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ENVIRONMENTAL TESTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND PORTABLE AND PERMANENT ROAD TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT

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CHANGE LOG

There is no previous issue of this specification, but the content derives in part from TR2130C, TR2130E, as well as other defining specifications such as BS EN50556 (Road traffic signal systems) and BS EN12368 (Traffic control equipment – signal heads).

The following outlines significant changes to product performances specified in current TOPAS specifications, which are imposed by this this specification but which do not impact on products Registered prior to its release (See section 1.11).

- a. Specification clarifies that all TOPAS Registered Products are now required to be subject to an Environmental test.
- b. Test requirements for Over Height Vehicle Detection systems (TOPAS 2515) have been separated for control equipment and variable message signs and de-scoped slightly to align with tests generally required by BS EN50556.
- c. Test requirements for Remote Monitoring Outstation equipment has been de-scoped slightly to align with BS EN50556.
- d. All products (where appropriate) now have IP rating requirements.
- e. Requirements for Free Fall and Immersion tests for Portable and Temporary signals (as defined in TR2130C) have been removed.
- f. Water Ingress severity for Portable Signals has been increased to IPX6 in lieu of the previous immersion test.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This specification defines test requirements which, together with the associated assessments methods, provide the basis for the verification of the ability of equipment to withstand the effects of specific environments likely to be encountered by road traffic monitoring and control equipment in the UK.

1.2 Testing shall be carried out by an Accredited Test Facility, as defined in TOPAS 0600.

1.3 The test methods are grouped into sections relating to commonly encountered environments. In some instances tests are applicable to subcomponents or parts of a complete system.

1.4 Products Registered against specific TOPAS specifications are required to comply with the tests defined in Appendix A. (Not all tests are applicable to all products).

1.5 The definition of each test is contained in the relevant EN specification as defined by the test.

1.6 TOPAS specifications are explicitly purchasing specifications and compliance with them is not mandatory. However Local and other Purchasing Authorities may typically require that equipment purchased complies with TOPAS specifications and is TOPAS registered.

1.7 Manufacturers may Register products as being compliant with this specification, using the process defined in TOPAS 0600

1.8 Within the applicable TOPAS product specification, "The Product" shall mean all components necessary to provide a complete operational unit or system meeting the requirements of this specification and the common requirements defined in TOPAS 0600.

Implementation

1.9 This specification takes precedence over any environmental requirements defined in individual TOPAS Technical Product Specifications.

1.10 Compliance with this specification is required, from the date of issue, for all new TOPAS Registrations.

1.11 For previously Registered Products no action is required and their Registrations will remain valid, until such times as they require re-registration, when compliance with this specification is mandatory.

1.12 Manufacturers may choose to undertake tests which exceed the requirements of this specification (for example testing at a lower or higher temperature than specified). This is permitted as long as the test documentation clearly demonstrates that the Product also meets the requirements set out herein.

Glossary of Terms

1.13 TOPAS Terms are defined in TOPAS 0600 and TOPAS 0601.

1.14 Terms of specific relevance to this specification are listed below.

ASD: Acceleration Spectral Density.

EMC: Electromagnetic Compatibility.

Root-Mean-Square Value (RMS): The root-mean-square (RMS value is the positive square root of the mean-square value. The RMS value is equal to the standard deviation if the mean value is zero.

2 MECHANICAL TESTS

Scope

2.1 This section defines a range of tests intended to verify the mechanical performance of the product.

2.2 Random Vibration (Operational)

2.2.1 This test shall be carried out in accordance with BS EN 60068-2-64 - Test Fh.

2.2.2 The test aims to simulate the mechanical hazards experienced by Equipment during operation and in its normal operational environment and modes of operation.

2.2.3 The equipment shall be tested in its normal deployed and installed state, which shall be defined by the manufacturer.

