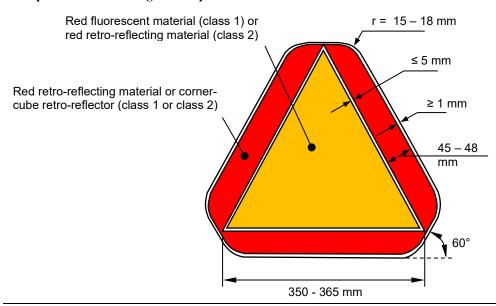
The SMV rear marking plates shall have a red fluorescent centre and red retro-reflective borders made of either retro-reflective sheeting or coating or of plastic corner-cube reflectors (class 1). The SMV rear marking plates of class 2 shall have a retro-reflective centre.

#### 7.3. Dimensions

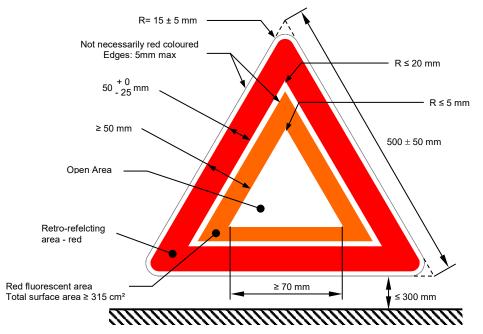
The length of the base of the enclosed fluorescent triangle (class 1) or retroreflective triangle (class 2) shall be: minimum 350 mm and maximum 365 mm. The minimum width of the light-emitting surface of the red retroreflective border shall be 45 mm, the maximum width 48 mm. These features are illustrated in the example of Annex 12.

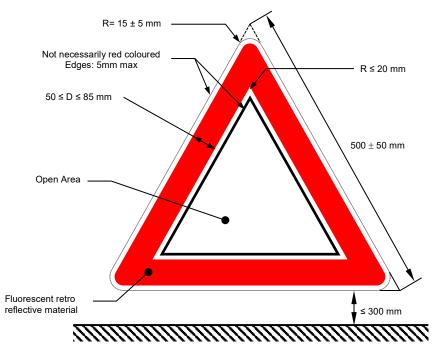
7.4. Rear marking plates for slow-moving vehicles and their trailers

#### Figure A5-VI Example of a slow-moving vehicle plate

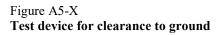


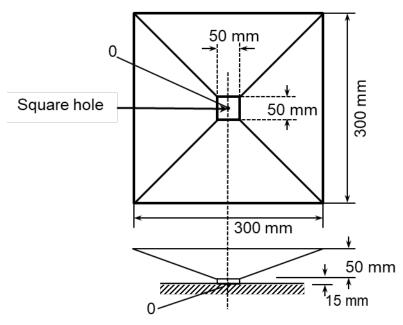






#### Figure A5-IX Shape and dimensions of the advance warning triangle of type 2 and of the support





#### **Resistance to heat**

1. Test procedure in the case of moulded plastics reflectors of retro-reflecting devices as Classes IA, IB, IIIA, IIIB, IVA, SMV, Marking plates of Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and Advance warning triangle of type 1:

The retro-reflective device shall be kept for 48 consecutive hours in a dry atmosphere at a temperature of 65 °C  $\pm$  2 °C after which the sample shall be allowed to cool for 1 hour at 23 °C  $\pm$  2 °C.

Test procedure in the case of use of flexible materials for Classes C, F, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Advance warning triangle of type 2:

A section of a sample unit not less than 300 mm long shall be kept for 12 hours in a dry atmosphere at a temperature of 65 °C  $\pm$  2 °C, after which the sample shall be allowed to cool for 1 hour at 23 °C  $\pm$  2 °C. It shall then be kept for 12 hours at a temperature of - 20 °C  $\pm$  2 °C.

The sample shall be examined after a recovery time of 4 hours under normal laboratory conditions.

3. After this test, no cracking or appreciable distortion of the retro-reflective device and, in particular, of its optical component must be visible.

#### **Resistance to water penetration for retro-reflective devices**

- 1. Test for retro-reflectors and retro-reflective markings
- 1.1. Retro-reflective devices whether part of a lamp or not, or a sample unit of retro-reflective marking, shall be stripped of all removable parts and immersed for 10 minutes in water at a temperature of  $50 \text{ °C} \pm 5 \text{ °C}$ , the highest point of the upper part of the illuminating surface being 20 mm below the surface of the water. This test shall be repeated after turning the retro-reflective device through 180°, so that the illuminating surface is at the bottom and the rear face is covered by about 20 mm of water. These sample units shall then be immediately immersed in the same conditions in water at a temperature of 25 °C ± 5 °C.
- 1.2. No water shall penetrate to the reflecting surface of the retro-reflecting optical unit. If visual inspection clearly reveals the presence of water, the device shall not be considered to have passed the test.
- 1.3. If visual inspection does not reveal the presence of water or in case of doubt:
- 1.3.1. In the case of retro-reflectors, the CIL shall be measured by the method described in Annex 4 or Annex 14, the retro-reflective device being first lightly shaken to remove excess water from the outside.
- 1.3.2. In the case of a sample unit of retro-reflective marking the coefficient of retro-reflection R' shall be measured in conformity with Annex 7, the sample unit being first lightly shaken to remove excess water from the outside.
- 2. Test for advance warning triangles
- 2.1. Test of resistance of the retro-reflective device or fluorescent retro-reflecting material
- 2.1.1. The triangle collapsible triangles are to be assembled as for use shall be immersed for 10 minutes in water having a temperature of 50 °C  $\pm$  5 °C, with the highest point of the upper part of the illuminating surface being about 20 mm below the water surface. Immediately afterwards, this retro-reflective device shall be immersed under the same conditions in water having a temperature of 25 °C  $\pm$  5 °C.
- 2.1.2. After this test, no water shall have penetrated to the reflecting surface of the retro-reflective device. If a visual inspection clearly reveals the presence of water, the device has not passed the test. Water or water vapour penetration into the edges of fluorescent retro-reflecting materials shall not be deemed to indicate failure.
- 2.1.3. If the visual inspection does not reveal the presence of water, or in case of doubt the value of the CIL shall again be measured under the same conditions as specified in paragraph 1.2. of Annex 7, after the retro-reflective device has been gently shaken to remove excess water from the outside. The CIL shall not have diminished by more than 40 per cent of the values recorded before the test.
- 2.2. Water test

The triangle - collapsible advance warning triangles are to be assembled as for use - shall be immersed flat for two hours on the bottom of a tank containing water at 25 °C  $\pm$  5 °C, with the active face of the triangle showing upwards and being 5 cm under the surface of the water. The triangle shall then be removed and dried. No part of the device may exhibit clear signs of deterioration which might impair the effectiveness of the triangle.

