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Passenger car tyres — Method for measuring relative wet grip performance — Loaded new tyres

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the method for measuring relative wet grip braking performance index to a reference under loaded conditions for new tyres for use on passenger cars on a wet-paved surface.

The methods developed are meant to reduce variability. The use of a reference tyre is necessary to limit the variability of the testing procedures.

This International Standard applies to all passenger car tyres.

2 Normative references

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

ISO 4000-1, *Passenger car tyres and rims — Part 1: Tyres (metric series)*

ASTM E303-93 (Reapproved 2013), *Standard Test Method for Measuring Surface Frictional Properties Using the British Pendulum Tester*

ASTM E501-08, *Standard Specification for Standard Rib Tire for Pavement Skid-Resistance Tests*

ASTM E965-96 (Reapproved 2006), *Standard Test Method for Measuring Pavement Macro texture Depth Using a Volumetric Technique*

ASTM E1136-93 (Reapproved 2003), *Standard Specification for A Radial Standard Reference Test Tire*

ASTM F2493-08, *Standard Specification for P225/60R16 97S Radial Standard Reference Test Tire*

EN 13036-1, *Road and airfield surface characteristics — Test methods — Part 1: Measurement of pavement surface macrotexture depth using a volumetric patch technique*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

test run

single pass of a loaded tyre over a given test surface

3.2

candidate tyre

<set> test tyre (set) that is part of an evaluation programme

3.3

reference tyre

<set> special test tyre (set) that is used as a benchmark in an evaluation programme

Note 1 to entry: These tyres usually have carefully controlled design features to minimize variation.

Note 2 to entry: See ASTM F2493-08 — P225/60R16.

3.4

control tyre

<set> tyre (set) that is part of an evaluation programme; it is an intermediate tyre (set) which is used when the candidate tyre and the reference tyre cannot be directly compared on the same vehicle

3.5

braking force of a tyre

longitudinal force, expressed in newtons, resulting from braking torque application

3.6

braking force coefficient of a tyre

ratio of braking force to vertical load

3.7

peak braking force coefficient of a tyre

maximum value of tyre braking force coefficient that occurs prior to wheel lockup as the braking torque is progressively increased

3.8

lockup of a wheel

condition of a wheel in which its rotational velocity about the wheel spin axis is zero and it is prevented from rotating in the presence of applied wheel torque

3.9

vertical load

normal reaction of the tyre on the road

3.10

tyre test vehicle

dedicated vehicle which has instruments to measure the vertical and the longitudinal forces on one tyre during braking

4 Methods for measuring wet grip

Relative wet grip braking performance for loaded passenger car new tyres travelling straight ahead on a wet, paved surface can be measured by one of the following methods:

- vehicle method consisting of testing a set of tyres mounted on a standard vehicle;
- test method using a trailer or a tyre test vehicle equipped with the test tyres.

5 General test conditions

5.1 Track characteristics

The surface shall have a uniform grade of not more than 2 % and shall not deviate more than 6 mm when tested with a 3 m straight edge.

The test surface shall have a pavement of uniform age, composition, and wear. The test surface shall be free of loose material and foreign deposits.

It shall be a dense asphalt surface.

The maximum chipping size shall be from 8 mm to 13 mm.

The texture depth measured as specified in EN 13036-1 and ASTM E965-96 (Reapproved 2006) shall be $(0,7 \pm 0,3)$ mm.

In order to verify the frictional properties of the surface, a) or b) shall be used.

a) British Pendulum Number (BPN) method

The averaged British Pendulum Number (BPN) [British Pendulum Tester method as specified in ASTM E303-93 (Reapproved 2013) using the pad as specified in ASTM E501-08] shall be between 42 BPN and 60 BPN after temperature correction.

Pad rubber component formulation and physical properties are to be requested.

BPN shall be corrected by the wetted road surface temperature. Unless temperature correction recommendations are indicated by the British pendulum manufacturer, the following formulae can be used:

$$\text{Temperature correction} = -0,0018 t^2 + 0,34 t - 6,1 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{BPN} = \text{BPN (measured value)} + \text{temperature correction} \quad (2)$$

where t is the wetted road surface temperature, in degrees Celsius.