Parameters

2.2.4 Duration 2 Hours in each of the three axes.

2.2.5 Basic motion: X, Y and Z axes.

2.2.6 Test frequency range: 5-500 Hz.

2.2.7 Acceleration Spectral Density levels.

Vertical axis	
Frequency (Hz)	Level (g ² /Hz)
5	1.77E-04
8-15	1.31E-03
32	2.34E-05
197	1.58E-06
215	7.53E-06
315	1.73E-05
436	5.09E-06
464	8.66E-05
500	1.94E-05
Overall RMS acceleration: 1.488E-01g	

Lateral and Fore/Aft axes	
Frequency (Hz)	Level (g ² /Hz)
5	9.50E-06
10-15	2.62E-04
25-48	1.57E-05
54-176	7.40E-06
205-450	1.22E-04
465	1.57E-03
500	8.84E-05
Overall RMS acceleration: 2.48E-01g	

2.3 Impact

2.3.1 This test shall be carried out in accordance with BS EN 62262.

2.3.2 The test assesses the ability of display faces to withstand impact.

Parameters

2.3.3 Class IK07. (0.51 kg ball of 50mm diameter, 400mm drop height – single drop).

2.3.4 Surface cracks are allowed provided complete penetration does not occur and the integrity of the environmental seal of the equipment is not breached.

2.4 Mechanical Protection

2.4.1 This test shall be carried out in accordance with BS EN 62262.

2.4.2 The test is typically to verify the ability of external equipment cabinets, enclosures, boxes and housings to withstand mechanical impact.

Parameters

2.4.3 Class IK07 (0.51 kg ball of 50mm diameter, 400mm drop height).

2.4.4 There shall be no damage to the equipment contained within the enclosure and the equipment shall operate to its specification after the test.

2.4.5 There shall be no degradation of the IP rating of the equipment.

2.5 Bump

2.5.1 This test shall be carried out in accordance with BS EN 60068-2-29 Test Eb.

2.5.2 The test is intended to simulate shocks experienced by equipment during transportation. Equipment shall be tested unpackaged and for portable / temporary traffic signals, with detectors fitted.

Parameters

2.5.3 Tolerances, special cases: Not applicable.

2.5.4 Velocity changes, special cases: Not applicable.

2.5.5 Transverse motion, special cases: Not applicable.

2.5.6 Method of mounting: The equipment shall be fixed as rigidly as possible to the Bump Table by appropriate means.

2.5.7 Severity: 100m/s² peak, Acceleration: 16ms, Duration: 1000 bumps in what is considered to be the most vulnerable direction, as agreed with the Test Facility.

2.5.8 Initial measurements: Visual inspection and functional test to specification.

2.5.9 Operating modes: Non-operating.

2.5.10 Recovery: Not applicable.

2.5.11 Final Measurements: Visual inspection and function test to specification on completion of test. Equipment to be fully functional after test. Superficial damage is permissible.

2.6 Drop and Topple

2.6.1 This test shall be carried out in accordance with BS EN 60068-2-31 Drop and Topple.

2.6.2 The test is intended to simulate mishandling of the equipment on site. It should be applied to all equipment as delivered on site – unpackaged, and for and for portable / temporary traffic signals, with detectors fitted.

Parameters

2.6.3 Initial Measurements: Visual inspection and function to specification.

2.6.4 Fitting of cables, covers etc. As handled at site. Covers fitted, cables not fitted.

2.6.5 Operating mode: Non-operating.

2.6.6 Edges to be used in the test where there are more than four bottom edges: Bottom edges only. All edges for which the test is practical. If more than four, select the worst case four, as agreed with the Test Facility.

2.6.7 Height of drop on to a face: 50mm.

2.6.8 Height of drop on to a corner: 50mm.

2.6.9 Final Measurements: Visual inspection and function test to specification on completion of test. Equipment to be fully functional after test. Superficial damage is permissible.

3 CLIMATIC TESTS

Scope

3.1 This section defines a range of tests to verify the performance of the product, under a variety of climatic conditions.

