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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This performance specification covers the essential requirements for vehicle and cattle crossing control equipment as defined in The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions.
- 1.2 This specification supersedes specifications MCE 0113B, MCE 0109B, MCE 0148A and MCH 1502A and the approval process described therein.
- 1.3 As a statutory requirement equipment manufactured according to this specification must be approved before its use is permitted on the public highway.
- 1.4 Statutory Approval (Approval) shall be in accordance with the requirements for Self-Certification set out in TRG 0600.
- 1.5 Within this specification, "The Product" shall mean all components necessary to provide a complete operational system meeting the requirements of this specification and the Common Requirements defined in TRG 0600.
- 1.6 Guidance to potential users of a Product approved to this specification is given in Appendix F.

Implementation

- 1.7 This specification will be immediately implemented from the date of issue for all new approvals.
- 1.8 Equipment Approvals for this product issued under the previous procedures defined in TRG 0500 will remain valid and no retrospective action will be required providing the build state of that equipment remains unmodified.

Glossary of Terms

- 1.9 A comprehensive glossary of terms is given in Highways Agency document TA 84 Code of Practice for Traffic Control and Information Systems for All-purpose Roads.

2 FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

General

- 2.1 The Products defined in this specification are used to control vehicles at roads on approaches to, or in the vicinity of the following:
- emergency service stations;
 - airfields;
 - moveable bridges, and tunnels;
 - cattle crossings;
 - railway crossings.
- 2.2 The traffic signals at these locations are normally off and operated locally or remotely by an operative, as and when necessary.
- 2.3 The Product consists of a controller, vehicle traffic signals, control panels and mimic signals for the operator.
- 2.4 For Vehicle crossings, the signals shall be in accordance with TSRGD Diagram 3014.
- 2.5 For Cattle crossings, the signals shall be in accordance with TSRGD Diagram 4005.
- 2.6 The control of the signals shall be as defined in the appropriate application appendix of this specification.
- 2.7 The signal shall function in one the following three operation modes:
- Signals off;
 - Signals on; (Local activation)
 - Signal controlled from a remote source.
- 2.8 The requirements of signal intensity for safety of BS 7987 shall be complied with. For signals this is class AF1; for the controller driving the signals this is class AF5.
- 2.9 For Signals with red flashing aspects the displayed signal sequence shall comply with TSRGD Regulation 39. The duration of the amber periods preceding the flashing red signals shall be of a fixed 5-second duration.
- 2.10 For signals with amber flashing aspects the displayed signal sequence shall comply with TSRGD Regulation 51.
- 2.11 The light on time shall be between 45% and 55% of the flash cycle time.
- 2.12 All timed periods shall be accurate to within $\pm 5\%$. This accuracy shall be maintained throughout the life of the equipment without subsequent adjustment.

Fault detection and reporting

- 2.13 The Product shall include the functionality to monitor the operational status of the signals such that faults can be detected and reported.
- 2.14 If one signal aspect fails, a condition shall be displayed on the control panel.
- 2.15 In the event of two red aspects on a vehicle crossing failing, on a single approach, the procedure for fault category 1 shall be followed.

System Communication

- 2.16 Where the interconnection between the Product components is via cables then these shall be compliant with BS 6346.

Wireless Communications Integrity

- 2.17 Where the interface between the Product components are wireless then the following addition requirements shall apply:

- i) The Product shall provide a robust and reliable means of fail-safe communication and provide suitable levels of security, accuracy and reliability to all messages being transmitted and received.
- ii) The Product shall maintain reliable operation in all reasonably expected conditions of use and shall be unaffected by other sources of radio transmission and by screening or reflections from vehicles or buildings.
- iii) An intermittent loss of communication between any system components shall follow the process for category 2-fault.
- iv) An Intermittent fault is defined as an unsuccessful undertaking to reach-synchronisation or to complete a communications dialogue after 500 ms.

Crossing Controller

- 2.18 The Product shall be shall be capable of operating a maximum of 6 signal sets in pairs.
- 2.19 The Product shall include facilities to adjust and set all adjustable timing parameters by authorised personnel only.
- 2.20 The flashing sequence of vehicle crossing signals on either side of a highway and facing in the same direction shall operate in synchronisation.
- 2.21 A mimic display shall be provided to simulate the operational status of the roadside signals.