- 3. Test for marking plates
- 3.1. Resistance to water

A section of a sample unit not less than 300 mm long shall be immersed in distilled water at a temperature of  $23 \pm 5^{\circ}$ C for a period of 18 hours; it shall then be left to dry for 24 hours under normal laboratory conditions.

After completion of the test, the section shall be examined. No part inside 10 mm from the cut edge shall show evidence of deterioration which would reduce the effectiveness of the plate.

# Alternative test procedures of resistance to water penetration for retro-reflective devices of the Classes IB and IIIB

- 1. As an alternative, at the request of the manufacturer, the following tests (moisture and dust test) shall be applied.
- 2. Moisture test

The test evaluates the ability of the sample device to resist moisture penetration from a water spray and determines the drainage capability of those devices with drain holes or other exposed openings in the device.

2.1. Water spray test equipment

A water spray cabinet with the following characteristics shall be used:

2.1.1. Cabinet

The cabinet shall be equipped with a nozzle(s) which provides a solid cone water spray of sufficient angle to completely cover the sample device. The centreline of the nozzle(s) shall be directed downward at an angle of  $45^{\circ} \pm 5^{\circ}$  to the vertical axis of a rotating test platform.

2.1.2. Rotating test platform

The rotating test platform shall have a minimum diameter of 140 mm and rotate about a vertical axis in the centre of the cabinet.

2.1.3. Precipitation rate

The precipitation rate of the water spray at the device shall be 2.5 (+1.6/-0) mm/min as measured with a vertical cylindrical collector centred on the vertical axis of the rotating test platform. The height of the collector shall be 100 mm and the inside diameter shall be a minimum of 140 mm.

2.2. Water spray test procedure

A sample device mounted on a test fixture, with initial CIL measured and recorded shall be subjected to a water spray as follows:

2.2.1. Device openings

All drain holes and other openings shall remain open. Drain wicks, when used, shall be tested in the device.

2.2.2. Rotational speed

The device shall be rotated about its vertical axis at a rate of  $4.0 \pm 0.5$  min<sup>-1</sup>.

- 2.2.3. If the retro-reflector is reciprocally incorporated or grouped with signalling or lighting functions, these functions shall be operated at design voltage according to a cycle of 5 min ON (in flashing mode, where appropriate), 55 min OFF.
- 2.2.4. Test duration

The water spray test shall last 12 hours (12 cycles of 5/55 min).

2.2.5. Drain period

The rotation and the water spray shall be turned OFF and the device allowed to drain for 1 hour with the cabinet door closed.

2.2.6. Sample evaluation

Upon completion of the drain period. The interior of the device shall be observed for moisture accumulation. No standing pool of water shall be allowed to be formed, or which can be formed by tapping or tilting the device. The CIL shall be measured according to the method specified in Annex 4 after having dried the exterior of the device with a dry cotton cloth.

2.3. Dust exposure test

This test evaluates the ability of the sample device to resist dust penetration which could significantly affect the photometric output of the retro-reflector.

#### 2.3.1. Dust exposure test equipment

The following equipment shall be used to test for dust exposure:

2.3.2. Dust exposure test chamber

The interior of the test chamber shall be cubical in shape in size 0.9 to 1.5 m per side. The bottom may be "hopper shaped" to aid in collecting the dust. The internal chamber volume, not including a "hopper shaped" bottom shall be 2 m<sup>3</sup> maximum and shall be charged with 3 to 5 kg of the test dust. The chamber shall have the capability of agitating the test dust by means of compressed air or blower fans in such a way that the dust is diffused throughout the chamber.

2.3.3. The dust

The test dust used shall be fine powdered cement in accordance with standard ASTM C 150-84.\*

2.3.4. Dust exposure test procedure

A sample device, mounted on a test fixture, with the initial CIL measured and recorded, shall be exposed to dust as follows:

2.3.5. Device openings

All drain holes and other openings shall remain open. Drain wicks, when used, shall be tested in the device.

2.3.6. Dust exposure

The mounted device shall be placed in the dust chamber no closer than 150 mm from a wall. Devices with a length exceeding 600 mm shall be horizontally centred in the test chamber. The test dust shall be agitated as completely as possible by compressed air or blower(s) at intervals of 15 min for a period of 2 to 15 s for the duration of 5 hours. The dust shall be allowed to settle between the agitation periods.

2.3.7. Measured sample evaluation

Upon completion of the dust exposure test, the exterior of the device shall be cleaned and dried with a dry cotton cloth and the CIL measured according to the method specified in Annex 4.

<sup>\*</sup> American Society for Testing and Materials

#### **Resistance to fuels**

- 1. A test mixture of 70 vol. per cent of n-heptane and 30 vol. per cent of toluol shall be applied for either:
- 1.1. A retro-reflective device;
  - (a) The outer surface of the retro-reflective device and, in particular, of the illuminating surface, shall be lightly wiped with a cotton cloth soaked in the test mixture.
  - (b) After about five minutes, the surface shall be inspected visually. It must not show any apparent surface changes, except that slight surface cracks will not be objected to.

or;

- 1.2. A sample unit of retro-reflective marking;
  - (a) A section of a sample unit not less than 300 mm long shall be immersed in the test mixture for one minute.
  - (b) After removal, the surface shall be wiped dry with a soft cloth and shall not show any visible change which would reduce its effective performance.
- 2. Test for advance warning triangles:
- 2.1. The triangle and its protective cover shall be immersed separately in a tank containing a mixture of 70 per cent n-heptane and 30 per cent toluene.
  - (a) After 60 seconds they shall be removed from the tank and drained of excess liquid.
  - (b) The triangle shall then be placed in its cover and the unit shall be laid flat in a still atmosphere.
  - (c) When completely dried, the triangle shall not adhere to its protective cover, and there shall be no visually noticeable change on its surface and shall not present apparent detrimental modifications; however, slight surface cracks may be tolerated.

# **Resistance to lubricating oils**

- 1. Test procedure in the case of moulded plastics reflectors as Classes IA, IB, IIIA, IIIB, IVA and advance warning triangle of type 1
- 1.1. The outer surface of the retro-reflective device and, in particular, the illuminating surface, shall be lightly wiped with a cotton cloth soaked in a detergent lubricating oil. After about 5 minutes, the surface shall be cleaned. The CIL shall then be measured (Annex 4 or Annex 14).

