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**Road vehicles — Pedestrian protection —  
Impact test method for pedestrian thigh, leg  
and knee**

*Véhicules routiers — Protection des piétons — Méthode d'essai de choc  
pour la cuisse, la jambe inférieure et le genou des piétons*

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## Foreword

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ISO 11096 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 22, *Road vehicles*, Subcommittee SC 10, *Impact test procedures*.

Annexes A and B form a normative part of this International Standard. Annexes C and D are for information only.

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## Introduction

The intent of this International Standard is to help reduce pedestrian leg injuries by providing a standardized test method that will allow a test organization to use the results from pedestrian impact tests conducted by other test organizations.

The method is based on the simulated impact of a motor vehicle on an adult pedestrian. It is anticipated that biomechanical data for children will later be studied in order to determine the potential for child pedestrian protection. Research suggests that safety improvements in vehicles derived from such pedestrian impact tests would also be beneficial to motorcyclists and bicyclists. See annex D.

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# Road vehicles — Pedestrian protection — Impact test method for pedestrian thigh, leg and knee

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a test method for simulating the lateral impact between the front of a motor vehicle (as defined in ISO 3833) of up to 3,5 tonnes GVM (gross vehicle mass) and an adult pedestrian.

The test method addresses the reduction of pedestrian thigh, leg and knee injuries. It is not applicable to testing for, or the evaluation of, injuries to other pedestrian body regions; nor does it directly cover the potential risk of injury to children or human soft tissue. It is not applicable to vehicles with deployable devices designed for activation in the event of impact with a pedestrian.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 1176, *Road vehicles — Masses — Vocabulary and codes*

ISO 3784, *Road vehicles — Measurement of impact velocity in collision tests*

ISO 3833, *Road vehicles — Types — Terms and definitions*

ISO 6487, *Road vehicles — Measurement techniques in impact tests — Instrumentation*

ISO/TR 15766, *Road vehicles — Pedestrian protection — Targets for the assessment of the biofidelity of pedestrian-leg test devices*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1176 and ISO 3833, and the following apply.

### 3.1 Legform impactor

#### 3.1.1

##### **knee joint**

mechanical joint of a legform impactor with deformable elements simulating a human knee in lateral impact only

#### 3.1.2

##### **thigh**

mechanical components above the legform impactor knee joint

3.1.3

**leg**

mechanical components below the legform impactor knee joint

3.1.5

**knee joint centre**

centre of the bending part of a knee joint's deformable element before deformation

3.1.6

**valgus angle**

the angle of the knee joint in abduction

3.2 **Vehicle**

3.2.1

**impact point**

point on the vehicle at which initial contact occurs

3.2.2

**front face**

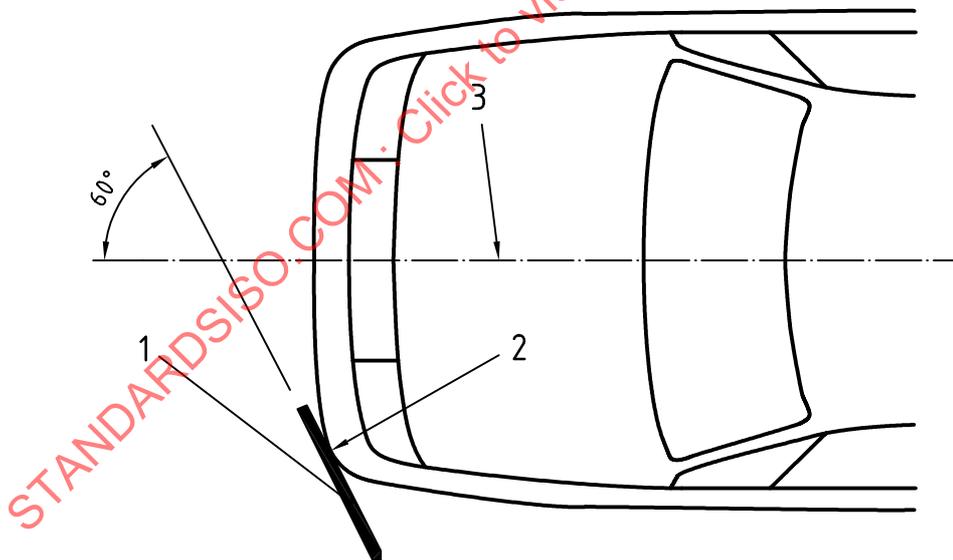
foremost part of the front of the vehicle, and that most likely to strike the pedestrian's leg

3.2.3

**corner**

extremity on either side of the front face located at the point at which a vertical plane, set at 60° to the centreline of the vehicle, comes in contact with, and is tangential to, the outer surface of the front face

See Figure 1.