Construction

- 2.22 The equipment housing shall be constructed in such a manner and from materials to meet the environmental requirements defined in TR 2130.

Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)

- 2.23 The Product housing shall be manufactured to BS EN 60529 IP 55.
- 2.24 The Product housing shall provide mechanical protection to IP XX9. Surface cracks may be allowed providing complete penetration does not occur i.e. no degradation to the IP protection of the equipment. No damage occurs to the equipment contained within the housing, and the equipment continues to operate to its specification.

Reliability

- 2.25 The Product shall be designed and constructed such that it can deliver a Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) prediction figure of 12000 hours or greater, continuous operation.

Electrical Requirements

- 2.26 The Product shall operate from one of the following electricity supplies:
 - i) 230V ac +10% to -13% at 50 Hz \pm 4%;
 - ii) 110V ac (55V-0V-55V) +10% to -13% at 50 Hz \pm 4%.
- 2.27 In the event of a supply failure or interruption longer than 50 milliseconds the controller shall cause a category 2 fault.
- 2.28 All wiring, termination, earthing and labelling shall be in accordance with BS 7671.

Failure Modes

Category 1

- 2.29 All signals shall be disconnected from the power source within 500 ms.
- 2.30 A fault condition shall be displayed on the control panel.
- 2.31 Operation of The Product shall be inhibited until the fault has been rectified and The Product manually reset.

Category 2

- 2.32 All signals shall be disconnected from the power source within 500 ms.
- 2.33 A fault condition shall be displayed on the control panel.
- 2.34 Operation of the Product shall reinitialise in the signals off state when the power is restored.
- 2.35 When a fault condition is cleared the indication on the control panel shall not be removed until it is cleared by an operator.

3 NORMATIVE REFERENCES

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

British Standards

3.2 The British Standards Institution, London, publishes British Standards.

Contact: +44 (0) 1344 404 429

Web address: <http://www.bsonline.bsi-global.com>

BS 6346 Electric cables. PVC insulated, armoured cables for voltages of 600/1000 V and 1900/3300 V

BS 7671 Requirements for Electrical Installations

BS 7987 Road Traffic Signal Systems

BS EN 60529 Specification for Degrees of Protection Provided by Enclosures (IP Code)

Specifications

3.3 Specifications are published by the Highways Agency.

Contact: +44 (0) 117 372 8270

WEB address: www.tssplansregistry.org

TR 2130 Environmental Tests for Motorway Communications Equipment and Portable and Permanent Traffic Control Equipment

TR 2523 Traffic Control Systems Interfacing Specification

TRG 0600 Self-Certification Procedures for Statutory Approval of Traffic Signal Control Equipment

Other Publications

3.4 Other publications can be obtained from the Stationary Office:

Contact: +44 (0)20 7242 6393

Web address: <http://www.tso.co.uk>

TSRGD Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions

Network Rail Publications

3.5 Network Rail Publications can be obtained from the Railway Safety and Standards Board.

Contact: +44 (0) 207 904 7518

Web address: www.rgsonline.co.uk/rail/main.html

GI/RT 7012 Requirement for Level Crossings

4 HISTORY

MCE 0113	A	June 1974
MCE 0113	B	July 1974
MCE 0109	A	July 1973
MCE 0109	B	January 1978
MCE 0148	A	February 1987
MCH 0502	A	November 1988
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APPENDIX A EMERGENCY SERVICES STATIONS

- A1 Products for use at emergency service stations shall provide the following additional features.
- A2 Adjustable parameters for each signal shall be as follows:
- Delay from initiation to start of illumination (in the range 0 to 30 seconds).
 - Duration of illumination (in the range 30 to 300 seconds).
- A3 A remote control and monitoring panel to indicate and enable the following features:
- i) a mimic display of the road side signals with blue or white illuminated indicators to confirm to operation all road side signals;
 - ii) establish the exit direction (for use in conjunction with dual carriageways);
 - iii) activation of the appropriate signals;
 - iv) display the operational status of all the roadside signals (Refer to A4);
 - v) indicate a fault condition visibly;
 - vi) indicate a fault condition audibly;
 - vii) mute the audible alarm;
 - viii) clear a fault condition or cancel an alarm.
- A4 The display in A3(i) shall operate in synchronisation with each red vehicle crossing signals.