Effects of slider pad wear: The pad shall be removed for maximum wear when the wear on the striking edge of the slider reaches 3,2 mm in the plane of the slider or 1,6 mm vertical to it in accordance with ASTM E303-93 (Reapproved 2013), 5.2.2 and Figure 3.

Checking track surface BPN constancy for the measurement of wet grip on a standard vehicle: To decrease the dispersion of test results, the BPN values of the track should not vary over the entire stopping distance. The operation shall be repeated five times at each point of the BPN measurement. The BPN shall be measured every 10 m on the braking lane and the coefficient of variation of the BPN averages shall not exceed 10 %.

b) ASTM E1136-93 (Reapproved 2003) Standard Reference Test Tyre method

The average peak braking force coefficient ($\mu_{\text{peak,ave}}$) of the ASTM E1136-93 (Reapproved 2003) (see [Clause 7](#)) shall be $0,7 \pm 0,1$ at 65 km/h.

For the trailer method, testing is run in such a way that braking occurs within 2 m of where the surface was examined.

The average peak braking force coefficient ($\mu_{\text{peak,ave}}$) of the ASTM E1136-93 (Reapproved 2003) shall be corrected by the wetted road surface temperature:

$$\text{temperature correction} = 0,0035 (t - 20) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{peak braking force coefficient } (\mu_{\text{peak,ave}}) = \text{peak braking force coefficient (measured)} + \text{temperature correction} \quad (4)$$

where t is the wetted road surface temperature, in degrees Celsius.

5.2 Wetting conditions

The surface can be wetted from the track-side or by a wetting system incorporated in the test vehicle or the trailer.

If “external watering” is used, water the test surface at least half an hour prior to testing in order to equalize the surface temperature and water temperature. External watering should be supplied continuously throughout testing.

For the whole testing area, the water depth shall be between 0,5 mm and 1,5 mm.

5.3 Atmospheric conditions

The wind conditions shall not interfere with wetting of the surface (wind-shields are allowed).

Both the wetted surface and the ambient temperature shall be between

- 2 °C and 20 °C for the snow tyres, and
- 5 °C and 35 °C for the normal tyres.

Moreover, the wetted surface temperature shall not vary during the test by more than 10 °C.

The ambient temperature must remain close to the wetted surface temperature; the difference between the ambient and the wetted surface temperature must be less than 10 °C.

5.4 Reference tyre

The specifications of the SRTT, tyre size P225/60R16, are defined in ASTM F2493-08.

6 Measurement of tyre wet grip on a standard vehicle

6.1 Principle

The test method covers a procedure for measuring the deceleration performance of passenger car tyres during braking, using an instrumented passenger car having an Antilock Braking System (ABS).

Starting with a defined initial speed, the brakes are applied hard enough on four wheels at the same time to activate the ABS. The average deceleration is calculated between two defined speeds, with an initial speed of 80 km/h and a final speed of 20 km/h.

6.2 Equipment

6.2.1 Vehicle

Permitted modifications using a standard-model passenger car equipped with an ABS are as follows:

- those allowing the number of tyre sizes that can be mounted on the vehicle to be increased;
- those permitting automatic activation of the braking device to be installed.

Any other modification of the braking system is prohibited.

6.2.2 Measuring equipment

The exposed portions of the system shall tolerate 100 % relative humidity (rain or spray) and all other conditions, such as dust, shock and vibrations, which can be encountered in regular operation.

The vehicle shall be fitted with a sensor suitable for measuring speed on a wet surface and distance covered between two speeds.

To measure vehicle speed, a fifth wheel or non-contact precision (including radar, GPS, etc.) speed-measuring system shall be used.

The following tolerances shall be respected:

- for speed measurement: ± 1 % or $\pm 0,5$ km/h, whichever is greater;
- for distance: $\pm 1 \times 10^{-1}$ m.

