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Under the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution

Guidance Document on Mobile Sources – Revision

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Introduction (1)



The Executive Body, at its 43rd session, in December 2023, decided to launch a process to revise the Gothenburg Protocol, as amended in 2012, with the aim to conclude the revision by the EB_46 (Even if, the WGSR_63 has proposed to the revision of the time schedule to the 2027)

In line with the outcomes of the discussion within the WGSR_62, for the implementation of the Convention, it is necessary to have updated information on available technologies and their characteristics.

Introduction (2)

In 2024, TFTEI started the revision process of the Guidance Document on Stationary Sources, to be submitted to the 63rd WGSR in 2025, while the Guidance Document on Mobile Sources is being revised in 2025 and submitted to 64th WGSR in 2026.

In the second trimester of 2025, the UNECE secretariat contacted the Parties to create a list of experts to be involved in comments and possible integrations to the draft revised text.

Introduction (3)

In line with the process adopted for the review of the GD on Stationary Sources, the GD on Mobile Sources will be composed by:

- a) ***an official document (Summary)*** in line with the editorial limit (10,000 words)
 - ➔ the Summary document only will be translated, discussed and approved by WGSR to be submitted to EB for adoption, in December 2026.

- b) ***an informal complementary document*** on mobile sources
 - ➔ the informal document, with complementary information, will NOT be translated, discussed and approved by WGSR or adopted by EB.

Introduction (4)

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**Guidance Document on Emission Control Techniques
for Mobile Sources under the Convention on
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Motivations for revision:

- **From 2016**
- **Outdated**
- **Euro 7**
- **Stimulate innovation**

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Euro 7 – Exhaust Emissions



https://fr.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fichier:Automobile_exhaust_gas.jpg

- **Passenger Vehicles**
 - No change on emission limits
- **Heavy-Duty Vehicles (HDV)**
 - CO: 62,5% reduction
 - NOx: 56,5% reduction
 - PM: 20% reduction
 - NH₃: 60mg/kWh (new)
 - Formaldehyde (CH₂O): potential limits to be introduced, difficult to measure
- **All**
 - PN₂₃ → PN₁₀ (diameter in nanometre)
- **Entry Into Force and Application**
 - 29/09/26: light vehicle production
 - 29/09/27: light vehicle sales
 - 29/05/28: Heavy-Duty Vehicle production
 - 29/05/29: HDV sales

Euro 7 – Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEW!)



<https://doi.org/10.1787/4a4dc6ca-en>

- **Brakes**

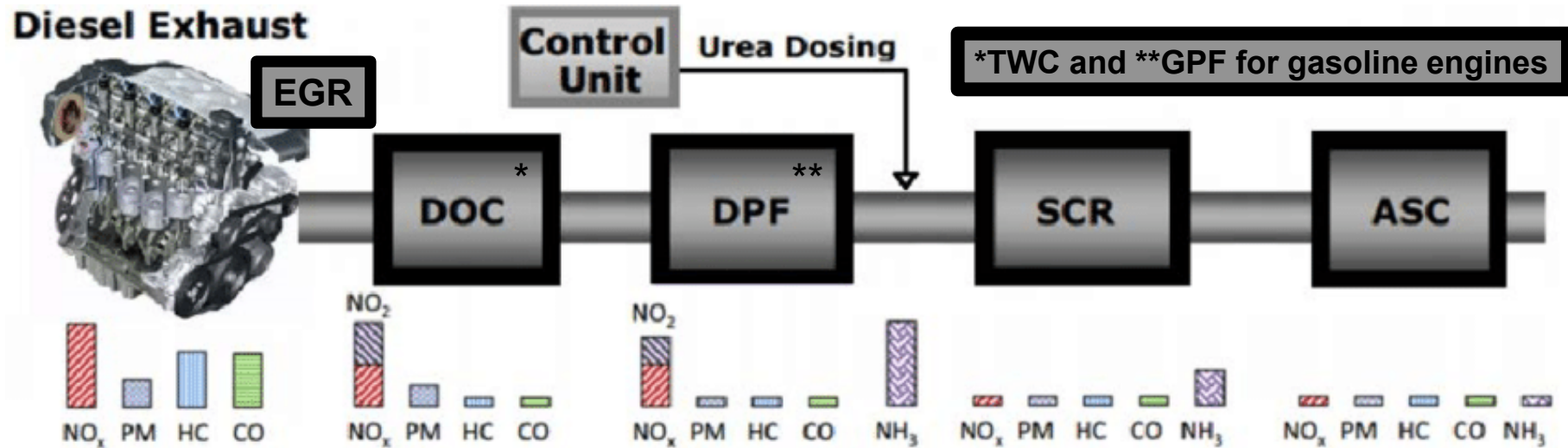
- Source of Fe, Cu emissions
- 3 mg/km (PM₁₀) for EVs; 7 mg/km for others (from 01/01/2030)
- Then 3 mg/km for all (from 01/01/2035)
- High fraction of ultrafine particles (<100 nm) → concerns about limits in mg/km
- Non-homogenous distribution of elements emitted (45% Fe, but 1% Cu) → element-specific limits could be more efficient [1]