#### **Resistance to corrosion (ISO Standard 3768)**

- 1. Retro-reflective devices must be so designed that they retain the prescribed photometric and colorimetric characteristics despite the humidity and corrosive influences to which they are normally exposed. The resistance of the front surface to tarnishing and of the protection of the rear face to deterioration shall be checked, particularly when an essential metal component seems liable to be attacked.
- 2. The retro-reflective device, or the lamp if the device is combined with a light, shall be stripped of all removable parts and subjected to the action of a saline mist for a period of 50 hours, comprising two periods of exposure of 24 hours each, separated by an interval of two hours during which the sample is allowed to dry.
- 3. The saline mist shall be produced by atomizing, at a temperature of  $35 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a saline solution obtained:
- 3.1. In the case of moulded plastics reflectors as Classes IA, IB, IIIA, IIIB, IVA and advance warning triangle of type 1

by dissolving  $20 \pm 2$  parts by weight of sodium chloride in 80 parts of distilled water containing not more than 0.02 per cent of impurities.

- 3.1.1. Immediately after completion of the test, the sample must not show signs of excessive corrosion liable to impair the efficiency of the device.
- 3.2. In the case of a sample unit of retro-reflective marking,

By dissolving 5 parts by weight of sodium chloride in 95 parts of distilled water containing not more than 0.02 per cent of impurities.

- 3.2.1. Immediately after completion of the test, the sample shall show no sign of corrosion liable to impair the efficiency of the marking.
- 4. The coefficient of retro-reflection R' of the retro-reflective areas, when measured after a recovery period of 48 hours as specified in Annex 7, at an entrance angle of  $\beta_2 = 5^{\circ}$  and an observation angle of  $\alpha = 20'$ , shall be not less than the value in Table 9 or more than the value in Table 10 respectively. Before measuring, the surface shall be cleaned to remove salt deposits from the saline mist.

# **Resistance of the accessible rear face of mirror-backed retroreflective devices**

- 1. Resistance of the accessible rear face of mirror-backed retro-reflective devices, in the case of moulded plastics reflectors as Classes IA, IB, IIIA, IIIB, IVA and Advance warning triangle of type 1.
- 2. The reverse side of the retro-reflective device shall be brushed with a hard nylon brush.
- 3. After having brushed in the case of moulded plastics reflectors as Classes IA, IB, IIIA, IIIB and IVA the rear face of the retro-reflective device, a cotton cloth soaked in the mixture, defined in Annex 9 shall be applied to the said rear face for one minute. The cotton cloth is then removed and the retroreflective device left to dry.
- 4. After having brushed, in the case of moulded plastics reflectors of Advance warning triangle of type 1, the reverse side of the retro-reflective device shall then be covered or thoroughly wetted for one minute with a mixture defined in Annex 9. The fuel shall then be removed and the device allowed to dry.
- 5. As soon as evaporation is completed, the reverse side shall be brushed with the same brush as before.
- 6. The CIL shall then be measured (Annex 4 or Annex 14) after the whole surface of the mirror-backed rear face has been covered with Indian ink.
- 7. In the case of the retro-reflector of an Advance warning triangle of type 1, the CIL shall not have diminished by more than 40 per cent of the values recorded before the test. This test is not applicable for fluorescent retro-reflecting material.

#### **Resistance to weathering**

- 1. Resistance to weathering in the case of sample units of retro-reflective marking devices
- 1.1. Procedure For each test, two specimens of a sample unit are taken. One specimen shall be stored in a dark and dry container for subsequent use as "reference unexposed specimen".
- 1.2. The second specimen shall be subjected to a source of illumination with a temperature and irradiation test described in Annex 22, if required in in the relevant paragraph 5. of this Regulation:
  - (a) The retro-reflector or retro-reflective material shall be exposed until blue standard No. 7 has faded to No. 4 on the grey scale blue standard No. 7.
  - (b) The fluorescent material or fluorescent / retro-reflective material shall be exposed until blue standard No. 5 has faded to No. 4 on the grey scale.
- 1.3. After the test, the specimen shall be washed in a dilute neutral detergent solution, dried and examined for conformity with the requirements specified in paragraphs 1.4. and 1.5.
- 1.4. Visual appearance

No area of the exposed specimen shall show any evidence of cracking, scaling, splitting, blistering, delamination, distortion, chalking, staining or corrosion.

The sample shall not exhibit any visible damage such as cracks, scaling or peeling of the fluorescent or of the fluorescent retro-reflecting material.

1.5. Colour fastness

The colours of the exposed specimen shall still meet the requirements specified in the paragraph 5. of this Regulation. for the corresponding retro-reflective device.

- 1.6. Effect on the coefficient of retro-reflection of the retro-reflective material:
- 1.6.1. For this check, measurements shall be made only at an observation angle of  $\alpha = 20'$  and an entrance angle of  $\beta_2 = 5^\circ$  by the method given in Annex 7.
- 1.6.2. The coefficient of retro-reflection of the exposed specimen when dry shall be not less than 80 per cent of the value in paragraph 5. of this Regulation.
- 2. Resistance to weathering in the case of advance warning triangles
- 2.1. Test of the weather-resistance of the luminance factor and of the colour of the fluorescent (advance warning triangle of type 1) and fluorescent retro-reflecting (advance warning triangle of type 2) materials.
- 2.2. One of the samples of the fluorescent material submitted according to paragraph 3.1. of this Regulation shall be subjected to a temperature and irradiation test as described in Annex 9 until the contrast No. 4 of the grey scale has been reached for the reference sample No. 5 or the light exposure

equivalents for blue wool light fastness references sample No. 5 to fade to the grey scale 4 for exposure by a Xenon-arc lamp has been reached.

2.3. For a retro-reflective device with the fluorescent material, after this test, the colour co-ordinates and the luminance factor (see paragraph 3.) shall comply with the specification in the paragraph 5. of this Regulation.

The luminance factor shall comply with paragraph 5. of this Regulation and shall not have increased by more than 5 per cent compared with the value ascertained according to paragraph 5. of this Regulation.

- 2.4. If the fluorescent material is an adhesive film which had already successfully passed the above-mentioned tests in a previous approval test, the test need not be repeated; a corresponding note shall be entered under item 12 ("Remarks") in the communication concerning approval (Annex 1).
- 2.5. Test of the weather-resistance of the luminance factor and of the colour of the fluorescent (advance warning triangle of type 1) and fluorescent retro-reflecting (advance warning triangle of type 2) materials.