The measured speed or the difference between the measured speed and the reference speed for the test should be displayed inside the vehicle, so that the driver can adjust the speed of the vehicle.

A data acquisition system can be used for storing the measurements.

6.3 Conditioning of the test track

Condition the pavement by conducting at least 10 test runs with tyres not involved in the test programme at 90 km/h (which is higher than the initial test speed to guarantee that a sufficient length of track is conditioned).

6.4 Test speed measurement requirements

The speed at the start of braking shall be (85 ± 2) km/h.

The average deceleration shall be calculated between 80 km/h and 20 km/h.

6.5 Tyres and rims

6.5.1 Tyre preparation and break-in

Trim the test tyres to remove all protuberances on the tread surface caused by mould air vents or flashes at mould junctions.

Fit the test tyres on rims in accordance with ISO 4000-1 using conventional mounting methods. Ensure proper bead seating by the use of a suitable lubricant. Excessive use of lubricant should be avoided to prevent slipping of the tyre on the wheel rim.

Place the fitted test tyres in a location such that they all have the same ambient temperature prior to testing, and shield them from the sun to avoid excessive heating by solar radiation.

For tyre break-in, perform 10 braking runs.

6.5.2 Tyre load

The static load on each front axle tyre shall lie between 60 % and 90 % of the tested tyre load capacity. Tyre loads on the same axle should not differ by more than 10 %.

6.5.3 Tyre inflation pressure

On the front and rear axles, the inflation pressures shall be 220 kPa (for standard load and extra load versions).

Check the tyre pressure just prior to testing at ambient temperature and adjust if required.

6.6 Procedure

First, mount the set of reference tyres on the vehicle.

Accelerate the vehicle in the starting zone up to (85 ± 2) km/h.

The brakes shall always be activated at the same area on the track, and same direction, with a longitudinal tolerance of 5 m and a transverse tolerance of 0,5 m.

According to the type of transmission, two cases are possible.

- a) Manual transmission: As soon as the driver is in the measuring zone and having reached (85 ± 2) km/h, release the clutch and depress the brake pedal sharply, holding it down as long as necessary to perform the measurement.

- b) Automatic transmission: As soon as the driver is in the measuring zone and having reached (85 ± 2) km/h, select neutral gear and then depress the brake pedal sharply, holding it down as long as necessary to perform the measurement.

Automatic activation of the brakes can also be performed by means of a detection system made of two parts, one indexed to the track and one on board the vehicle. In this case, braking is more severe on the same portion of the track.

If any of the above-mentioned conditions is not met when a measurement is made (speed tolerance, braking time, etc.), the measurement is discarded and a new measurement is made.

For each test and for new tyres, the first two braking measurements are discarded.

After at least three valid measurements have been made, the standard reference tyres (ASTM F2493-08) are replaced by a set of the candidate tyres and at least six valid measurements shall be performed.

A maximum of three sets of candidate tyres can be tested before the reference tyre is re-tested.

EXAMPLE 1 The run order for a test of three sets of candidate tyres (T_1 to T_3) plus a reference tyre R would be the following: $R-T_1-T_2-T_3-R$

EXAMPLE 2 The run order for a test of five sets of candidate tyres (T_1 to T_5) plus a reference tyre R would be the following: $R-T_1-T_2-T_3-R-T_4-T_5-R$

6.7 Processing of measurement results

6.7.1 Calculation of the average deceleration, AD

Each time the measurement is repeated, the average deceleration, AD ($\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$), is the absolute value of:

$$AD = \left| \frac{S_f^2 - S_i^2}{2d} \right| \quad (5)$$

where

S_f is the final speed ($\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$);

S_i is the initial speed ($\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$);

d is the distance covered (m) between S_i and the S_f .

6.7.2 Validation of results

For the reference tyre (ASTM F2493-08): If the "coefficient of variation" AD of any two consecutive groups of three test runs of the reference tyre is higher than 3 %, discard all data and repeat the test for all test tyres (the candidate tyres and the reference tyre).