- **Tyres**

- Microplastic emissions
- No limits introduced yet
- Uncertainty around measurements and quantifying emissions

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The Euro 6/VI Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) - focus of the previous guidance document



https://www.researchgate.net/figure/The-standard-Euro-VI-automotive-aftertreatment-system_fig1_328704368

Does it need to be updated?

- **PN₁₀:**
 - DPF and GPF very efficient in the sub-23 nm range [2]
 - Currently available state-of-the-art filters are enough
- **HDVs:**
 - Engine and aftertreatment updates to achieve Euro VII emission reductions?
 - Other avenues: alternative fuels/power sources
- **Formaldehydes:**
 - Formed through oxidation of unburned fuel on TWC/DOC, mostly Diesel engines
 - Aftertreatment devices not available yet.

EGR: Exhaust Gas Recirculation
 DOC: Diesel Oxidation Catalyst
 TWC: Three-Way Catalyst
 DPF: Diesel Particle Filter
 GPF: Gasoline Particle Filter
 SCR: Selective Catalytic Reduction
 ASC: Ammonia Slip Catalyst

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<https://www.jonellsystems.com/products/latest-technology/renewable-hydrocarbon-biofuels-filtration/>

- **Advantages**

- Cheap
- Blends already approved; use as drop-in fuels
- 70-80% CO₂ reduction well-to-wheel (RED III)
- Engine CO, NO_x, and PM reduction (depends on fuel)

- **Drawbacks**

- Indirect Land Use Concerns (ILUC) – 1st gen
- Hard-to-scale: limited sustainable feedstock
- Aldehyde emissions (ethanol-based fuels)
- Toxicity (methanol-based fuels)

- **Preferred applications**

- All: drop-in fuels where other alternatives are not possible, or low fleet turnover, e.g. air, rail, waterway

- **Explore**

- New mixing blends
- New engines/after-treatment designed for biofuels (e.g. flexfuel E85)
- Routes for scaling without ILUC: cellulosic (high Technology Readiness Level [TRL]), algae (low TRL)

Natural Gas (NG)



<https://www.woodwayenergy.com/how-is-natural-gas-transported/>

- **Advantages**

- Gas infrastructure already exists
- Widespread in shipping, used in all road vehicles (except L-cat)
- Large NO_x reduction (78%) with respect to diesel [3]
- [Bio-]Synthetic NG (SNG) for reduced CO₂ emissions (renewable electricity needed)

- **Drawbacks**

- Liquid NG production is energy intensive and expensive, SNG also has high production costs
- Low volumetric density for Compressed NG
- CO, NH₃ emissions increase with respect to diesel [3]
- Methane slip risk
- Higher fuel consumption than diesel, especially for light vehicles (+42%), less so for HDVs (+24%) [4]

- **Preferred applications**

- More suited for heavy-duty transport (fuel efficiency)
- Can be used as a drop-in fuel for road transport
- Inland waterways and shipping

Hybrid (HEV) & Plug-In Hybrid (PHEV)



<https://www.parramattatoyota.com.au/blog/new-vehicles/how-does-the-toyota-hybrid-work/>

- **Advantages**

- No exhaust pollutants emitted when running on battery
- Higher engine efficiency (up to 50%)
- Regenerative braking
- Mature technology
- No limits on range (ICE)