**Key**

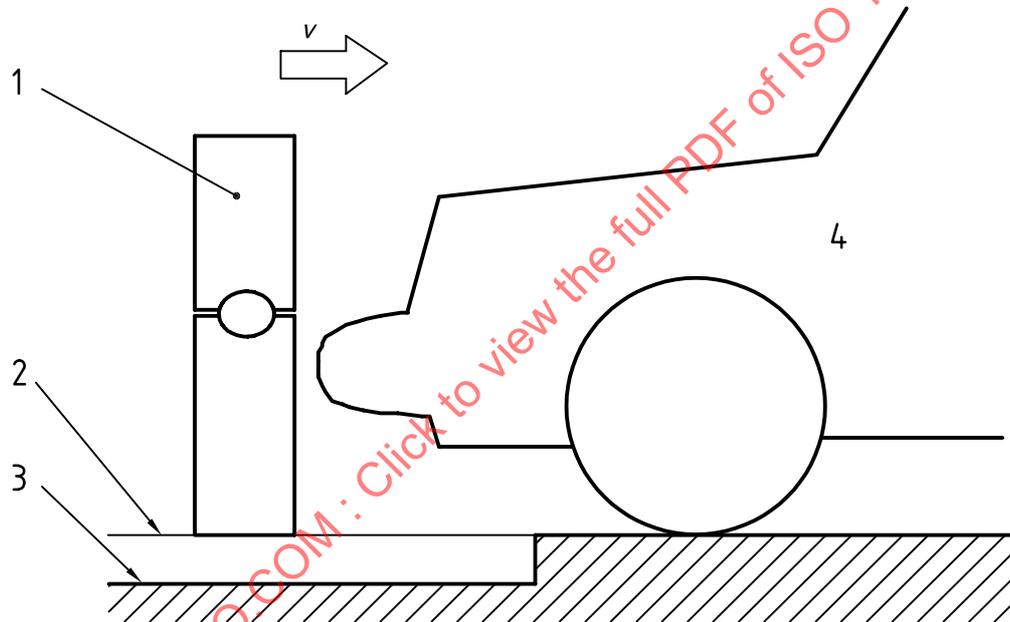
- 1 Straight edge
- 2 Corner of front face
- 3 Vehicle centreline

Figure 1 — Corner of front face

## 4 Test equipment

### 4.1 Impact test site

This shall consist of a flat, smooth and hard surface with a slope not exceeding 1 % under the test vehicle, as shown in Figure 2.



#### Key

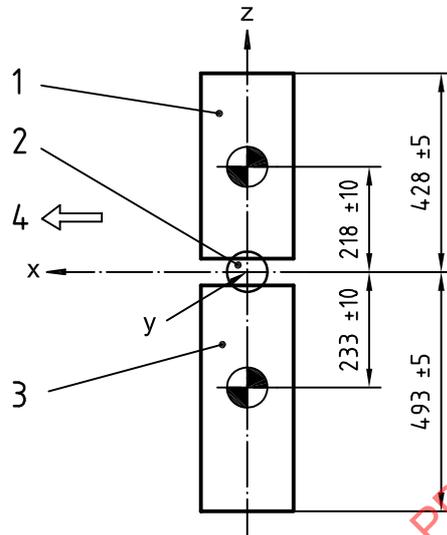
- 1 Impactor
- 2 Ground reference plane (GRP)
- 3 Ground
- 4 Vehicle

Figure 2 — Impact test site

## 4.2 Legform impactor

This shall be a device sensitive to the characteristics of the front face, with a knee joint in accordance with the model specified in 5.1.1 and shown in Figure 3.

Dimensions in millimetres



### Key

- 1 Thigh
- 2 Knee joint
- 3 Leg
- 4 Trajectory

Figure 3 — Legform impactor

## 4.3 Propulsion system

The legform impactor shall be propelled by a propulsion system in accordance with 5.2.

## 4.4 Applicable vehicles

The test method is applicable to passenger cars and light commercial vehicles of up to 3,5 tonnes.

## 5 Requirements

### 5.1 Legform impactor

#### 5.1.1 Physical properties

The dimensions (see Figure 3) and mass distribution of the legform impactor used in the test are based on a 50th percentile male <sup>[1]</sup>. They and the other physical properties of the legform impactor shall be as follows.