The coefficient of variation is calculated by the following relation:

$$\frac{\text{standard deviation}}{\text{average}} \times 100 \quad (6)$$

For the candidate tyres: The coefficients of variation $\frac{\text{standard deviation}}{\text{average}} \times 100$ are calculated for all

the candidate tyres. If one coefficient of variation is higher than 3 %, discard the data for this candidate tyre and repeat the test.

6.7.3 Calculation of average, *AD*

If R_1 is the average of the *AD* values in the first test of the reference tyre and R_2 is the average of the *AD* values in the second test of the reference tyre, the following operations are performed, according to [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Calculation of average, *AD*

Number of sets of candidate tyres between two successive runs of the reference tyre	Set of candidate tyres to be qualified	R_a
1 $R_1-T_1-R_2$	T_1	$R_a = 1/2 (R_1 + R_2)$
2 $R_1-T_1-T_2-R_2$	T_1	$R_a = 2/3 R_1 + 1/3 R_2$
	T_2	$R_a = 1/3 R_1 + 2/3 R_2$
3 $R_1-T_1-T_2-T_3-R_2$	T_1	$R_a = 3/4 R_1 + 1/4 R_2$
	T_2	$R_a = 1/2 (R_1 + R_2)$
	T_3	$R_a = 1/4 R_1 + 3/4 R_2$

T_a ($a = 1, 2$, etc.) is the average of the *AD* values for a test of a candidate tyre.

R_a is the adjusted *AD* of the reference tyre.

6.7.4 Calculation of braking force coefficient, *BFC*

$BFC(R)$ and $BFC(T)$ are calculated according to [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Calculation of braking force coefficient, *BFC*

Tyre type	Braking force coefficient, for a braking on the two axles
Reference tyre	$BFC(R) = \frac{R_a}{g}$
Candidate tyre	$BFC(T) = \frac{T_a}{g}$
NOTE 1 R_a and T_a are expressed in $m \cdot s^{-2}$.	
NOTE 2 g is the acceleration due to gravity (rounded to $9,81 m \cdot s^{-2}$).	

6.7.5 Calculation of the relative wet grip performance index of the tyre

The wet grip index of the tyre represents the relative wet grip performance index of the candidate tyre compared to the reference tyre (ASTM F2493-08).

It is calculated by Formula (7):

$$\text{Wet grip index}(T) = \left[\frac{BFC(T)}{BFC(R)} \times 125 + a \times (t - t_0) + b \times \left(\frac{BFC(R)}{BFC(R_0)} - 1,0 \right) \right] \times 10^{-2} \quad (7)$$

where

t is the measured wet surface temperature when the candidate tyre “ T ” is tested, in degree Celsius;

t_0 is the wet surface reference temperature condition, where
— $t_0 = 20$ °C for normal tyres, and
— $t_0 = 10$ °C for snow tyres;

$BFC(R_0)$ is the peak braking force coefficient for the SRTT16” in the reference conditions, in 0,68.

For normal tyres:

$$a = -0,4232;$$

$$b = -8,297.$$

For snow tyres:

$$a = 0,7721;$$

$$b = 31,18.$$

6.8 Wet grip performance comparison between a candidate tyre and a reference tyre using a control tyre

6.8.1 General

When the candidate tyre size is significantly different from that of the reference tyre, a direct comparison on the same vehicle might not be possible. This approach uses an intermediate tyre, hereinafter called the control tyre as defined in [3.4](#).

6.8.2 Principle of the approach

The principle is the use of a control tyre and two different vehicles for the assessment of a candidate tyre in comparison with a reference tyre.

One vehicle can be fitted with the reference tyre and the control tyre, the other with the control tyre and the candidate tyre. All conditions are in conformity with [6.2](#) to [6.5](#).

The first assessment is a comparison between the control tyre and the reference tyre (ASTM F2493-08).

The second assessment is a comparison between the candidate tyre and the control tyre.

The second assessment is done on the same track and during the same day as the first assessment. The wetted surface temperature shall be within ± 5 °C of the temperature of the first assessment. The control tyre set (four tyres) is the same set as was used for the first assessment.