- **Drawbacks**

- Heavier than equivalent ICE vehicles
- Share of electric driving mode is smaller than assumed in PHEV: real-world emissions 5 times higher than Worldwide harmonised Light vehicle Test Procedure (WLTP) emissions (2023) [5]
- Lower efficiency of aftertreatment system due to longer warming-up time
- Lower efficiency gains for vessels (approx. 5%) [3]

- **Preferred applications**

- Road and rail – transition technology

Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV)



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- **Drawbacks**

- Low energy density
- Average 20% increase in vehicle mass [6]
- Charging infrastructure can be a bottleneck
- Indirect emissions depending on source of electricity

- **Preferred applications**

- Road: light vehicles (<3.5t), and buses, L-category
- Rail: Non-electrified short-range lines
- Navigation (inland & recreational): short-range passenger vessels
- Air: short-range small-to-medium-sized (long-term), but modal shift preferred

<https://www.allensamuels.com/manufacture-information/how-long-does-it-take-to-charge-an-electric-vehicle/>

Synthetic Fuels (X-to-Liquid or XtL)



<https://sugar-asia.com/ethanol-targets-sustainable-aircraft-fuel-development/>

- **Advantages**

- Blends already approved; use as drop-in fuels
- CO₂ emission reductions

- **Drawbacks**

- ILUC, if X=biomass (limited sustainable feedstock)
- Power-to-Liquid is hard to scale:
 - Green hydrogen production required for syngas
 - Carbon capture infrastructure required
 - High green energy input required

- **Preferred applications [4]**

- All: drop-in fuels where there are no other alternatives, or low fleet turnover, e.g. air, rail, waterway

- **Explore**

- Air quality gains?
- New mixing blends
- New routes for scaling without ILUC: algae (low TRL)
- Methanol-to-Kerosene

Hydrogen



<https://www.breakthroughenergy.org/newsroom/articles/hydrogenstorage/>

- **Advantages**

- High gravimetric energy density
- No pollutants emitted in Fuel-Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEV)
- Regenerative braking in FCEV
- Fast charging

- **Drawbacks**

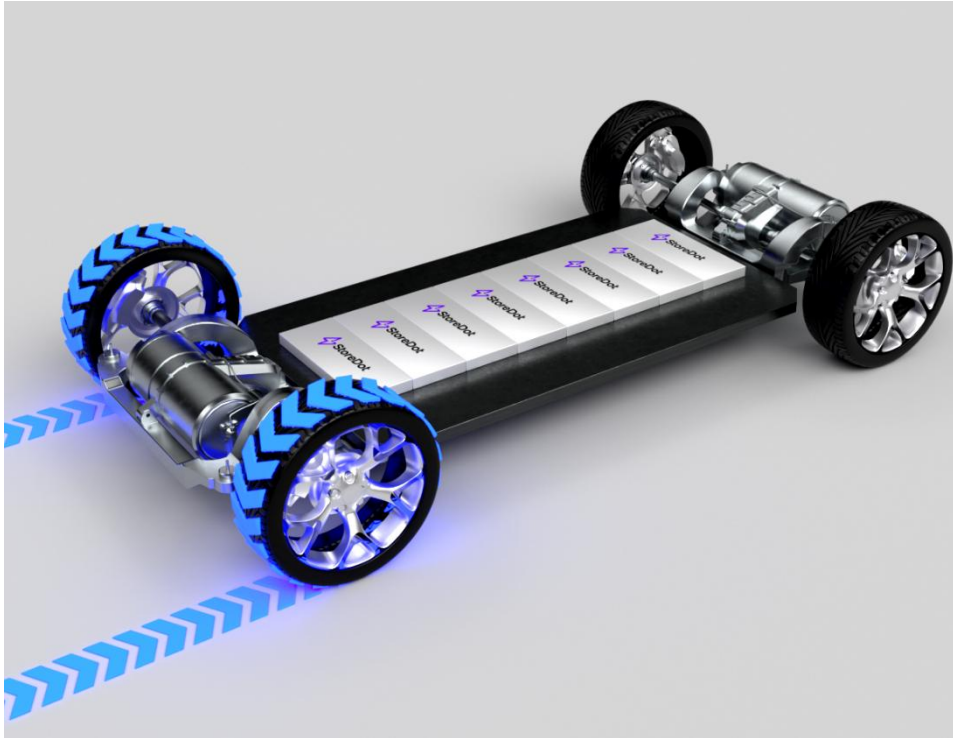
- Large NO_x emissions in ICE hydrogen
- Significant challenges around infrastructure:
 - High cost
 - Concerns around storage and transport
 - Uncertainty around scaling-up green hydrogen
 - Charging points for FCEV