3.2 Constant Low Temperature (Cold)

3.2.1 This test shall be carried out in accordance with BS EN 60068-2-1 - Test Ab.

Parameters

3.2.2 Temperature: -15°C for 16 hours.

3.2.3 Equipment to be switched off during the first 15 hours of test duration. Equipment to be tested to confirm proper operation during final hour at the low temperature, while warming up and at ambient temperature

3.3 Constant High Temperature (Heat)

3.3.1 This test shall be carried out in accordance with BS EN 60068- 2-2 - Test Bd.

Parameters

3.3.2 Temperature: 60°C for 16 hours.

3.3.3 Equipment to be switched on, fully loaded and properly operational during the test.

3.4 Damp Heat (Cyclic)

3.4.1 This test shall be carried out in accordance with BS EN60068-2-30 - Test Db.

Parameters

3.4.2 Temperature 40° Variant 2, 2 cycles.

3.4.3 Equipment to be switched on, fully loaded and properly operational during the test.

3.5 Water Penetration

3.5.1 This test shall be carried out in accordance with BS EN 60529, Test 14.

3.5.2 The test is typically for external equipment cabinets, enclosures, boxes and housings which are directly exposed to the effects of weather.

Parameters

3.5.3 Class IPx5 (unless alternately specified in Appendix A).

3.5.4 Water ingress shall not be such that it could affect the performance of the equipment.

3.6 Dust Penetration

3.6.1 This test shall be carried out in accordance with BS EN 60529 Test 13

3.6.2 The test is typically for external equipment cabinets, enclosures, boxes and housings which are directly exposed to the effects of weather.

3.6.3

Parameters

3.6.4 Class IP5x Cat 2 (unless alternately specified in Appendix A).

3.6.5 State of module during test: Unpacked, closed and switched off.

3.7 Wind

3.7.1 The equipment when mounted on its support as for use, is required to withstand a wind force of up to 26m/s applied along four perpendicular axes in the horizontal plane, without toppling over or sustaining damage.

3.7.2 The ability to meet this requirement shall be demonstrated by testing (such as a wind tunnel test) or by a calculation as agreed with the Test Facility.

4 ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY

Scope

4.1 All electronic equipment is required to conform to the Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016 and be tested as defined in BS EN 50293 (Road traffic signal systems. Electromagnetic compatibility).

In addition, equipment shall also be compliant with any other relevant standards for electromagnetic compatibility and / or emissions, which apply to the technologies used.

4.2 There are no further requirements for EMC testing defined in this document.

5 TEST DOCUMENTATION

Test House Accreditation

5.1 All environmental testing defined in this specification shall be undertaken by an accredited Test Facility as defined in TOPAS 0600.

Test Documentation

5.2 Upon completion of testing, the Test House shall prepare a formal Test Certificate to be accompanied by a supporting Test Report.

5.3 Copies of the Test Certificate(s) and Test Report(s) shall be included in the Equipment Technical File submitted as part of the TOPAS registration process.

5.4 The Test Certificate shall clearly state the details of the Equipment under test (for example by part number and serial number), the dates of testing and the basic parameters of the test. It should confirm the outcome of the tests and be signed by an appropriate signatory.

Note: Where the Environmental Test Certificate clearly includes details of the test undertaken by reference to the relevant EN specification defining the test and provides a clear statement that the test has been passed, the test certificate may be submitted in lieu of a full test report.

6 REFERENCES

3.1 Where undated references are listed, the latest edition of the publication applies.

British Standards

3.2 British Standards are published by the British Standards Institution, London.

BS EN 60068	Environmental testing
BS EN 12368	Traffic control equipment. Signal heads
BS EN 50293	Electromagnetic Compatibility - Road Traffic Signal Systems
BS EN 50556	Road traffic signal systems
BS EN 60529	Specifications for degrees of protection by enclosures (IP Code)
BS EN 60598	Luminaires
BS EN 62262	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)

Specifications

3.3 TOPAS Limited Specifications are available from www.topasgroup.org.uk

TOPAS 0600	TOPAS Registration process
TOPAS 0601	TOPAS Specification Review process

Other Publications

3.4 Other publications can be obtained from the Stationary Office:

TSRGD:2016	The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016
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APPENDIX A

ENVIRONMENTAL TEST REQUIREMENTS BY TOPAS SPECIFICATION

All tests identified with a ✓ are required to be undertaken.
Refer also to the “Specific notes to individual TOPAS specification requirements”, following this table.