The wet grip index of the candidate tyre compared to the reference tyre is deduced by multiplying the relative efficiencies calculated in Formula (7):

$$(\text{wet grip index 1} \times \text{wet grip index 2})/100 \quad (8)$$

where

wet grip index 1 is the wet grip index of the control tyre compared to the reference tyre;

wet grip index 2 is the wet grip index of the candidate tyre compared to the control tyre.

6.8.3 Selection of a control tyre set

A control tyre set is a group of four identical tyres made in the same factory during a one-week period.

6.8.4 Storage and preservation

Before the first assessment (control tyre/reference tyre), normal storage conditions can be used. It is necessary that all the tyres of a control tyre set have been stored in the same conditions.

As soon as the control tyre set has been assessed in comparison with the reference tyre, specific storage conditions shall be applied. The storage conditions can be considered the same as for the ASTM F2493-08 SRTT.

6.8.5 Replacement of control tyres

When irregular wear or damage results from tests, or when wear influences the test results, the use of the tyre shall be discontinued.

7 Test method using a trailer or a tyre test vehicle

7.1 Principle

The measurements are conducted on tyres mounted on a trailer towed by a vehicle or a tyre test vehicle. The brake in the test position is applied firmly until sufficient braking torque is generated to produce the maximum braking force that will occur prior to wheel lockup at a test speed of 65 km/h.

7.2 Test apparatus

7.2.1 The test apparatus consists of tow vehicle and trailer or a tyre test vehicle.

7.2.1.1 The test apparatus shall have the capability of maintaining the specified speed, (65 ± 2) km/h, even under the maximum braking forces.

7.2.1.2 The test apparatus shall be equipped with one test position and the following accessories:

- equipment to actuate brakes in the test position;
- a water tank to store sufficient water to supply the watering system, unless external watering is used;
- a recording equipment to record signals from transducers installed at the test position and to monitor water application rate if the self-watering option is used.

In the case of the one axle trailer, the longitudinal distance from the centre line of the articulation point of the coupling to the transverse centre line of the axle of the trailer shall be at least 10 times the “hitch height” or the “coupling (hitch) height”.

7.2.1.3 The limiting change of toe and camber for the test position shall be within $\pm 0,5^\circ$ with maximum vertical load. Suspension arms and bushings shall have sufficient rigidity necessary to minimize free play and ensure compliance under application of maximum braking forces. The suspension system shall provide adequate load-carrying capacity and be of such a design as to isolate suspension resonance.

7.2.1.4 The test position shall be equipped with a typical or special automotive hydraulic brake system which can apply sufficient braking torque to produce the maximum value of braking test wheel longitudinal force at the conditions specified.

7.2.1.5 The brake application system shall be able to control the time interval between initial brake application and peak longitudinal force as specified in [7.4.3.2](#).

7.2.1.6 The test apparatus shall be designed to accommodate the range of passenger car tyre sizes to be tested.

7.2.1.7 The test apparatus shall have provisions for adjustment of vertical load as specified in [7.5](#).

7.2.2 The apparatus can be optionally equipped with a pavement-wetting system, less the storage tank, which, in the case of the trailer, is mounted on the tow vehicle. The water being applied to the pavement ahead of the test tyres shall be supplied by a nozzle suitably designed to ensure that the water layer encountered by the test tyre has a uniform cross section at the test speed with a minimum splash and over-spray. The nozzle configuration and position shall ensure that the water jets are directed towards the test tyre and pointed towards the pavement at an angle of 20° to 30° . The water shall strike the pavement 0,25 m to 0,45 m ahead of the centre of tyre contact. The nozzle shall be located 25 mm above the pavement or at the minimum height required to clear obstacles which the tester is expected to encounter, but in no case more than 100 mm above the pavement. The water layer shall be at least 25 mm wider than the test tyre tread and applied so the tyre is centrally located between the edges. The volume of water per unit of wetted width shall be directly proportional to the test speed. The quantity of water applied at 65 km/h shall be $18 \text{ l}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ per metre of width of wetted surface. The nominal values of rate of water application shall be maintained within $\pm 10\%$.