- **Preferred applications [4]**

- Road: heavy-duty vehicles and passenger cars
- Rail: non-electrified long-range lines
- Inland: long-range freight vessels
- Air: long-range small-to-medium-sized planes, potentially short-range large-sized planes (both long-term)

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Regenerative Braking



<https://www.store-dot.com/blog/unleashing-the-power-of-regenerative-braking-with-xfc-technology>

- **Reliance on friction brakes significantly reduced**
 - 88% brake PM emission reduction under WLTP [7]
 - Similar for rail transport

Choosing the right material – Brakes [8]

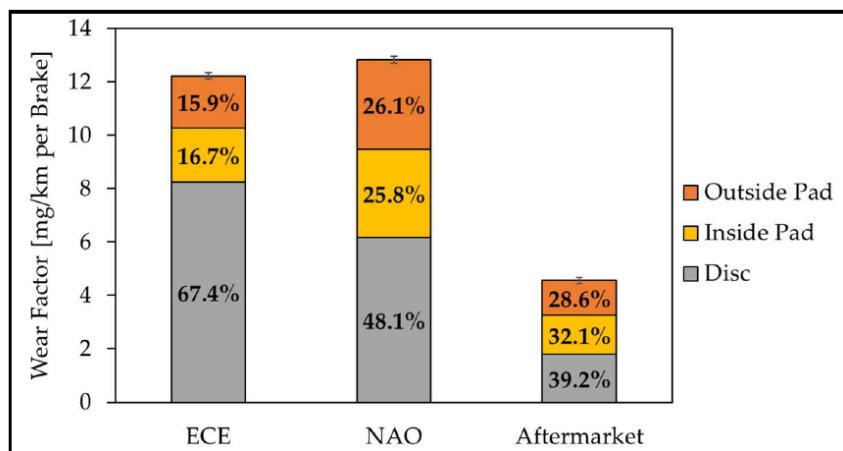


Figure 5. Wear factors of the three different brake pad compositions after 8x WLTP Brake Cycle.

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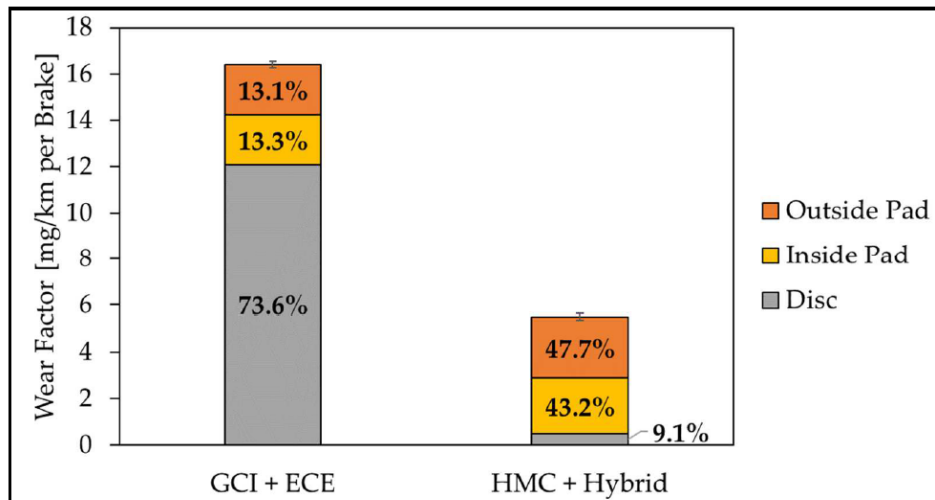


Figure 13. Wear factors of the HMC pairing compared to the GCI pairing after 8× WLTP Brake Cycle. HMB friction pairing with specially adapted hybrid lining.