- a) Leg length between the bottom and the knee joint centre:  $(493 \pm 5)$  mm.
- b) Thigh length between the knee joint centre and the top:  $(428 \pm 5)$  mm.
- c) Centre of gravity of leg from the knee joint centre:  $(233 \pm 10)$  mm.

- d) Centre of gravity of thigh from the knee joint centre:  $(218 \pm 10)$  mm.
- e) Total legform impactor mass:  $(13,4 \pm 0,1)$  kg.
- f) Thigh mass including skin and foam:  $(8,6 \pm 0,1)$  kg.
- g) Leg mass including skin and foam:  $(4,8 \pm 0,1)$  kg.
- h) Moment of inertia around y axis of leg:  $(0,12 \pm 0,001)$  kg m<sup>2</sup>.
- i) Moment of inertia around y axis of thigh:  $(0,127 \pm 0,001)$  kg m<sup>2</sup>.
- j) An adaptor may be fitted to the top of the thigh to permit the attachment of the legform impactor to the propulsion system. If used, the thigh with adaptor shall still comply with the thigh requirement of mass, centre of gravity and moment of inertia.
- k) There shall be a simulation of flesh or skin on the outer surface of the legform impactor. This material shall be human like.

### 5.1.2 Shape of legform impactor

The shape of the legform impactor shall be cylindrical. The outer diameter of the thigh and that of the leg shall be the same:  $(120 \pm 10)$  mm, including a "flesh" thickness of  $(30 \pm 5)$  mm.

### 5.1.3 Biofidelic performance characteristics

The legform impactor shall meet the biofidelic performance targets given in Annex A.

### 5.1.4 Certification of legform impactor

The legform impactor shall meet the certification requirements given in Annex B.

### 5.1.5 Calibration of legform impactor deformable elements

Once the structural design of the deformable knee element meeting the requirements specified in 5.1.3 and 5.1.4 is completed, the designer of the legform impactor shall provide a calibration test procedure in which each batch of deformable knee elements shall be checked to see if their performance is acceptable. Such a calibration test procedure may be applied statically if this test proves that the characteristics of the batch are similar to those of the original design. The response adopted as a requirement for a calibration test should allow for a reasonable variation in production.

## 5.2 Propulsion of legform impactor

The legform impactor shall be propelled in free flight into the stationary test vehicle. The method of legform impactor propulsion is at the discretion of the test office; however, the knee joint should be supported during legform impactor acceleration. The trajectory of the legform impactor shall be parallel to the ground within  $\pm 6^\circ$  at impact with the vehicle, and its angular velocity at this time shall be less than  $50^\circ/\text{s}$ . Because of the effect of gravity and depending on the length of free flight, this may require that the trajectory of the legform impactor at the time of its release from the propulsion system be at an angle above horizontal. There shall be no contact between the legform impactor and the propulsion system during impact with the vehicle.

## 5.3 Legform impactor setting

**5.3.1** The legform impactor shall be straight, and vertical in pitch and roll at the time of impact (see Figure 2). The tolerances for pitch, roll and yaw shall be  $\pm 5^\circ$ .

**5.3.2** The lower end of the legform impactor shall be at or within 10 mm of the level of the ground reference plane (GRP) at impact with the vehicle. The legform impactor shall not come into contact with the ground during impact (see Figure 2).

## 5.4 Test temperature

The legform impactor shall have a temperature of  $(20 \pm 5)$  °C at the time of impact. However, a narrower range may be required to keep the performance of the legform impactor within the specified limits.

## 6 Preparation of test vehicle

**6.1** Either a complete vehicle or cut-body shall be used for the test. All parts of the vehicle structure and components that could be involved in a pedestrian leg impact shall be in place.

**6.2** The ground clearance of the test vehicle or cut-body shall be set to simulate that of an actual vehicle with tyres inflated to the nominal tyre pressure specified by the manufacturer. Spacers may be placed under the tyres in order to bring the vehicle to a height that will allow the free flight of the legform impactor.

**NOTE** Testing with or without numberplate (licence plate) is at the discretion of the test laboratory or government body. The material and size of the plate may be standardized during a given test program when testing a vehicle with plate.

**6.3** For tests of a complete vehicle, the suspension shall be set to the normal ride height attained at the test impact velocity (specified in the relevant laws and regulations or by the concerned government agencies) and shall include the complete vehicle kerb mass (ISO MO6) in accordance with ISO 1176, with one adult male 50th percentile dummy or an equivalent mass placed on the driver's seat, and with one adult male 50th percentile dummy or an equivalent mass placed on the passenger's seat.