TOPAS Specification		2500	2502	2503	2505	2506	2507	2508	2509	2510	2511	2512	2513	2514	2515	2516	2517	2520	2522	2537	2538	2581
Test & Specification Clause																						
Random Vibration (Operational) BS EN 60068-2-64 - Test Fh	2.2	✓	✓ ^b	✓ ^b	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^e	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^g	✓	✓ ^h	See Note k	✓	✓	✓ ^j	✓ ^b	✓ ^b	✓
Impact BS EN 62262	2.3		✓ ^b	✓ ^b							✓		✓	✓			✓			✓ ^b	✓ ^b	✓
Mechanical Protection BS EN 62262	2.4	✓	✓ ^{bc}	✓ ^{bc}	✓	✓	✓		✓ ^e	✓	✓ ^c	✓ ^f	✓ ^{cg}	✓ ^c	✓ ^h		✓ ^c	✓ ^f		✓ ^{bc}	✓ ^{bc}	✓
Bump BS EN 60068-2-29 Test Eb.	2.5		✓	✓																✓	✓	
Drop and Topple BS EN 60068-2-31	2.6		✓	✓																✓	✓	
Constant Low Temperature (Cold) BS EN 60068-2-1 - Test Ab	3.2	✓	✓ ^b	✓ ^b	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^e	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^g	✓	✓ ^h		✓	✓	✓ ^j	✓ ^b	✓ ^b	✓
Constant High Temperature (Heat) BS EN 60068- 2-2 - Test Bd.	3.3	✓	✓ ^b	✓ ^b	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^e	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^g	✓	✓ ^h		✓	✓	✓ ^j	✓ ^b	✓ ^b	✓

Damp Heat (Cyclic) BS EN60068-2-30 - Test Db.	3.4	✓	✓ ^b	✓ ^b	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^e	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^g	✓	✓ ^h		✓	✓	✓ ^j	✓ ^b	✓ ^b	✓
Water Penetration BS EN 60529, Test 14	3.5	✓ ^a	✓ ^{bi}	✓ ^{bi}	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^d	✓ ^e	✓	✓	✓ ^f	✓ ^g	✓	✓ ^h		✓ ⁱ	✓ ^f		✓ ^{bi}	✓ ^{bi}	✓
Dust Penetration BS EN 60529	3.6	✓ ^a	✓ ^b	✓ ^b	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^d	✓ ^e	✓	✓	✓ ^f	✓ ^g	✓	✓ ^h		✓	✓ ^f		✓ ^b	✓ ^b	✓
Wind	3.7		✓	✓																✓	✓	

Specific notes to individual TOPAS specification requirements

A1 This section provides additional notes and requirements for environmental testing against specific TOPAS specification requirements.

a. Rating is for equipment in its cabinet with all doors closed. When the manual panel door is open the protection provided shall be to at least IP43.

b. The tests defined shall be undertaken on any control and power supply equipment (including any communications devices and battery sets) in the complete Portable Traffic Signalling system.

Where equipment is typically mounted in the signal heads (for example wireless communication equipment), this may be tested in its normally installed location and take advantage of the protection offered by the signal head enclosure.

c. Test does not include the display face of the signal heads which shall be tested as defined in section 2.3.

d. When fitted the tactile unit shall provide a seal to IP55 between the inner and outer faces of the push button box enclosure.

The tactile unit itself shall be of corrosion resistant construction and fit for the environment in which it is used.

The tactile unit itself shall meet an IP52 rating.

e. For audible sounders mounted inside Pedestrian Wait and Nearside indicators, the sounders may be assumed to be part of the indicator equipment and tested at the same time. (A separate test report is not required as long as the sounder is explicitly identified in the test report for the indicator equipment).

f. Additional tests to be performed on enclosure if the detector equipment is mounted outside of the controller cabinet.

g. The tests defined apply to both the signal controller and the Wig-Wag Sign assembly.

h. The tests defined shall be undertaken on any control equipment and sensors used in the complete Over Height Vehicle Detection system. If variable message signs are employed they shall be tested as defined for TOPAS 2516.

i. Water Penetration shall be to IPx6.

j. Tests defined are for outstation equipment typically located inside a traffic controller cabinet which provides mechanical and environmental protection for the equipment. The test are not intended to be applied to Instation equipment, for example a PC or Server operating in an office environment.

k. The environmental tests required for Variable Message Signs Registered against TOPAS 2516 are fully defined in BS EN 12966 and are not separately detailed in this specification.