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l'usure des pneumatiques et de la route (TRWP) — Méthode de
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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- an error in definition [3.3](#) has been corrected;
- the description in [4.1](#) has been corrected;
- a reference has been added to [4.2.1](#);
- a clarification about the collection system has been added to [4.5](#) and [5.3](#);

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Introduction

Tyre and road wear particles (TRWP) are formed from the friction between a tyre and roadway surface. The particles are subsequently released into nearby soil and sediment ecosystems. As such, there is interest in studying the composition and effects of TRWP on the environment (see References [6] and [7]). This document provides guidelines for the generation of TRWP using a road simulator in a laboratory setting. The guidelines describe the method, apparatus and equipment, TRWP collection procedures, monitoring measures and test report. An informative case study is also provided.

Generation of TRWP with a road simulator eliminates interferences from other roadway surface contaminants such as brake dust, oil and grease, soil, and vegetation (see Reference [6]). This method allows for a more accurate characterization of the physical and chemical properties of TRWP than other generation methods including on-road collection and cryogenic breaking of rubber tread. In addition, a greater mass of TRWP can be collected using the road simulator laboratory method. Other laboratory generation methods (e.g. steel brush and grit paper) are not representative of actual driving conditions and may introduce additional interferences to the generated TRWP. Furthermore, previous analysis has shown that the particle morphology and size distribution of TRWP generated using on-road and road simulator methods are similar, with the on-road TRWP slightly smaller in size (see Reference [6]).

[Annex A](#) gives information on a case study of TRWP generation.

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Rubber — Generation and collection of tyre and road wear particles (TRWP) — Road simulator laboratory method

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the generation of tyre and road wear particles (TRWP) in a road simulator laboratory that is representative of actual driving conditions. Guidance is provided for the road simulator system, test pavement and tyres, vacuum collection system, monitoring and reporting.

This method is applicable for the collection of TRWP from a known pavement and tyre type under realistic driving conditions without the inference of road surface contaminants (e.g. brake dust, exhaust, grease).

There is a possibility that this method is not relevant for studded tyres.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 monitoring

repeated measurement to follow changes over a period of time

3.2 particle

small discrete mass of solid or liquid matter

3.3 TRWP

tyre and road wear particles

discrete mass of *particles* (3.2) generated at the frictional interface between the tyre and the pavement surface during the service life of a tyre

Note 1 to entry: The particles consist of tyre tread enriched with mineral encrustations from the roadway surface.