#### Stability of photometric properties

- 1. The approval granting authority has the right to test the optical properties stability of a retro-reflecting material in use (when used for marking or as distinctive markings/graphics).
- 2. The Type Approval Authorities of Contracting Parties, in which the approval was granted, may undertake the same tests. If "systematic failures in use" occur for a type of retro-reflective material, the tested material samples shall be transferred for appraisal to the authority which granted approval.
- 3. If other criteria are missing, the notation "systematic failures in use" for a type of retro-reflective material is to be established according to paragraph 5.
- 4. The authority which granted approval shall have the right to check the stability in time of the optical properties of a type of rear marking plate in service.
- 5. The Type Approval Authorities of countries other than the country in which approval was granted may carry out similar checks in their territory. If a type of rear marking plate in use exhibits a systematic defect, the said authorities shall transmit to the authority which granted approval, with a request for its opinion, any components removed for examination.
- 6. In the absence of other criteria, the concept of "systematic defect" of a type of rear marking plate in use shall be interpreted in conformity with the intention of paragraph 5.

#### Resistance to cleaning in the case of a sample unit of retroreflective marking devices

1. Manual cleaning

A test sample smeared with a mixture of detergent lubricating oil and graphite shall be easily cleaned without damage to the retro-reflective surface when wiped with a mild aliphatic solvent such as n-heptane, followed by washing with a neutral detergent.

2. power washing

When subjected to a continuous spraying action for 60 seconds on the test component in its normal mounting conditions, a test sample shall show no damage to the retro-reflective surface or delamination from the substrate or separation from the sample mounting surface under the following set-up parameters:

- (a) Water/wash solution pressure  $8 \pm 0.2$ MPa;
- (b) Water/wash solution temperature  $60^{\circ}$  5 °C;
- (c) Water/wash solution flow rate  $7 \pm 1$  l/min;
- (d) The tip of the cleaning wand to be positioned at distance of  $600 \pm 20$  mm away from the retro-reflective surface;
- (e) Cleaning wand to be held at no greater angle than 45 degrees from perpendicular to the retro-reflective surface;
- (f) 40-degree nozzle creating wide fan pattern.

#### **Bonding strength**

- 1. Bonding strength (in the case of adhesive materials) for retro-reflecting markings
- 1.1. The adhesion of retro-reflective materials shall be determined after 24 hours curing time by utilising a 90-degree peel on a tensile strength testing machine.
- 1.2. The retro-reflective materials shall not be easily removable without damaging the material.
- 1.3. The retro-reflective materials shall need a force of at least 10 N per 25 mm width at a constant speed of 300 mm per minute to be removed from their substrate.
- 2. Bonding strength (in the case of adhesive materials) for retro-reflective material for rear marking plates
- 2.1. The adhesion of retro-reflective materials shall be determined after 24 hours curing time by utilizing a 90-degree peel on a tensile strength testing machine.
- 2.2. The adhesion of laminated or coated retro-reflective and fluorescent materials shall be determined.
- 2.3. The coated materials, of whatever kind, shall not be removable without tools or without damaging the material.
- 2.4. The laminated materials (adhesive films) shall need a force of at least 10 N per 25 mm width, at a speed of 300 mm per minute, to be removed from the substrate.

# **Flexing - Retro-reflecting Markings**

- 1. For samples that are to be adhered to a flexible substrate, i.e. tarpaulin, the following shall apply:
- 2. A specimen of the sample unit that measures 50 mm by 300 mm shall be bent once lengthwise, around a 3.2 mm mandrel with adhesive contacting the mandrel for a period of 1 second.
- 3. The test temperature shall be 23 °C  $\pm$  2 °C.

Note: For ease of testing, spread talcum powder on the adhesive to prevent sticking to the mandrel.

4. After this test, the specimen shall not have cracking of the surface and shall not show any visible change that would reduce its effective performance.

# **Resistance to impact**

1. Rear marking plates (except for plastics corner-cube reflectors)

When a 25 mm diameter solid steel ball is dropped from a height of 2 m onto the retro-reflective and fluorescent surfaces of a supported plate, at an ambient temperature of  $23 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C, the material shall show no cracking or separation from the substrate at a distance of more than 5 mm from the impacted area.

2. Retro-reflective devices of the Class IVA

The retro-reflective device shall be mounted in a manner similar to the way in which it is mounted on the vehicle, but with the lens faced horizontal and directed upwards.

Drop a 13 mm diameter polished solid steel ball, once, vertically onto the central part of the lens from a height of 0.76 m. The ball may be guided but not restricted in free fall.

When a retro-reflective device is tested at room temperature with this method, the lens shall not crack.

#### **Rigidity of plates**

#### 1. Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

- 1.1. The rear marking plate shall be placed on two supports in such a way that the supports are parallel to the shorter edge of the plate and the distance from either support to the adjacent edge of the plate shall not exceed L 10, where L is the greater overall dimension of the plate. The plate shall then be loaded with bags of shot or of dry sand to a uniformly distributed pressure of 1.5 kN/m<sup>2</sup>. The deflection of the plate shall be measured at a point midway between the supports.
- 1.2. When tested as described in paragraph 1. above, the maximum deflection of the plate under the test load shall not exceed one twentieth of the distance between the supports in paragraph 1. and the residual deflection after removal of the load shall not exceed one fifth of the measured deflection under load.
- 2. Class SMV
- 2.1. The triangular plate shall be strongly held on one of its long sides, with the clamps of the holding device not encroaching over more than 20 mm. A force of 10N perpendicular to the plane shall be applied to the opposite apex.
- 2.2. The apex shall then not move in the direction of the force by more than 40 mm.
- 2.3. After removal of the force, the plate shall visibly return to its initial position. The residual deflection shall not be more than 5 mm.