**6.4** For tests using a cut-body, the height of the body above the ground reference plane shall be the same as that of the complete vehicle loaded in accordance with 6.3.

**6.5** The parking brake shall be applied, or the cut-body shall be securely mounted.

**6.6** Sufficient time shall be allowed for the temperature (see 7.1) of all vehicle components to stabilize before testing.

## 7 Test conditions

### 7.1 Atmospheric conditions

Relative humidity, atmospheric pressure and temperature shall be measured at the time of the test and recorded in the test report.

### 7.2 Angle of impact

The direction of impact shall be parallel to the centreline of the vehicle, with the axis of the legform vertical at the time of first contact. The tolerance of the velocity vector of the impactor shall be  $\pm 2^\circ$ .

### 7.3 Impact point

Tests shall be made on the vehicle between the corners of the front face, with the centre of each impact a minimum of 60 mm inside each corner. Sufficient test points shall be selected to evaluate the vehicle structure. Test points on a single vehicle front face shall be separated by sufficient distance to preclude influence of pre-existing damage on subsequent impacts.

## 7.4 Impact velocity

The velocity at the time of impact shall be that specified in the appropriate test. The impact device used shall be capable of functioning while withstanding an impact velocity of up to 5,5 m/s.

### 7.4.1 Velocity measurement

The velocity of the legform impactor shall be measured at some point during the free flight before impact. The accuracy of velocity measurement shall be  $\pm 0,1$  m/s.

## 8 Measurement requirements for legform impactor

### 8.1 Data acquisition

Data shall be acquired in accordance with ISO 6487.

### 8.2 Legform impactor data

Legform impactor data shall be recorded in accordance with Table 1.

### 8.3 Test specimen

The points tested shall be indicated in the test report.

Table 1 — Legform impactor data

Measurements <sup>a</sup> (Items)	Location	Direction (Axis)	Channel amplitude class (CAC) <sup>b</sup>	Channel filter class (CFC) Hz
(1) Valgus angle	Knee-joint centre	<i>y</i>	40°	180
(2) Bending moment	Knee-joint centre	<i>y</i>	1 000 Nm	180
(3) Shearing displacement	Knee-joint centre	<i>x</i>	20 mm	180
(4) Shearing force	Knee-joint centre	<i>x</i>	10 kN	180
(5) Contact force	Area of first contact	<i>x</i>	10 kN	180
<sup>a</sup> Either (1) or (2) may be measured. Measuring item (5) is a recommendation. Either (3) or (4) may be measured. <sup>b</sup> Electrical instrumentation measurement.				

## Annex A (normative)

### Biofidelic performance characteristics

#### A.1 General

This annex specifies the biofidelic performance characteristics of the legform impactors to be used in the test, as well as the test set-ups.

#### A.2 Test set-up

##### A.2.1 General

The individual test set-up is designed for obtaining both bending moment and shearing force.

##### A.2.2 Bending test (see Figure A.1)

The specifications for the bending test shall be as follows.