7.2.3 Instrumentation

The test wheel position on the trailer or the tyre test vehicle shall be equipped with a wheel rotational velocity measuring system and with transducers to measure the braking force and vertical load at the test wheel.

7.2.3.1 General requirements for measurement system

The instrumentation system shall conform to the following overall requirements at ambient temperatures between 0°C and 45°C :

- overall system accuracy, force: $\pm 1,5\%$ of the full scale of the vertical load or braking force;
- overall system accuracy, speed: $\pm 1,5\%$ of speed or $\pm 1,0 \text{ km/h}$, whichever is greater;
- ruggedness: the exposed portions of the system shall tolerate 100 % relative humidity (rain or spray) and all other adverse conditions, such as dust, shock and vibrations, which can be encountered in regular operation.

7.2.3.2 Vehicle speed

To measure vehicle speed, a fifth wheel or non-contact precision (including radar, GPS, etc.) speed-measuring system should be used.

7.2.3.3 Braking forces

The braking force-measuring transducers shall measure longitudinal force generated at the tyre-road interface as a result of brake application within a range from 0 % to at least 125 % of the applied vertical load. The transducer design and location shall minimize inertial effects and vibration-induced mechanical resonance.

7.2.3.4 Vertical load

The vertical load-measuring transducer shall measure the vertical load at the test position during brake application. The transducer shall have the same specifications as described previously.

7.2.3.5 Signal conditioning and recording system

All signal conditioning and recording equipment shall provide linear output with necessary gain and data reading resolution to meet the specified previous requirements. In addition, the following requirements apply.

- The minimum frequency response shall be flat from 0 Hz to 100 Hz within ± 1 % full scale.
- The signal-to-noise ratio shall be at least 20/1.
- The gain shall be sufficient to permit full-scale display for full-scale input signal level.
- The input impedance shall be at least 10 times larger than the output impedance of the signal source.
- The equipment shall be insensitive to vibrations, acceleration, and changes in ambient temperature.

7.3 Selection and preparation of test tyres

7.3.1 Trim the test tyres to remove all protuberances on the tread surface caused by mould air vents or flashes at mould junctions.

7.3.2 Fit the test tyres on rims in accordance with ISO 4000-1 (or as specified by the appropriate tyre and rim standards organizations) using conventional fitting methods. Ensure proper bead seating by the use of a suitable lubricant. Excessive use of lubricant should be avoided to prevent slipping of the tyre on the wheel rim.

7.3.3 For tyre break-in, perform 10 braking runs.

7.3.4 Place the fitted test tyres near the test site in such a location that they all have the same ambient temperature prior to testing and shield them from the sun to avoid excessive heating by solar radiation.

7.3.5 Check the test tyres for the specified inflation pressure at ambient temperature (cold), just prior to testing. For the purpose of this International Standard, cold inflation pressure used shall be 180 kPa for standard-load versions. For extra-load tyres, the cold inflation pressure shall be 220 kPa.

NOTE Two pressure values are needed for the trailer, since the load on the tyre is 75 % of its load capacity.

7.3.6 One set of tyres shall be of the ASTM F2493-08 SRTT type (P225/60 R 16).

7.4 Preparation of apparatus and test track

7.4.1 Towed trailer

7.4.1.1 Install the test tyre on the measuring device.

7.4.1.2 Load each of the wheels to the specified test load.

7.4.1.3 Adjust the hitch height and transverse position as necessary for a given test.

7.4.1.4 Check the wiring connections between tow vehicle and the trailer for opens and shorts.

7.4.2 Tyre test vehicle

7.4.2.1 Install the test tyre on the measuring device.

7.4.2.2 Load the test tyre to the specified test load.

7.4.3 Instrumentation and equipment

7.4.3.1 Install the fifth wheel, when used, in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and locate it as near as possible to the mid-track position of the tow trailer or the tyre test vehicle.