# Further test procedures for Advance Warning Triangles of Type 1 and 2

- 1. Test of clearance to ground
- 1.1. The advance warning triangle shall be required to pass the following tests:
- 1.1.1. For this test, the apparatus shown in Figure A5-X, which has the form of an inverted hollow pyramid, shall be placed on a horizontal base plane.
- 1.1.2. The individual supports to the ground shall be placed one after another in the square hole  $\sigma$  of the test apparatus. During the test of each support, it shall be required to find a position of the test apparatus in relation to the advance warning triangle and its supporting device, which is favourable for the triangle and which ensures that:
- 1.1.2.1. All supports are resting simultaneously on the base plane,
- 1.1.2.2. Outside the area covered by the test apparatus, the distance between the base plane and parts of the triangle as well as of the supporting device is at least 50 mm (with the exception of the supports proper).
- 2. Mechanical solidity test
- 2.1. When the advance warning triangle has been set up as required by the manufacturer and its bases are firmly held, a force of 2 N shall be applied to the apex of the triangle parallel to the supporting surface and normal to the lower side of the triangle.
- 2.2. The apex of the triangle shall not move more than 5 cm in the direction in which the force is exerted.
- 2.3. After the test, the position of the device shall not be significantly different from its original position.
- 3. Test of heat and low-temperature resistance
- 3.1. The advance warning triangle, in its protective cover, if provided, shall be kept for 12 consecutive hours in a dry atmosphere at a temperature of  $60 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- 3.2. After the test, no cracking or noticeable distortion of the device shall be visible; this applies in particular to the retro-reflective device. The cover shall be readily openable and shall not adhere to the triangle.
- 3.3. After the heat-resistance test and subsequent storage for 12 consecutive hours at a temperature of 25 °C  $\pm$  5 °C, the advance warning triangle, in its protective cover, is to be kept for another 12 hours in a dry atmosphere at a temperature of -40 °C  $\pm$  2 °C.
- 3.4. Immediately after removal from the cold room, no fractures or any visible distortion shall be noticeable on the device and especially on its optical parts. The protective cover, if provided, shall be properly openable, and it shall neither tear nor adhere to the advance warning triangle.
- 4. Determination of the roughness of the road surface "sandy beach" method

- 4.1. Purpose of the method
- 4.1.1. The purpose of this method is to describe and to determine to a certain extent the geometric roughness of that part of the road surface on which the advance warning triangle is placed during the test of stability in wind, as required according to Annex 5, paragraph 10.
- 4.2. Principle of the method
- 4.2.1. A known volume V of sand is spread evenly on the surface of the carriageway in the form of a circle. The ratio of the volume used to the area S covered is defined as "mean sand depth" HS and is expressed in mm:

$$HS = \frac{V}{S}$$

4.2.2. The test is carried out by means of round-grain, dry sand and having a grain size between 0.160 mm and 0.315 mm. The volume amounts to  $25 \text{ ml} \pm 0.15 \text{ ml}$ . The sand is spread out over the surface where the test is carried out by means of a flat, circular disc with a diameter of 65 mm, one side of which is covered with a sheet of rubber having a thickness of 1.5 mm to 2.5 mm and the other being provided with an appropriate handle. If the diameter of the circular area covered with sand is D mm, the mean sand depth will be calculated in accordance with the formula:

$$HS = \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{25}{D^2} \cdot 10^3 mm$$

- 4.3. Performance of the test
- 4.3.1. The surface on which the test is to be carried out shall be dry and at first be brushed with a soft brush to remove any dirt or loose gravel.
- 4.3.2. The sand which has been firmly filled into an appropriate receptacle is then poured out on the surface to be tested in a single heap. The sand is then carefully spread out on the surface by means of repeated circular movements of the rubber faced disc so as to form the largest possible round area covered with sand. The sand will then fill all depressions and hollows.
- 4.3.3. Two diameters, at right angles to one another, of the "beach" thus formed are usually measured. The mean value is rounded off to the nearest 5 mm, with the depth of the sand HS being calculated according to the formula given in paragraph 4.2.2.
- 4.3.4. Six tests of this kind are carried out on the supporting surface, with the parts to be tested being distributed over the surface to be tested as evenly as possible. The overall mean of the results obtained is given as the mean sand depth HS of the road surface where the advance warning triangle has been placed.
- 5. Test of stability against wind
- 5.1. The advance warning triangle shall be set up in a wind tunnel, on a base measuring about 1.50 m by 1.20 m with a surface formed of abrasive material of the type P36 corresponding to the FEPA<sup>\*\*</sup> specification 43-1-2006. This surface shall be characterised by its geometric roughness, HS = 0.5 mm  $\pm$

<sup>\*\*</sup> FEPA: Federation of European Producers of Abrasives, 20 Avenue Reille, 75014 Paris, France.

0.05 mm, which shall be defined and determined by the so-called "sandy beach" method according to Annex 4 of this Regulation.

To avoid a laminar boundary layer of the incident flow over the surface of the base, this base shall have a splitter plate and shall be set up in such a way, that the flow is completely around the plate.

- 5.2. For the air flow the following conditions shall apply:
  - (a) The air stream shall reach a dynamic pressure of 180 Pa; and shall have a flow field which shall be homogeneous and free of turbulence;
  - (b) The dimension of the flow field shall be such, that horizontally to each corner and vertical to the top of the advance warning triangle a clearance of at least 150 mm to the border line of this flow field shall exist;
  - (c) The air stream (flow field) shall be parallel to the supporting surface, in a direction which seems to be most unfavourable for the stability;
  - (d) In the case of a closed wind tunnel, the area of the advance warning triangle shall be not larger than 5 per cent of the area cross-section of the closed wind tunnel.
- 5.3. When set up in this manner, the advance warning triangle shall be subjected for 3 minutes to this open-air stream.
- 5.4. The advance warning triangle shall neither overturn nor shift. Slight shifting of the points of contact with the road surface by not more than 5 cm, however, shall be allowed.
- 5.5. The retro-reflecting triangular part of the device shall not rotate through more than 10° round a horizontal axis or a vertical axis from its initial position. The rotation around the horizontal axis or the vertical axis shall be determined by the aid of a virtual plane at the initial position of the retro-reflecting triangular part of the device, which is orthogonal to the base and orthogonal to the air stream.

# Colour-fastness<sup>1</sup> of retro-reflective devices of the Classes IA, IB, IIIA, IIIB and IVA

- 1. The Type Approval Authority which granted approval shall have the right to check the colour-fastness of a type of retro-reflective device in service.
- 2. The Type Approval Authorities of countries other than the country in which approval was granted may carry out similar checks in their territory. If a type of retro-reflector in use exhibits a systematic defect, the said authorities shall transmit any components removed for examination to the Type Approval Authority which granted approval, with a request for its opinion.
- 3. In the absence of other criteria, the concept "systematic defect" of a type of retro-reflector in use shall be interpreted in conformity with the intention of paragraph 9.1. of this Regulation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Despite the importance of tests to check the colour-fastness of retro-reflective devices, it is in the present state of the art not yet possible to assess colour-fastness by laboratory tests of limited duration.

