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# **European foreword**

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- *Part 1: Acoustic characteristics* [this document];
- Part 2: Non-acoustic characteristics.

This part of EN 16951 is concerned with long-term durability. It should be read in conjunction with:

- EN 16272-1, Railway applications Track Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation Test method for determining the acoustic performance Part 1: Intrinsic characteristics Sound absorption in the laboratory under diffuse sound field conditions;
- EN 16272-2, Railway applications Track Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation Test method for determining the acoustic performance Part 2: Intrinsic characteristics Airborne sound insulation in the laboratory under diffuse sound field conditions;
- EN 16272-3-1, Railway applications Track Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation Test method for determining the acoustic performance Part 3-1: Normalized railway noise spectrum and single number ratings for diffuse field applications;
- EN 16272-3-2, Railway applications Track Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation Test method for determining the acoustic performance Part 3-2: Normalized railway noise spectrum and single number ratings for direct field applications;
- CEN/TS 16272-5, Railway applications Track Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation - Test method for determining the acoustic performance - Part 5: Intrinsic characteristics - In situ values of sound reflection under direct sound field conditions;
- EN 16272-6, Railway applications Track Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation Test method for determining the acoustic performance Part 6: Intrinsic characteristics In situ values of airborne sound insulation under direct sound field conditions;
- EN 16727-1, Railway applications Track Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation Non-acoustic performance Part 1: Mechanical performance under static loadings Calculation and test method;

- EN 16727-2-1, Railway applications Track Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation Non-acoustic performance Part 2-1: Mechanical performance under dynamic loadings due to passing trains Resistance to fatigue;
- EN 16727-2-2, Railway applications Track Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation Non-acoustic performance Part 2-2: Mechanical performance under dynamic loadings caused by passing trains Calculation method;
- EN 16727-3, Railway applications Track Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation - Non-acoustic performance - Part 3: General safety and environmental requirements;
- EN 16951-2, Railway applications Track Noise barriers and related devices acting on airborne sound propagation - Procedures for assessing long term performance - Part 2: Non-acoustic characteristics;
- EN 60721-3-4, Classification of environmental conditions Part 3: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities Section 4: Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations (IEC 60721-3-4).

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#### Introduction

Noise barriers and related devices acting on sound propagation alongside railways should not only fulfil their acoustic function and structural design requirements in accordance with appropriate documents, but also maintain their performance during the required working life. The acoustic elements need to resist the actions of agents within the line side environment that could significantly degrade their performance.

The acoustic characteristics of noise barriers and related devices acting on sound propagation can deteriorate significantly over the duration of their working life if they are not installed or maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, or if the materials are not appropriate for the line side environment.

All elements in the construction of noise barriers and related devices acting on sound propagation should be resistant to electrolytic or/and chemical corrosion and embrittlement, be dimensionally stable and have generally a high ageing resistance in many differing conditions.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements for assessing the working life and provides the relevant exposure conditions.

Standards of construction and any material tests conducted should provide evidence of resistance to specified conditions selected from the following:

I.	Chemical Agents	Location dependent
II.	De-icing salt	Location/climate dependent
III.	Dirty water/dust	Location/climate dependent
IV.	Dew	Climate dependent
V.	Freeze/thaw	Climate dependent
VI.	Cold	Climate dependent
VII.	Heat	Climate dependent
VIII.	UV Radiation	Climate dependent
IX.	Traffic Vibration	Location dependent
X.	<b>Biological Process</b>	Climate dependent
XI.	Ozone	Location dependent
XII.	Water	Climate dependent
XIII.	Water spray (Wet/dry)	Location dependent

NOTE Combinations of different materials are worth a special attention, whether inside a single device or in combination with other devices (for example: a combination of different acoustic elements or another combination of acoustic and structural elements).

#### 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.

EN 60721-3-4, Classification of environmental conditions - Part 3: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities - Section 4: Stationary use at non-weatherprotected locations (IEC 60721-3-4)

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