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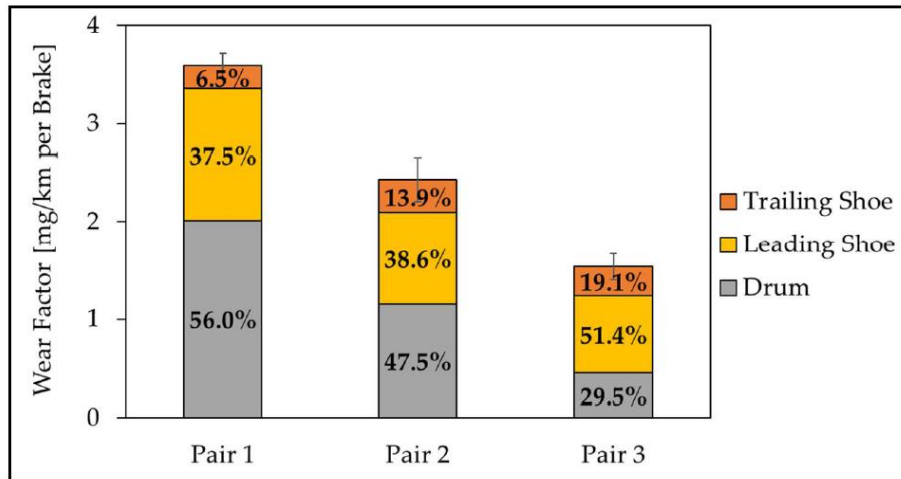


Figure 12. Wear factors of the three different drum brake shoe compositions after 8x WLTP Brake Cycle.

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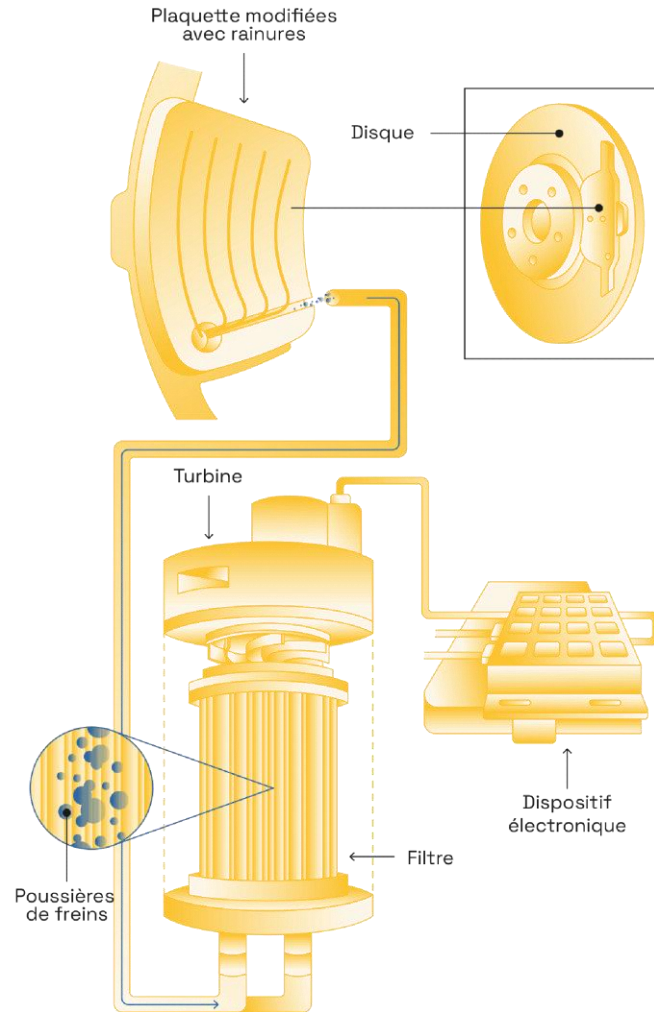


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 - Captures particles directly inside a filter
 - Active version (similar to TAMIC) also available

Mostly for further reductions in heavy or commercial vehicles, ideal for bus or refuse truck (high amount of start and stop). Also trains !