## Colour fastness to artificial light - Xenon-arc lamp test

1. Scope

This annex specifies a method intended for determining the resistance of the colour of test samples of all kinds and in all forms to the action of an artificial light source representative of natural daylight (D65).

2. Principle

A specimen of the test samples to be tested is exposed to artificial light under prescribed conditions, along with a blue wool reference as specified.

3. Reference materials

The colour fastness ratings mentioned in this annex are obtained by comparison unexposed with exposed specified blue wool references for verification of the radiation dose as a required maximum contrast in this UN Regulation.

3.1. Blue wool references developed and produced in Europe are identified by the numerical designation 1 to 8. These references are blue wool cloths dyed with the dyes listed in Table A22-1. For the test procedure of this Regulation described by this annex only the blue wool references 5 and 7 will be applied as described in Table A22-1.

#### Table A22-1

#### Dyes for blue wool references 5 and 7

Reference	Dye (Colour Index designation) <sup>1</sup>
5	Cl Acid Blue 47
7	Cl Solubilised Vat Blue 5

<sup>1</sup> The Colour Index (third edition) is published by The Society of Dyers and Colourists, P.O. Box 244, Perkin House, 82 Grattan Road, Bradford BD1 2JB, UK, and by The American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, P.O. Box 12215, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2215, USA.

4. Grey scale

The grey scale for determining changes in colour of test samples in colour fastness tests. A precise colorimetric specification of the scale is given in Appendix 1 to this annex.

- 4.1. The use of the scale is described in paragraph 2. of Appendix 1 to this annex.
- 5. Xenon-arc lamp apparatus

The apparatus shall be either an air-cooled or water-cooled Xenon-arc weathering device capable of exposing samples in accordance with EN ISO 4892-2.

5.1. The exposure conditions shall comply with the requirements in the Table A22-2.

Exposure parameters	Air-cooled lamp	Water-cooled lamp		
Light/dark/water spray cycle	Continuous light without water spray	Continuous light without water spray		
Black standard temperature during light only periods	$(47 \pm 3)$ °C using a black standard thermometer	$(47 \pm 3)$ °C using a black standard thermometer		
Relative humidity	Approximately 40 %	Approximately 40 %		
Filters	Window glass filters	Window glass filters		
	requirements see paragraph 5.2.	requirements see paragraph 5.2.		
Irradiance (W/m <sup>2</sup> ) controlled at:				
Over 300nm to 400nm range	42±2	42±2		
Over 300nm to 800nm range	550	630		

# Table A22-2Artificial weathering test parameters

*Note 1*: Water used for the specimen spray should contain no more than 1 ppm silica. Higher levels of silica can produce spotting on samples and variability in results. Water of the required purity can be obtained by distillation or by a combination of deionization and reverse osmosis.

*Note 2*: While irradiance levels should be set at the above levels, variations in filter ages and transmissivity, and in calibration variations, will generally mean that irradiance error will be in the order of  $\pm 10$  per cent.

#### 5.2. Light source

The light source shall consist of a xenon arc lamp of correlated colour temperature 5500 K to 6500 K, the size of which will depend on the type of apparatus used. The xenon-arc lamp shall use filters that provide a reasonable simulation of solar radiation filtered by typical window glass. Table 3 gives the relative spectral irradiance requirements for the filtered xenon-arc. It is the responsibility of the supplier of the exposure device to provide necessary certification that the filters that they supply for use in the exposure tests described in this standard meets the requirements of Table A22-3.

Spectral Bandpass Wavelength λ in nm	Minimum % <sup>c</sup>	CIE No.85, Table 4 plus window glass % <sup>d, e</sup>	Maximum % <sup>c</sup>
1 < 300			0.29
$300 \le \lambda \le 320$	0.1	≤1	2.8
$320 < \lambda \leq 360$	23.8	33.1	35.5
$360 < \lambda \leq 400$	62.4	66.0	76.2

Table A22-3 Relative spectral irradiance requirements for window glass filters a, b, c, d, e used for the Xenonarc devices used in this standard.

<sup>*a*</sup> Data in Table A22-3 is the irradiance in the given bandpass expressed as a percentage of the total irradiance from 290 nm to 400 nm. To determine whether a specific filter or set of filters for a xenon-arc meets the requirements of Table A22-3, the spectral irradiance from 250 nm to 400 nm must be measured. The total irradiance in each wavelength bandpass is then summed and divided by the total irradiance from 290 nm to 400 nm.

<sup>b</sup> The minimum and maximum data in Table A22-3 are based on more than 30 spectral irradiance measurements for water and air-cooled xenon-arcs with window glass filters of various lots and ages. Spectral irradiance data is for filters and xenon-burners within the ageing recommendations of the device manufacturer. As more spectral irradiance data become available, minor changes in the limits are possible. The minimum and maximum data are at least the three sigma limits from the mean for all measurements.

<sup>c</sup> The minimum and maximum columns will not necessarily sum to 100 per cent because they represent the minimum and maximum for the data used. For any individual spectral irradiance, the calculated percentage for the bandpasses in Table A22-3 will sum to 100 per cent. For any individual xenon-arc lamp with window glass filters, the calculated percentage in each bandpass must fall within the minimum and maximum limits of Table A22-2. Test results can be expected to differ between exposures using xenon-arc devices in which the spectral irradiance differ by as much as that allowed by the tolerances. Contact the manufacturer of the xenon-arc devices for specific spectral irradiance data for the xenon-arc and filters used.

<sup>d</sup> The data from Table 4 in CIE No. 85 plus window glass was determined by multiplying the CIE No. 85, Table 4 data by the spectral transmittance of 3 mm thick window glass (see ISO 11341). These data are target values for xenon-arc with window glass filters.

<sup>e</sup> For the CIE 85 Table 4 plus window glass, the UV irradiance from 300 nm to 400 nm is typically about 9 per cent and the visible irradiance (400 nm to 800 nm) is typically about 91 per cent when expressed as a percentage of the total irradiance from 300 nm to 800 nm. The percentages of UV and visible irradiances on samples exposed in xenon arc devices may vary due to the number and reflectance properties of specimens being exposed.