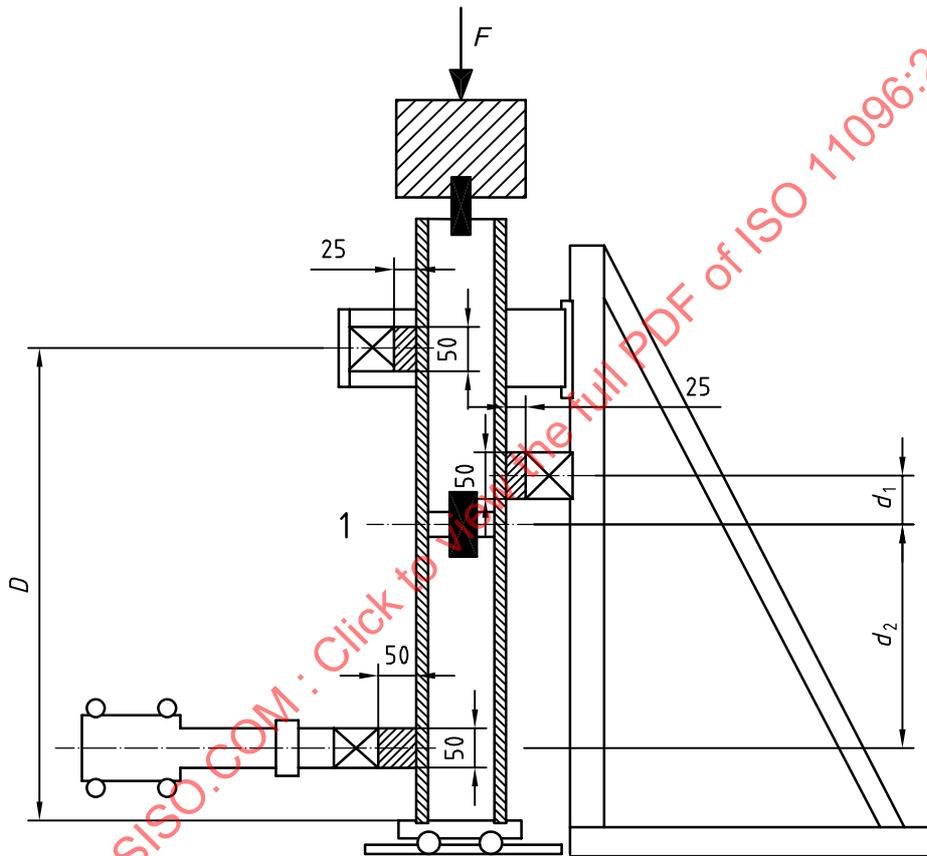
Pre-loading mass, $F$ :	40 kg
Loading device and support face:	50 mm × 150 mm
Padding block:	50 mm × 50 mm × 150 mm (for impactor) 25 mm × 50 mm × 150 mm (for support)
Dimensions:	$D = 904$ mm, $d_1 = 74$ mm, $d_2 = 400$ mm
Measurements:	Loading device acceleration (CFC 180) Loading device force (CFC 180) Loading device velocity at time of impact Medial support load (CFC 180)

##### A.2.3 Shearing test (see Figure A.2)

The specifications for the shearing test shall be as follows.

Pre-loading mass, $F$ :	40 kg
Loading device and support face:	50 mm × 150 mm
Padding block:	50 mm × 50 mm × 150 mm (for impactor) 25 mm × 50 mm × 150 mm (for support)
Dimensions:	$D = 874$ mm, $d_1 = 45$ mm, $d_2 = 45$ mm, $d_3 = 103$ mm
Measurements:	Loading device acceleration (CFC 180) Loading device force (CFC 180) Loading device velocity at time of impact Medial support load (CFC 180)