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<https://www.tyrepress.com/2023/06/tyre-silica-to-remain-a-solvay-business-following-company-split/> (Solvay)

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 - Studded = 4,4-100 times more PM than summer
 - Studded = 2-60 times more PM than winter



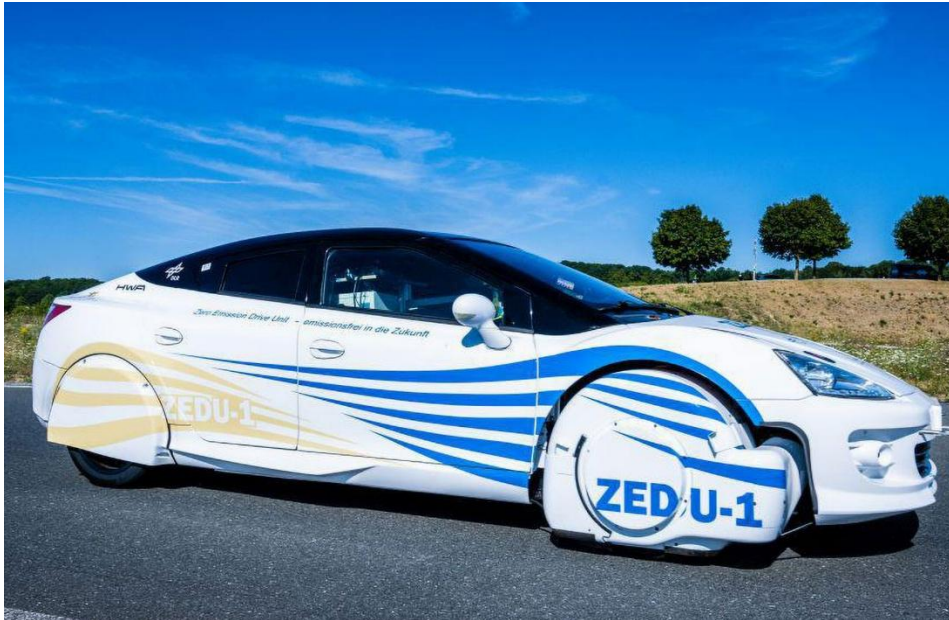
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 - Captures both tyre particles and particles due to resuspension captured (max. 70% reduction)

Mostly for further reductions in HDVs because space is needed underneath the car to fit most technologies (except for the rooftop filter).

Research Avenues: Other Non-Exhaust Emission Sources in Railway Transport



<https://www.trains.com/mrr/beginners/ask-trains/why-are-wheel-flanges-on-the-inside-of-train-wheels/>



<https://www.macproducts.net/blog/what-is-the-difference-between-pantograph-and-trolley-shoe-catenary-collectors>

- Relatively underexplored so far
- Research projects starting soon: SNCF, Deutsche Bahn
- Initial results show that non-exhaust emissions are dominated by brake PM, closely followed by wheel-rail PM.
- The share of catenary-pantograph emissions is small in comparison
- Welcoming any information on the topic!