5.3. Light exposure equivalents for blue wool light fastness references for exposure by a Xenon-arc lamp

Blue wool reference		wool reference 420nm	
No.		kj/m <sup>2</sup>	kj/m <sup>2</sup>
5	L6	340	13824
7	L8	1360	55296

#### Table A22-4 Blue wool reference

For colour change of step 4 on the grey scale

- 6. Procedure (blue wool references)
- 6.1. Place the test samples mounted on the holders in the apparatus and expose them continuously to weathering following the method described below.
- 6.2. At the same time expose the blue wool references mounted on card-board, cover one-third of each.
- 6.3. Only one side of the test samples shall be exposed to weathering and light.
- 6.4. While the specimens are drying, the air in the test chamber shall not be moistened.

*Note:* The actual conditions of the weathering test depend on the kind of test apparatus used.

- 6.5. Before mounting the tested specimens for assessment, dry them in air at a temperature not exceeding 60°C.
- 6.6. Trim and mount the exposed blue wool reference so that they measure at least 15 mm x 30 mm, one on each side of a portion of the original which has been trimmed to the same size and shape as the specimens.
- 6.7. Unexposed samples of original fabric identical to those being tested are required as references for comparison with the specimens during weathering.

# Annex 22 - Appendix 1

# **Definition of the Grey Scale**

This section describes the grey scale for determining changes in colour of test samples in colour fastness tests, and its use. A precise colorimetric specification of the scale is given as a permanent record against which newly prepared working standards and standards that may have changed can be compared.

- 1. The essential, or 5-step, scale consists of five pairs of non-glossy grey colour chips (or swatches of grey cloth), which illustrate the perceived colour differences corresponding to fastness ratings 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1. This essential scale may be augmented by the provision of similar chips or swatches illustrating the perceived colour differences corresponding to the half-step fastness ratings 4-5, 3-4, 2-3 and 1-2, such scales being termed 9-step scales. The first member of each pair is neutral grey in colour and the second member of the pair illustrating fastness rating 5 is identical with the first member. The second members of the remaining pairs are increasingly lighter in colour so that each pair illustrates increasing contrasts or perceived colour differences which are defined colorimetrically. The full colorimetric specification is given below:
- 1.1. The chips or swatches shall be neutral grey in colour and shall be measured with a spectrophotometer with the specular component included. The colorimetric data shall be calculated using CIE standard colorimetric system for Illuminant D65;
- 1.2. The Y tristimulus value of the first member of each pair shall be  $12 \pm 1$ ;
- 1.3. The second member of each pair shall be such that the colour difference between it and the adjacent first member is as follows.

Fastness grade	CIE-Lab difference	Tolerance
5	0	0.2
(4-5)	0.8	±0.2
4	1.7	±0.3
(3-4)	2.5	$\pm 0.35$
3	3,4	±0.4
(2-3)	4.8	±0.5
2	6.8	±0.6
(1-2)	9.6	±0.7
1	13.6	$\pm 1.0$

# Table A22-5**CIE-Lab difference in relation to the Fastness grade**

Note 1: Bracketed values apply only to the 9-step scale.

Note 2: Use of the scale:

Place a piece of the original blue reference and the exposed specimen of it side by side in the same plane and oriented in the same direction. Place the grey scale nearby in the same plane. The surrounding field should be neutral grey colour approximately midway between that illustrating grade 1 and that illustrating grade 2 of the grey scale for assessing change in colour (this is approximately Munsell N5). Illuminate the surfaces with north sky light in the Northern hemisphere, south sky light in the Southern hemisphere, or an equivalent source with an illumination of 600 lx or more. The light should be incident upon the surfaces at approximately 45°, and the direction of viewing approximately perpendicular to the plane of the surfaces. Compare the visual difference between original and exposed blue standard with the differences represented by the grey scale.

If the 5-step scale is used, the fairness rating of the specimen is that number of the grey scale which has a perceived colour difference equal in magnitude to the perceived colour difference between the original and the treated specimens; if the latter is judged to be nearer the imaginary contrast lying midway between two adjacent pairs than it is to either, the specimen is given an intermediate assessment, for example 4-5 or 2-3. A rating of 5 is given only when there is no perceived difference between the tested specimen and the original material.

If the 9-step scale is used, the fastness rating of the specimen is that number of the grey scale which has a perceived colour difference nearest in magnitude to the perceived colour difference between the original and the tested specimens. A rating of 5 is given only when there is no perceived difference between the tested specimen and the original material.

### Description of the measurement geometry for measurement of the daytime colour and the luminance factor of retroreflective materials

For testing the daytime colour and luminance factor of the material, illumination by CIE Standard Illuminant D65 (ISO 11664-2:2007(E)/CIE S 014-2/E:2006) using geometry (45a:0) shall be used.

1. Measurement of daytime Color

Measurements shall be done with a spectrophotometer in accordance with the provisions of Publication CIE 15:2004, Recommendations on Colorimetry - Second Edition, either illuminated poly-chromatically or with a monochromator providing stepwise the CIE Standard Illuminant D 65 (ISO 11664-2:2007(E)/CIE S 014-2/E:2006) at an angle 45° to the normal and viewed along the normal (geometry 45/0). In the latter case, the stepwise resolution  $\Delta\lambda$  shall be not larger than 10 nm. Alternatively, similar simulation spectra are allowed, if verified that the colorimetric measuring procedure is of the same accuracy, meaning that the quality of the D65 simulation shall be assessed by the method described in ISO 23603:2005(E)/CIE S 012/E:2004. The spectral distribution of the Illuminant shall be in category BC (CIELAB) or better.

The measurement area shall be at least minimum 4.0 cm<sup>2</sup>.

Micro-prismatic materials show the phenomenon of "flares" or "sparkles" (Note 1), which might influence the measured results unless special precautions as outlined above are taken.

For this geometry CIE 15 recommends that:

- (a) The sampling aperture be irradiated uniformly from all directions between two circular cones with their axes normal to the sampling aperture and apices at the centre of the sampling aperture, the smaller of the cones having a half angle of  $40^{\circ}$  and the larger of  $50^{\circ}$ .
- (b) The receiver uniformly collects and evaluates all radiation reflected within a cone with its axis on the normal to the sampling aperture, apex at the centre of the sampling aperture, and a half angle of 5°.

The annular geometry can be approximated by the use of a number of light sources in a ring or a number of fibre bundles illuminated by a single source and terminated in a ring to obtain the CIE  $45^{\circ}a:0^{\circ}$  (annular / normal geometry) (Note 2, Note 3).

An alternative manner of approximation is to use a single light source, but rotate the sample during measurement with a rotational speed that ensures that a number of revolutions takes place during the exposure time interval for a measurement so that all circumferential angles are given equal weight (Note 2, Note 3).