7.4.3.2 The rate of braking application shall be such that the time interval between initial application of force and peak longitudinal force is in the range 0,2 s to 0,5 s.

7.4.4 Conditioning of the track

Condition the track by conducting at least 10 test runs at 65 km/h with a tyre not involved in the test programme.

7.5 General test conditions

The test load shall be (75 ± 5) % of the tyre load capacity (load index).

7.6 Procedure

7.6.1 Approach the test site in a straight line at the specified test speed, (65 ± 2) km/h.

7.6.2 Start the recording system.

7.6.3 Deliver water to the pavement ahead of the test tyre approximately 0,5 s prior to brake application (for internal watering system).

7.6.4 When the test tyres reach the test site, apply the trailer brakes. The test should be run at the same area on the test pad and same direction.

7.6.5 Stop the recording system.

7.6.6 For new tyres, the first two braking runs are discarded for tyre break-in. Repeat [7.6.1](#) to [7.6.5](#) at least six times, making runs in the same direction.

7.6.7 Test consecutive sets of tyres by repeating [7.6.1](#) to [7.6.6](#), provided that the tests are completed within 1 d.

7.6.8 Test the reference tyre adjacent to each set of test tyres, for example, in the sequence $R-T_1-T_2-R-T_3-T_4-R$, etc., where R is the reference tyre and T_n (where $n = 1, 2$, etc.) is the test tyre.

A maximum of three sets of candidate tyres can be tested before the reference tyre is re-tested.

The examples given in 6.6 apply.

7.7 Processing of measurement results

7.7.1 Use the Formula (8) for each test:

$$\mu(t) = \frac{f_h(t)}{f_v(t)} \quad (9)$$

where

$\mu(t)$ is the dynamic tyre braking force coefficient in real time;

$f_h(t)$ is the dynamic braking force in real time, in N;

$f_v(t)$ is the dynamic vertical load in real time, in N.

7.7.2 Using Formula (9), calculate the peak braking force coefficient, μ_{peak} , by determining the highest value of $\mu(t)$ before lockup occurs. Analog signals should be filtered to remove noise. Digitally recorded signals must be filtered using a moving average technique.

7.7.3 Calculate the average values of peak braking force coefficient, $\mu_{\text{peak,ave}}$, by averaging six or more repeated runs for each set of test and reference tyres for each test condition.

7.7.4 Validation of results

For the reference tyre: If the coefficient of variation of the peak braking force coefficient, which is calculated by $\frac{\text{standard deviation}}{\text{average}} \times 100$ of the reference tyre, is higher than 5 %, discard all data and repeat the test for all tyres (the candidate tyres and the reference tyre).

For the candidate tyres: The coefficients of variation $\left(\frac{\text{standard deviation}}{\text{average}} \times 100 \right)$ are calculated for all the candidate tyres. If one coefficient of variation is higher than 5 %, discard the data for this candidate tyre and repeat the test.

7.7.5 If R_1 is the average of the peak braking force coefficient in the first test of the reference tyre and R_2 is the average of the peak braking force coefficient in the second test of the reference tyre, the following operations are performed. (see Table 3):

Table 3 — Calculation of average peak braking force coefficient, μ_{peak}

Number of sets of candidate tyres between two successive runs of the reference tyre	Set of candidate tyres to be qualified	R_a
1 $R_1-T_1-R_2$	T_1	$R_a = 1/2 (R_1 + R_2)$
2 $R_1-T_1-T_2-R_2$	T_1	$R_a = 2/3 R_1 + 1/3 R_2$
	T_2	$R_a = 1/3 R_1 + 2/3 R_2$
3 $R_1-T_1-T_2-T_3-R_2$	T_1	$R_a = 3/4 R_1 + 1/4 R_2$
	T_2	$R_a = 1/2 (R_1 + R_2)$
	T_3	$R_a = 1/4 R_1 + 3/4 R_2$

T_a ($a = 1, 2$, etc.) is the average of the peak braking force coefficient for a test of a candidate tyre. R_a is the adjusted average peak braking force coefficient of the reference tyre.