4 Apparatus and equipment

4.1 General

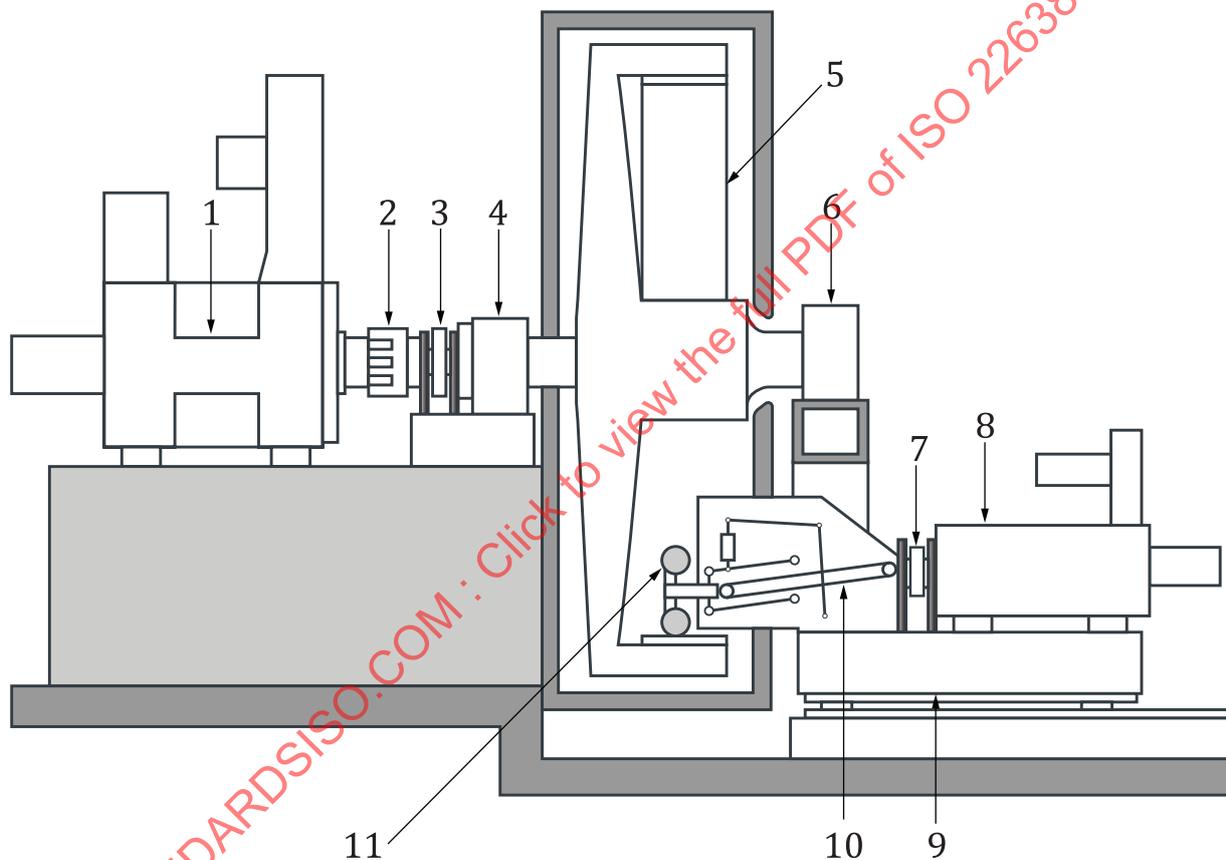
TRWP are generated from a tyre and pavement of known composition using a road simulator system used for TRWP generation, with an aspiration collection system. A precision balance is used to weigh the collected TRWP which shall be stored in amber glass jars.

4.2 Generation system

4.2.1 Characteristics

A testing facility consisting of a road-simulation system fitted with road pavement cassettes is required for the TRWP generation. The system shall permit housing of at least one tyre in a manner such that the tyre interfaces the pavement cassettes similar to normal tyre operation. Systems such as the interior drum testing system (see [Figure 1](#)) or rotating tabletop system as described in Reference [5] can be considered for this application.

The generation system should be electronically programmable to mimic realistic driving parameters including speed, acceleration, loading, braking and steering. The system shall be capable of a maximum test speed of at least 150 km/h. The drive capabilities should include adjustable camber angle between -2° and 8° , adjustable slip at the test wheel between 0 % and 100 %, and steering angle adjustable during operation of -15° to 15° . The radial force should be adjustable between -5 kN and 5 kN, and the normal force should be adjustable between 0 kN and 10 kN.



Key

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| 1 | drum drive engine, 200 kW, 200 r/min | 7 | free-wheeling hub with disk brake |
| 2 | clutch | 8 | tyre drive engine, 200 kW, 200 r/min |
| 3 | brake (for casket mounting only) | 9 | wheel slide |
| 4 | bearing | 10 | tyre load |
| 5 | surface of inner drum (filled cassettes) | 11 | tyre wheel |
| 6 | bearing | | |

Figure 1 — Conceptual schematic of interior drum testing facility

4.2.2 Monitoring, during operation

The system shall allow for monitoring of tyre speed, system temperature, and tyre forces and torques. Ventilation in the collection system (e.g. in ductwork of a drum rotator or within the enclosure for a tabletop generator) shall be measured and recorded.

4.3 Test pavement

The test pavement shall be contained in exchangeable cassettes. Test pavement shall be unweathered and mimic actual road pavement to generate representative TRWP. Pavement type may vary, but one suggestion is an asphalt-based pavement as specified in ISO 10844. The surface area dimensions of the test pavement should permit the simulation of actual rolling tyre movements.

4.4 Test tyres

Test tyres shall represent those typically found on the market to generate representative TRWP. Specific tyres may vary by vehicle type (truck or passenger car), performance (seasonal tyres), composition and age. Test tyres should be maintained within manufacturer-specific optimal pressure ranges.