In addition, the apertures of the light source and the receiver shall have sufficient dimensions in proportion to distances to ensure compliance with the above-mentioned recommendations.

*Note 1*: "Flares" or "sparkles" are caused by characteristic paths of rays that enter and leave the sheeting surface at different angles. A characteristic path will dominate thus raising the luminance factor value significantly and possibly distorting the chromaticity co-

ordinates if it is included within narrow beams of illumination and measurement. However, the average contribution to the daylight reflection is normally small.

*Note 2*: In practice the recommendations can be approximated only. The important fact is that the annular principle is applied and that illumination and collection occur in specified directions using solid angles as specified in a) and b), as this will reduce the influence of above-mentioned "sparkles" of micro-prismatic materials and of other variations within the geometry shown by some of these materials.

*Note 3*: In spite of such precautions, the practical difficulties of establishing the annular geometry in accordance with the recommendations introduce an uncertainty of measurement.

#### 2. Determination of luminance factor

By putting the luminance L of the sample into relation to the luminance L0 of a perfect diffuser whose luminance factor is known under identical conditions of illumination and observation; the luminance factor  $RF\square$  of the sample then results from the formula:

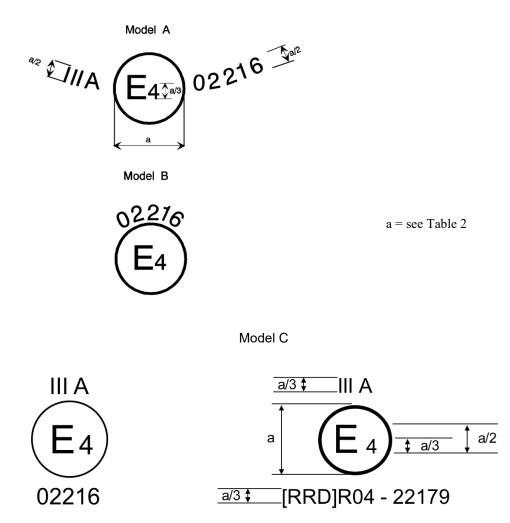
$$R_F = \frac{L}{L_0}$$

In case the colour of the fluorescent material has been colorimetrically determined in compliance with paragraph 1 above, the luminance factor RF can be determined by the ratio of the tristimulus value Y of the sample and of the tristimulus value Y0 of the perfect diffuser:

$$R_F = \frac{Y}{Y_0}$$

### **Examples of approval marks**

Figure A 24-I Marking for single devices



*Note*: The above approval number must be placed close to, but in any position in relation to, the circle surrounding the letter "E". The digits constituting the approval number must face the same way as the "E". The group of symbols indicating the class must be diametrically opposite the approval number. The Type Approval Authorities shall avoid using approval numbers IA, IB, IIIA, IIIB and IVA which might be confused with the class symbols IA, IB, IIIA, IIIB and IVA.

These sketches show various possible arrangements and are given as examples only.

The above approval mark affixed to a retro-reflective device shows that the type of device concerned has been approved in the Netherlands (E 4) under approval number

02216. The approval number shows that approval was granted in accordance with the requirements of the Regulation as modified by the 02 series of amendments.

## Figure A24-II Simplified marking for grouped, combined or reciprocally incorporated devices

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# Model D

# Model E

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	F 00	AR 00	S2 01	
		3333		
		$(E_4)$		
1   		$\rightarrow$		

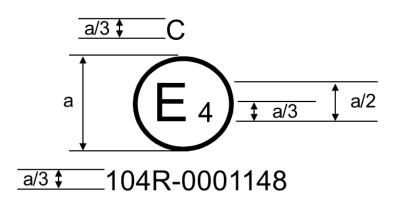
# Model F

$\begin{bmatrix} IA & 2a & R \\ 02 & 00 & 01 \\ F & AR & S2 \\ 00 & 00 & 01 \\ \end{bmatrix}$		
3333 E4		

*Note*: The three examples of approval marks, models D, E and F, represent three possible variants of the marking of a lighting device when two or more lamps are part of the same unit of grouped, combined or reciprocally incorporated lamps.

#### Figure A24-III

Arrangement of the approval mark for retro-reflective marking material



a = see Table 2

Figure A24-IV

Arrangement of the approval mark for rear marking plates and SMV

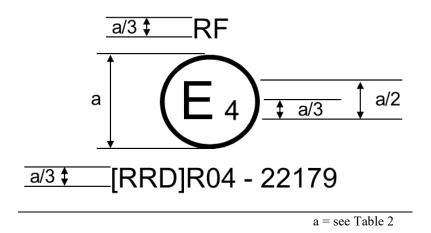
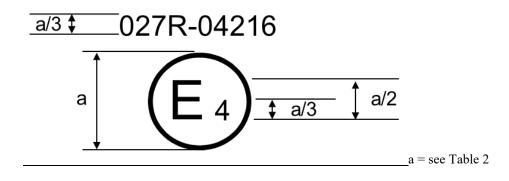


Figure A24-V

Arrangement of the approval mark for advance warning triangle



# Guidelines for installation of rear marking plates on slowmoving vehicles (by construction) and their trailers

- 1. It is recommended to the Governments to require on slow-moving vehicles which, by construction, cannot travel faster than 30 km/h, "Rear marking plates for slow-moving vehicles and their trailers" conforming to this Regulation and the specific requirements relating to its scope in accordance with the guidelines given in this annex.
- 2. Scope

The main purpose of these guidelines is to establish requirements for installation, arrangement, position and geometric visibility of rear marking plates on slow-moving vehicles and their trailers which, by construction, cannot travel faster than 30 km/h. It increases the visibility and permits an easy identification of these vehicles.

3. Number

At least one.

4. Arrangement

The rear marking plate(s) shall be type approved and meet the requirements of this Regulation.

The apex of a rear marking plate shall be directed upwards.

Every part of a rear marking plate shall lie within  $5^{\circ}$  of a transverse vertical plane at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and shall face to the rear.

5. Position

6.

In width:	If there is only one rear marking plate, it must be on the opposite side of the median longitudinal plane of the vehicle to the direction of traffic prescribed in the country of registration.	
In height:	Above the ground, not less than 250 mm (lower edge), not more than 1,500 mm (upper edge).	
In length:	At the rear of the vehicle.	
Geometric visit	bility	
Horizontal ang	e: 30° inwards and outwards, covering by indispensable constructional parts of the vehicle up to 10 per cent of the rear marking plate surface is permitted;	
Vertical angle:	15° above and below the horizontal;	
Orientation:	rearwards.	