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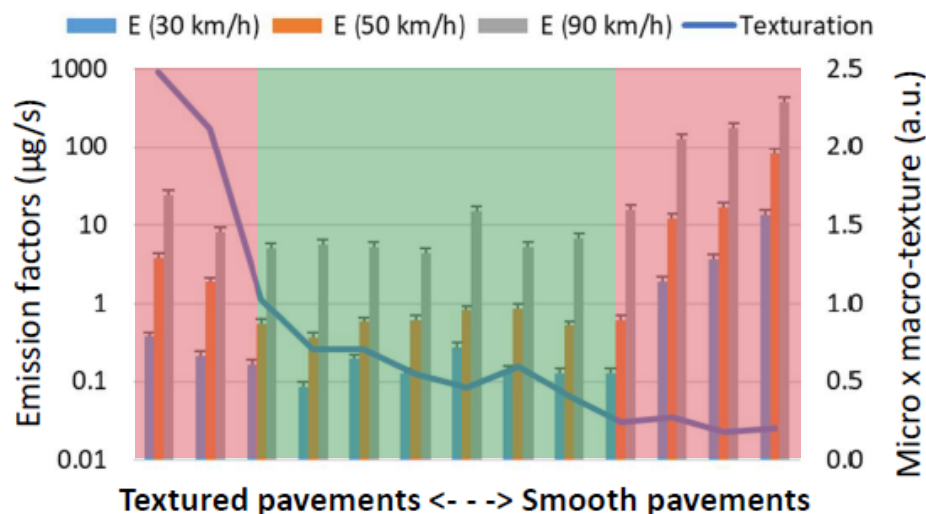
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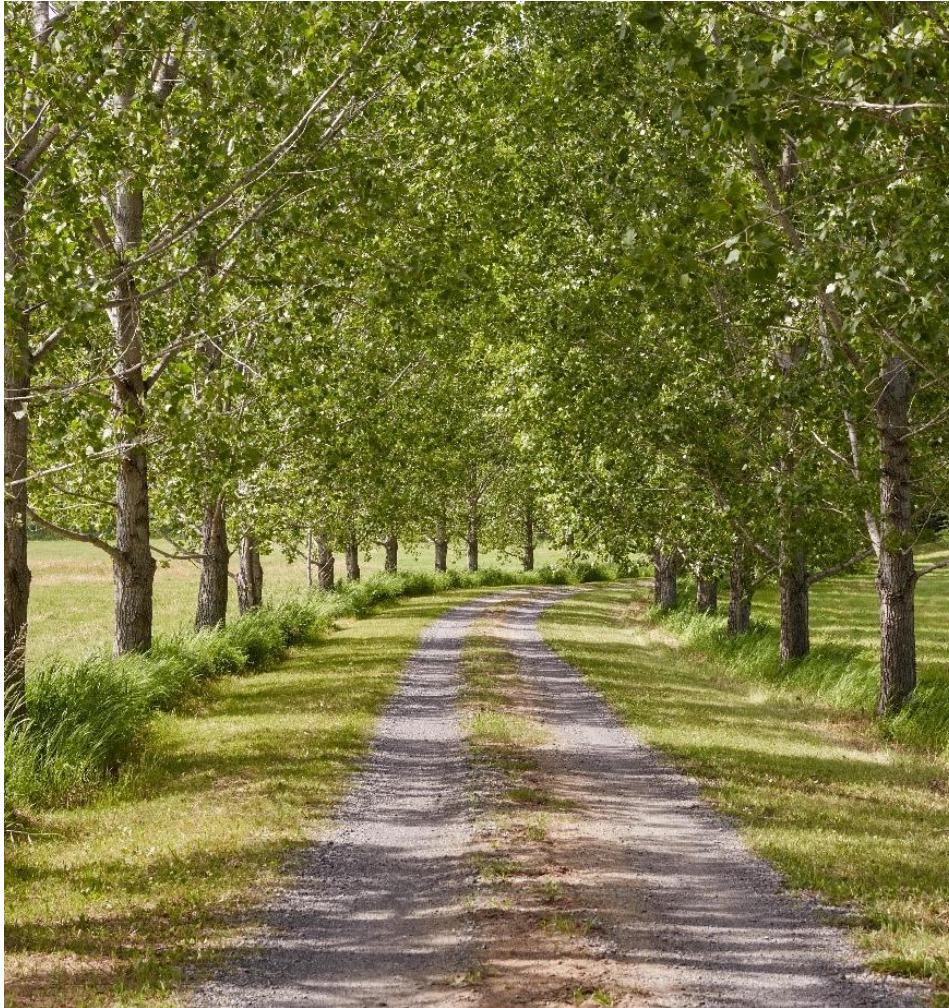
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- **Road texture**

- Sweet spot can be achieved, to be maintained

Reducing Particle Resuspension – Roads [10]



<https://thewaterchannel.tv/thewaterblog/the-potential-of-roadside-trees-to-offset-co2/>

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- **Road/Street Cleaning**

- Most effective at reducing resuspension
 - Two options:
 - Mechanical sweepers
 - Vacuum/regenerative air sweepers
 - Frequency is important
 - Focus on high-traffic roads
 - PM need to be collected to avoid runoff

Preventing Road Runoff [10]



<https://www.asllimited.co.uk/drainage-blog/road-gully-cleaning-essential-insights>

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- **Water collection systems**

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 - Semi-centralised collection: retention/detention basins, wetlands
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<https://trapbag.com/blog/detention-basin-retention-basin-pros-cons/>

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 - Should be treated beforehand (Sweden)
 - **Clewat**: snow melting and filtering technology



<https://clewat.com/en/snow-control/>

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- **Sewage sludge**

- Used as a fertiliser in agriculture
- 31k-42k tons of microplastics in European soils yearly
- Already banned in Switzerland

Next steps

End of December, the draft revised GD on Mobile Sources will be sent to the experts.

The experts will have three weeks to provide their feedbacks and comments.

While the comments could cover both documents, TFTEI will work to include comments and feedbacks as in the following timeframe:

- as for the official document: by early February 2026, in time for translation ahead of the WGSR_64;
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