4.5 Collection system

The TRWP shall be collected in a hard container through an aspiration system attached to a capture hood at the test tyre hub located behind the rolling tyre. The collection system shall consist of a stainless steel capture hood connected to a vacuum via a stainless steel tube.

5 Procedures

5.1 General

The instruments used in this procedure shall be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

5.2 Simulated driving parameters

Programmable driving parameters may vary, but shall be representative of actual driving conditions (i.e. city and/or highway driving). The test tyre should be operated at the maximum tyre load and the manufacturer-recommended tyre inflation pressure. An operational cycle that may be used includes:

- 2,6 % of total drive time between 0 km/h and 30 km/h;
- 7,4 % of total drive time between 30 km/h and 50 km/h;
- 25,2 % of total drive time between 50 km/h and 80 km/h;
- 34,2 % of total drive time between 80 km/h and 120 km/h;
- 30,6 % of total drive time between 120 km/h and 150 km/h.

Acceleration or deceleration between speeds can be conducted at 1 m/s^2 to 2 m/s^2 . This cycle can be repeated until the desired mass is collected. Special attention should be paid to the tyre-pavement interface. Depletion of TRWP generation and collection may occur if smearing is observed on the pavement. To avoid this phenomenon, a method that supplies a powder, such as stone, on the pavement may be used.

5.3 Particle collection

A single composition sample shall be collected in an environment free of contamination. All accessible areas shall be cleaned prior to testing. Following collection, the sample shall be removed from the vacuum by gently tapping and scraping the hard container attached to the vacuum system with a stainless steel mini-

scoopula and sieved at 150 µm to remove larger debris. TRWP should then be weighed and placed in a pre-weighed amber glass container, which can be used for storage.

6 Test report

The test report shall include at least the following information:

- a) all information necessary for identifying the sample collected;
- b) reference to this document, i.e. ISO 22638:2024;
- c) generation system characteristics;
- d) test pavement;
- e) test tyre(s);
- f) date of the simulation;
- g) time and duration of the simulation;
- h) simulation conditions and parameters, including velocity, temperature, tyre forces and enclosure ventilation rate;
- i) particle collection and measurement equipment;
- j) monitoring measures;
- k) mass of sample collected;
- l) any anomalies that occurred during the simulation.

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Annex A (informative)

Case study

A.1 General

This annex presents a case study of TRWP generation as described in Reference [6]. Generated TRWP were used in a subsequent analysis aimed at characterizing the physical and chemical properties of the particles.

A.2 Apparatus and equipment

A.2.1 Simulation system

TRWP generation was conducted at a facility with an interior drum testing system that primarily tests skid resistance of various pavements. The internal drum was 3,8 m in diameter, 0,53 m in width and 12 m in length. It was programmed to operate at a user-defined speed, temperature, acceleration, braking and steering. The maximum velocity of the IPS is 150 km/h using standard pavement cassette sizes. The temperature at the road-pavement interface was maintained at 20 °C during the simulation using an air conditioning system. The temperature was monitored with two infrared thermometers at the tyre and pavement surface, as well as three resistance thermometers inside the IPS enclosure. Ventilation in the interior drum testing system averaged 0,16 m/s.

A.2.2 Test pavement

The test pavement consisted of 12 cassettes of unweathered asphalt-based pavement comprising 6,1 % proportion of bitumen (B50/70) as specified in ISO 10844.

A.2.3 Test tyres

Three types of passenger vehicle tyres were used during the simulation. One summer and one winter silica-based tyre, as well as one summer carbon black-based tyre. The inflation of each tyre was set to 230 kPa and 100 % of the tyre load index.

A.2.4 Collection system

The collection device was an aspiration system consisting of a collection hood connected to two 1 200 W vacuum cleaners located within the interior drum testing system. The vacuum cleaners had the capacity to collect and retain particles ranging from 0,3 µm to 100 µm. The system was powered using a 3 500 W AC current generator.

A.3 Simulation procedure

A.3.1 General

The enclosure, accessible ductwork and test pavement were cleaned prior to the start of the simulation.

A.3.2 Simulation driving parameters

This simulation represented dynamic city and highway driving conditions. The operational profile of the tyre rolling was as follows:

- 2,6 % of the total drive time between 0 km/h and 30 km/h;