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Foreword

This document (EN 12899-1:2007) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 226 "Road equipment" the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by May 2008, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by August 2009.

This document supersedes EN 12899-1:2001.

This European Standard has been prepared under a Mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association and supports essential requirements of EU Directives.

For relationships with EU Directives, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this standard.

This European Standard consists of the following Parts under the general title:

Fixed, vertical road traffic signs —

Part 1: (This part) Fixed signs

Part 2: *Transilluminated traffic bollards (TTB)*

Part 3: *Delineator posts and retroreflectors*

Part 4: *Factory production control*

Part 5: *Initial type testing*

It is based on performance requirements and test methods published in CEN, CENELEC, CIE (International Commission on Illumination) and ISO documents together with standards of the CEN member organizations.

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Introduction

This European Standard is designed for use by road authorities. It can also be used by private developers who wish to use signs on their own land similar to those used on public highways.

This European Standard:

- can be used to implement type approval and certification testing;
- derives from performance requirements and test methods published in CEN, CENELEC, CIE and ISO documents together with standards of the CEN member organizations;
- does not require the replacement of existing signs;
- covers performance requirements and test methods;
- defines performance limits and a range of performance classes. Colorimetric and retroreflective properties, as well as the luminance and illuminance, are specified;

The retroreflective requirements and tests in respect of materials based on glass bead technology are specified in this standard. The performance of retroreflective materials using microprismatic technology is specified in the relevant ETA which enables CE marking of such material.

Wind actions can be specified by the use of either values in this standard or by the methods specified in EN 1991-1-4.

Structural requirements for signs complete with sign supports include performance under static and dynamic loading. Provision is made for safety in use, including vehicle impact.

1 Scope

This Part 1 of EN 12899 specifies requirements for complete sign assemblies (including supports), signs (sign plates with sign faces), sign plates (without sign faces) and for other major components (retroreflective sheeting, supports and luminaires).

The main intended use of fixed signs is for the instruction and guidance of road users on public and private land.

Matters not covered by this standard:

- a) sign gantry and cantilever structures;
- b) signs with discontinuous messages, e.g. using light emitting diodes (LED), or fibre optics;
- c) variable message signs;
- d) signs used for temporary purposes;
- e) foundations;
- f) tests for extremely low temperatures.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1011, *Welding - Recommendations for welding of metallic materials*

EN 1991-1-4, *Eurocode 1: Actions on structures - Part 1-4: General actions - Wind actions*

EN 1993-1-1, *Eurocode 3: Design of steel structures — Part 1-1: General rules and rules for buildings*

EN 1995-1-1, *Eurocode 5: Design of timber structures - Part 1-1: General - Common rules and rules for buildings*

EN 1999-1-1, *Eurocode 9: Design of aluminium structures — Part 1-1: General rules – General rules and rules for buildings*

EN 10240, *Internal and/or external protective coatings for steel tubes - Specification for hot dip galvanized coatings applied in automatic plants*

EN 12665:2002, *Light and lighting – Basic terms and criteria for specifying lighting requirements*

EN 12767, *Passive safety of support structures for road equipment - Requirements and test methods*

EN 12899-4, *Fixed vertical road traffic signs – Part 4: Factory production control*

EN 12899-5, *Fixed vertical road traffic signs – Part 5: Initial type testing*

EN 13032-1, *Light and lighting - Measurement and presentation of photometric data of lamps and luminaires – Part 1: Measurement and file format*

EN 13201-3, *Road lighting – Part 3: Calculation of performance*

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