APPENDIX B AIRFIELDS

- B1 Products for use adjacent to Air Fields shall provide the following additional features.
- B2 The control of the signals shall be via a remote connection.
- B3 The signals shall remain in operation until switched off.
- B4 A remotely sited control and monitoring panel that delivers the following functionality:
- i) A miniature display of the signals with blue lenses;
 - ii) A means to activate and deactivate the signals;
 - iii) A means to indicate a fault condition visibly;
 - iv) A means to indicate a fault condition audibly;
 - v) A means to mute the audible alarm and clear a fault.
 - vi) A means to clear a fault condition.
- B5 The miniature blue display shall operate in synchronisation with each red vehicle crossing signals.

APPENDIX C MOVEABLE BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

- C1 The Product for use adjacent to moveable bridges is normally used in conjunction with lifting-barriers and shall provide the following additional features.
- C2 Means to raise and lower barriers.
- C3 Interlocks that validate the positional and operational status of the barriers.

Control and Monitoring Panel

- C4 A remote control and monitoring panel to indicate and enable the following:
- i) Activation of the signals at either end of the bridge structure independently when interlocks are in normal mode.
 - ii) Indication that the signals are in operation.
 - iii) To raise and lower up to two barriers at either end of the bridge structure independently.
 - iv) The barrier operation shall be manual at all times. If an operator removes pressure from the actuator then movement of the barrier must stop.
 - v) To show the status of each, of up to four, barriers in each of the following states:
 - Raised;
 - Changing positions;
 - Lowered.
 - vi) To indicate that a barrier is changing position audibly.
 - vii) Visible indication of a fault;
 - viii) Audible indication of a fault;
 - ix) To mute the audible alarm.

- x) To clear a fault condition.

Pedestrian Audible Signal

- C5 An audible warning to pedestrians adjacent to the barrier shall be sounded when the barrier is changing positions up or down.
- C6 Audible warning signals shall be provided at each end of the bridge structure and should persist from the commencement of the vehicle-crossing signal until the barrier is in the fully lowered position.
- C7 The audible signal (Not the same as used at pedestrian crossings) shall be an appropriate constant Tone at 10 dBA above the ambient noise between the limits 50 dBA to 110 dBA measured at a distance of 1 metre of the sound source.

Controller

- C8 A facility shall be provided such that the operation of the barrier is only allowed when the vehicle crossing signals are operating.
- C9 The Product shall provide an interlock to ensure that the offside barrier can only be operated when the nearside barrier is in the lowered position.
- C10 Means shall be provided to detect faults in the barrier movement mechanisms.
- C11 If the Controller detects a failure in the barrier detection circuit then the interlock output to the Bridge control system shall be inhibited.

APPENDIX D CATTLE CROSSINGS

- D1 The Product used at Cattle crossing shall comprise a pair of signals to TSRGD Diagram 4005. The signals shall flash alternatively for a period of time determined by an operator through the operation of a secure control e.g. key switch.
- D2 The rate of the flashing amber signals shall be as specified in the TSRGD. The 'light on' time shall be between 45% and 55% of the flash cycle time.
- D3 Up to three remote control and monitoring panels that deliver the following functionality shall be provided:
- i) A means to activate the Signals using a key switch.
 - ii) A means to validate the Signals operation visibly.
 - iii) A means to indicate a fault condition visibly.
 - iv) A means to clear a fault condition.
- D4 The Controller shall include features to inhibit operation of the crossing signals after use, for a pre-set time period in the range 60 seconds to 300 seconds.
- D5 This inhibit period shall commence at the cessation of the preset flashing aspect period.

APPENDIX E RAILWAY CROSSINGS

- E1 The control system and fault reporting features shall be as defined in Railway Group Standard GI/RT7012.

- E2 Where additional signal are required to prohibit the passage of pedestrians, the signals and their mounting shall be in accordance with TSRGD Regulation 52 and Diagram 4006.

APPENDIX F INFORMATIVE GUIDE

General

- F1 This Appendix is an informative guide to Highways Authorities who wish to purchase and use Wig Wag crossing Products that have been declared conformant to this specification. Prospective purchasers should ensure that the procurement contract address the following issue.

Marking and Labelling

- F2 Each assembly that comprises the Product must each be fitted with a label displaying the following:
- i) The unique Product identifier and serial number;
 - ii) The application(s) for which it is approved;
 - iii) The electrical supply requirements of the equipment.