Dimensions in millimetres



**Key**

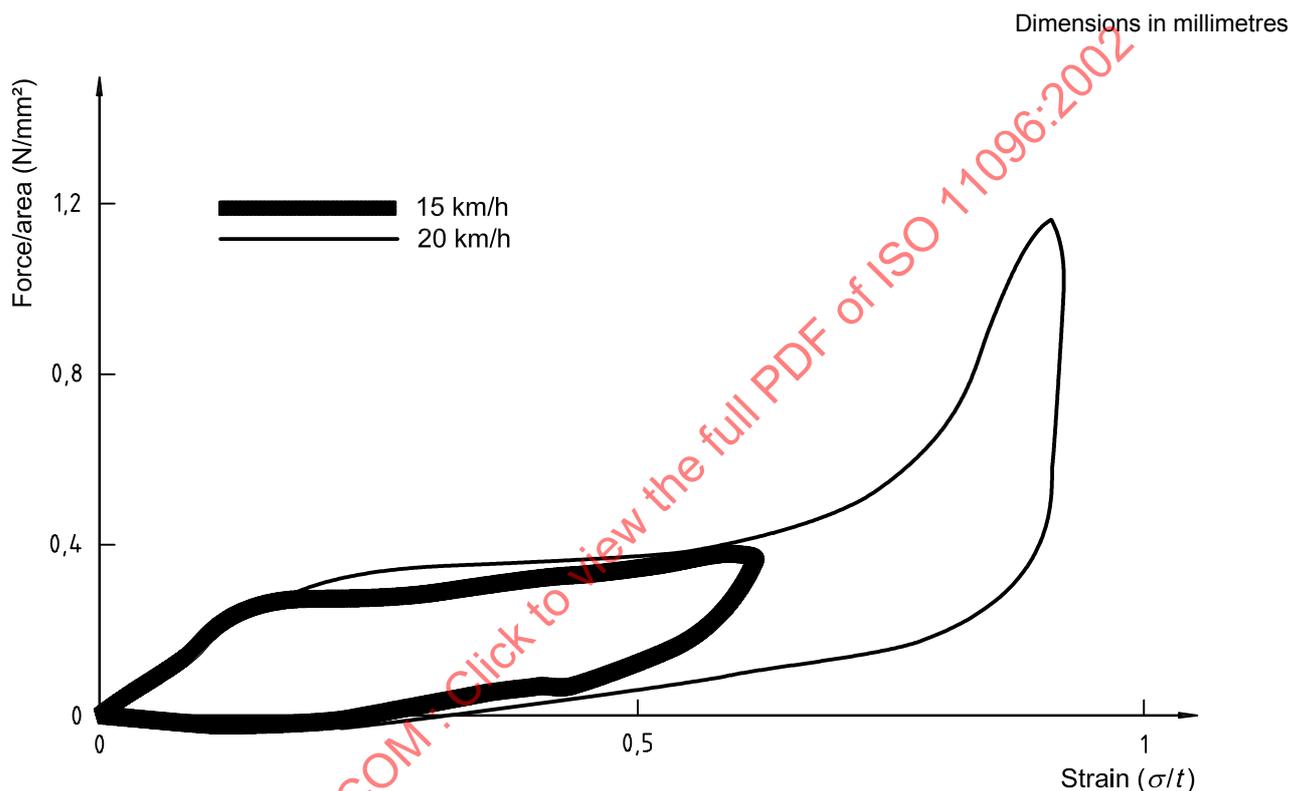
- 1 Knee joint centre

**Figure A.1 — Test set-up — Dynamic bending moment**



### A.2.4 Padding dynamic characteristic

The dynamic characteristics of the Styrodur<sup>1)</sup> padding to be used in this test are shown in Figure A.3, based on compression between two flat plates.



Padding thickness,  $t = 40$  mm  
 $\sigma$  is the material deformation

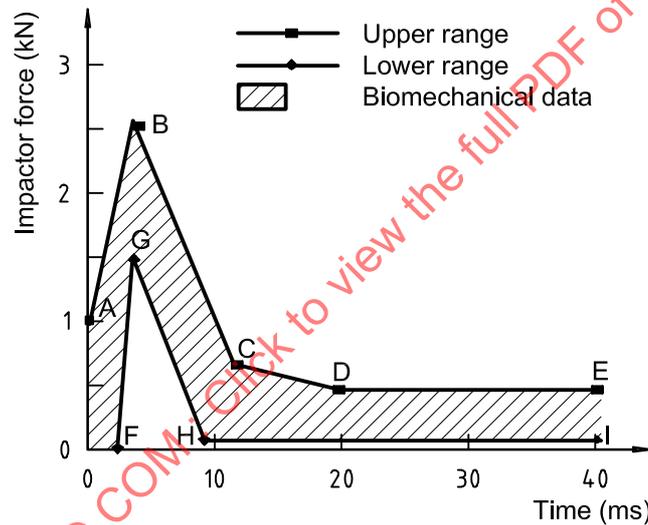
Figure A.3 — Padding dynamic characteristic at 15 km/h and 20 km/h

1) Styrodur<sup>®</sup> is an example of a product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this International Standard and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.

### A.3 Performance

The bending characteristics of human legs are represented by the impact force at the ankle level. They are normalized and shown with impact velocity in Figure A.4 as 15 km/h and in Figure A.5 as 20 km/h.

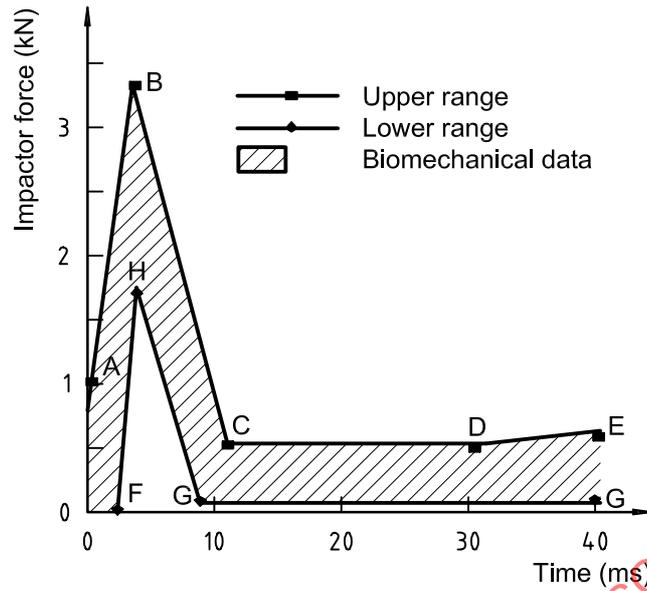
Shearing characteristics of human legs are represented by the force below the knee level. They are normalized and shown with impact velocity in Figure A.6 as 15 km/h.