7.7.6 Calculation of the relative wet grip performance index of the tyre

The wet grip index of the tyre is calculated by Formula (10):

$$\text{Wet grip index}(T) = \left[\frac{\mu_{\text{peak,ave}}(T)}{\mu_{\text{peak,ave}}(R)} \times 125 + a \times (t - t_0) + b \times \left(\frac{\mu_{\text{peak,ave}}(R)}{\mu_{\text{peak,ave}}(R_0)} - 1,0 \right) \right] \times 10^{-2} \quad (10)$$

where

t is the measured wet surface temperature when the candidate tyre “ T ” is tested, in degree Celsius;

t_0 is the wet surface reference temperature condition, where
— $t_0 = 20$ °C for normal tyres, and
— $t_0 = 10$ °C for snow tyres;

$\mu_{\text{peak,ave}}(R_0)$ is the peak braking force coefficient for the SRTT ASTM F2493-08 — P225/60R16 in the reference conditions, in 0,85.

For normal tyres:

$$a = -0,4232;$$

$$b = -8,297$$

For snow tyres:

$$a = 0,7721;$$

$$b = 31,18$$

Annex A (informative)

Example test report of wet grip index

EXAMPLE 1 Test report of wet grip index using trailer method.

Test report number: _____	Test date: _____
Type of road surface: _____	Texture depth (mm): _____
μ_{peak} (ASTM E1136): _____	BPN: _____
Speed (km/h): _____	Water depth (mm): _____

No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Size										
Service description										
Tyre identification										
Rim										
Pattern										
Load (kg)										
Pressure (kPa)										
μ_{peak}	1									
	2									
	3									
	4									
	5									
	6									
	7									
	8									
Average										
Standard deviation, σ										
$\frac{\sigma}{\text{average}} \leq 5\%$										
Adjusted μ_{peak} (SRTT F2493)										
Wet grip index										
Wet temp (°C)										
Ambient temp (°C)										
Remarks										

EXAMPLE 2 Test report of wet grip index using vehicle method.

Driver:	Test date
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Track:		Vehicle		Beginning	End
Sand depth (mm):	BPN:	Water depth (mm):	Brand:	Air temp. (°C):	
			Model:	Ground temp. (°C):	
			Type:	Wind speed (m/s):	

Initial speed (km/h):	Final speed (km/h):
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No.	1		2		3		4		5	
Brand	Uniroyal		TYRE B		TYRE C		TYRE D		Uniroyal	
Pattern	ASTM F2493-08 SRTT		PATTERN B		PATTERN C		PATTERN D		ASTM F2493-08 SRTT	
Size	P225/605R16		SIZE B		SIZE C		SIZE D		P225/605R16	
Service description	97S		LI/SS		LI/SS		LI/SS		97S	
Tyre identification	XXXXXXXXXX		YYYYYYYYYY		ZZZZZZZZZ		NNNNNNNNN		XXXXXXXXXX	
Rim										
Front axle pressure (bar)										
Rear axle pressure (bar)										
Front axle load (kg)										
	Braking distance (m)	Average deceleration (m/s ²)	Braking distance (m)	Average deceleration (m/s ²)	Braking distance (m)	Average deceleration (m/s ²)	Braking distance (m)	Average deceleration (m/s ²)	Braking distance (m)	Average deceleration (m/s ²)
Measurement	1									
	2									
	3									
	4									
	5									
	6									
	7									
	8									
	9									
	10									
Average AD (m/s ²)										
Standard deviation (m/s ²)										
Validation of results										
Coeff. of variation (%) ≤3 %										

No.	1		2		3		4		5	
Adjusted average <i>AD</i> of ref. tyre: R_a (m/s^2)										
<i>BFC</i> (R) SRTT ASTM F2493:08										
<i>BFC</i> (<i>T</i>) candidate tyre										
Wet grip index (%)										
Wet temp (°C)										
Ambient temp (°C)										

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