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Introduction

PAS 301 describes test methods that may be completed on a civilian armoured vehicle (CAV) to assess its automotive characteristics for payload, acceleration, maximum speed, through gear acceleration, handling, braking and run flat. The test methods are set out in a manner to allow each test to be completed independently. If more than one test is required on a CAV then the test order followed is usually payload, acceleration, maximum speed, through gear acceleration, handling, braking and run flat. One or multiple test vehicles may be used to complete testing in accordance with the test methods. Where it is agreed a change in test vehicle specification does not affect the properties being tested then read across of the test results is permitted.

For each test, careful consideration is given to any damage sustained on the test vehicle. If there is a risk of compromising or invalidating any further testing then actions are taken to minimize this risk. For example, new wheels and tyres may be used for the run flat test.

During any phase of testing it might become evident that the CAV design does not achieve acceptable results in accordance with the defined criteria set out in this PAS. In this situation the party requesting testing may be given the option to submit a redesign for retest. If this option is not taken, the test vehicle receives the assessed categorization. The party requesting testing may withdraw at any time from further testing.

The tests may be completed with the minimum requirements set out in this document. However, the party conducting the tests seeks to establish the maximum performance of the CAV.

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1 Scope

PAS 301 describes automotive test methods and performance categories for the payload, acceleration, maximum speed, through gear acceleration, handling, braking and run flat capabilities of a civilian armoured vehicle (CAV).

This PAS does not replace any statutory requirements for the inspection and testing of a vehicle.

NOTE For example the European Community Whole Vehicle Type Approval (EC-WVTA) [2] and Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) [3].

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BS ISO 3888-1:1999, *Passenger cars – Test track for a severe lane-change manoeuvre – Part 1: Double-lane change*