**15 km/h corridor:**

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| A (0, 0,1)  | F (3, 0)    |
| B (4, 2,5)  | G (4, 1,5)  |
| C (12, 0,7) | H (9, 0,1)  |
| D (20, 0,4) | I (40, 0,1) |
| E (40, 0,4) |             |

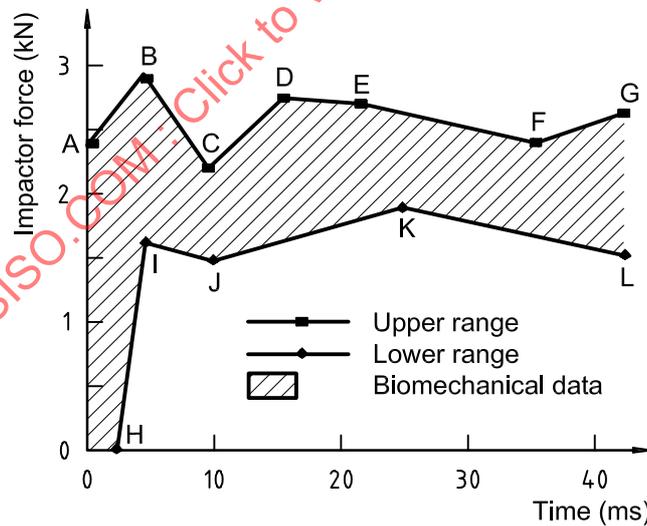
Figure A.4 — Force of bending test at 15 km/h



**20 km/h corridor:**

A (0, 1,0)	E (40, 0,7)
B (4, 3,3)	F (3, 0)
C (11, 0,5)	G (8, 0,2)
D (30, 0,5)	H (4, 1,7)

**Figure A.5 — Force of bending test at 20 km/h**



**15 km/h corridor:**

A (0, 2,5)	G (40, 2,7)
B (5, 3,0)	H (3, 0)
C (10, 2,3)	I (5, 1,7)
D (15, 2,8)	J (10, 1,5)
E (20, 2,8)	K (25, 1,9)
F (35, 2,5)	L (40, 1,6)

**Figure A.6 — Force of shearing test at 15 km/h**

## Annex B (normative)

### Legform impactor certification

#### B.1 Introduction

The performance of the legform impactor shall be measured using a dynamic impact or static test procedure, or both procedures. The purpose of this certification is to ensure that the legform impactor designed to respond to impact within the performance targets prescribed in annex A is repeatable. Since this International Standard does not specify a particular test device, a detailed certification procedure is not given here as a requirement. An example of a concept for the certification procedure is given in annex D. The certification procedure may include dynamic tests, static tests or both, as deemed appropriate by the manufacturer.

#### B.2 Test Requirements

**B.2.1** The legform impactor shall be tested in its complete, assembled condition including, but not limited to, any deformable elements, moving parts, "flesh" and measurement devices.

**B.2.2** If the legform impactor includes a deformable element that is permanently altered in an impact, the deformable element shall be manufactured in batches or using a technique that ensures consistency of the deformable element's characteristics. A statistical sample of the batch of deformable elements shall be tested using the certification procedure. The number of elements selected from a batch shall be sufficient to establish consistency of performance of the batch, but there shall be at least one certification test for each thirty sets of deformable elements. A statistical criterion for acceptance shall be developed for the deformable elements.

**B.2.3** An acceptable response criterion shall be developed to verify that the legform impactor meets the biofidelity requirements of annex A. However, it is recognized that these criteria may be different from the detailed responses given in annex A. The response of the legform impactor shall meet the certification criteria developed for the specific impactor.

**B.2.4** The legform impactor shall be recertified as soon as one of the following occurs.

- a) A new batch of deformable elements is used.
- b) The legform impactor is disassembled, altered, or the channel amplitude class for any channel is exceeded or impacted in a way that could affect its response.
- c) The legform impactor has been subjected to 25 impact conditions.

The performance of the legform impactor may be certified at more frequent intervals if specified by the manufacturer or as deemed appropriate by the user.

## Annex C (informative)

### Data sheet

#### C.1 Specimen

State of specimen (complete vehicle or cut-body): \_\_\_\_\_

Cut location (in case of cut-body): \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial no: \_\_\_\_\_

Loading condition and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle mass as tested:    LF \_\_\_\_\_ kg            RF \_\_\_\_\_ kg

LR \_\_\_\_\_ kg            RR \_\_\_\_\_ kg

Total \_\_\_\_\_ kg

Tyre pressure (cold):        LF \_\_\_\_\_ kPa            RF \_\_\_\_\_ kPa

LR \_\_\_\_\_ kPa            RR \_\_\_\_\_ kPa

Vehicle height (wheel arch): LF \_\_\_\_\_ mm            RF \_\_\_\_\_ mm

LR \_\_\_\_\_ mm            RR \_\_\_\_\_ mm

#### C.2 Certification and calibration test results

Reference number certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Calibration: \_\_\_\_\_

#### C.3 Test condition

Description of test site surface: \_\_\_\_\_

Maker of legform impactor: \_\_\_\_\_

Ground clearance of legform impactor as tested: \_\_\_\_\_

Maker of machine for propulsion of legform impactor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of machine for propulsion of legform impactor: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of propulsion of legform impactor: \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature of test area: \_\_\_\_\_ °C

Humidity of test area: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Atmospheric pressure: \_\_\_\_\_ Pa

**C.4 Statement of results**

Impact velocity: \_\_\_\_\_ m/s

Impact area on the front face of a vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Impact locations on the legform (specify at first contact): \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum valgus angle during contact to the vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ degrees

Maximum bending moment during contact to the vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ N·m

Maximum shearing displacement during contact to the vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ mm

Maximum shearing force during contact to the vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ kN

Maximum contact force during contact to the vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ kN

Observation: \_\_\_\_\_

Laceration of outer skin etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

Others: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other optional measurements: \_\_\_\_\_

**C.5 Specification of sensors**

Table C.1 — Type of sensor

No.	Location	Type of sensor				
		Direction	Range	Accuracy %	CAC	CFC Hz
1	x mm, z mm	Horizontal				
2	x mm, z mm	Vertical				

**C.6 Test personnel and date**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Section/department: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Date tested: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Annex D (informative)

### Comments on the test procedure

#### D.1 Injury mechanisms

Injury mechanisms and tolerances of the lower limb have been investigated in various research institutes. An overview of these values is to be found in the ISO/TC 22/SC 10/WG 2 (working group on *Pedestrian impact test procedures*) document, N224 (see Figure D.2). The injury mechanisms selected by ISO/TC 22/SC 12/WG 6 (*Passive safety crash protection systems* subcommittee working group on *Performance criteria expressed in biomechanical terms*) as being appropriate for the lower limb are, as of October 1994, shearing and bending of the knee.

The members of WG 2 recognize that the injury mechanisms and tolerances upon which this test procedure is based are limited in scope and severity due to the limitations in the available knowledge of pedestrian lower limb impact. Specifically: first, this test procedure is based on data from a test conducted at velocities lower than those that could be expected in real world accidents (these test velocities are 16 km/h and 20 km/h), and lower limb injury commonly depends on impact velocity; second, the procedure is based on data derived from laboratory tests rather than real world accidents situations; third, the application of the test data must be tempered due to the variability of the age and weight of the cadaver specimens used in the test.

#### D.2 Numberplate (license plate)

The presence of a numberplate (license plate), its position and the technique of mounting it on the front bumper can have a significant effect on the response of the legform impactor. Although the selection of testing with or without a plate is left to the user, the most representative data will include the plate. WG 2 recognizes that, with the variability of numberplate requirements, multiple tests may be needed on a specific vehicle to determine the effect of these requirements on the response of the legform impactor. As related experience is accumulated, information may become available that will assist in identifying the significance of such plates.

#### D.3 Characteristics of legform impactor “flesh” and “skin”

It has been proposed that the response of a legform impactor can be affected by the characteristics of any “flesh” or “skin” on the impactor surface. The consensus of WG 2 is that this effect will be minimal with respect to the measured parameters. As such, WG 2 recommends only that the “flesh” be human-like — Confor<sup>2)</sup> foam currently used in the Eurosid-1 dummy or the flesh-like material used in the Part 572 Hybrid III dummies satisfies this recommendation.

#### D.4 Potential conflict in body component testing

At the enquiry stage of the ISO procedure for publication of an International Standard, a negative comment on this test procedure was submitted, indicating that optimized vehicles designed to satisfy ISO and European enhanced vehicle-safety committee (EEVC) requirements for reduced injury criteria based on one specific body component or size, such as an adult leg, might produce adverse effects on other body components or sizes, such as a child's torso.

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