

THE NEW UNI TECHNICAL NORM  
**REGULATING**  
**IMPACT SAFETY BARRIERS**

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**NEW SAFETY**  
STANDARD



**STOMMPY**  
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# A GLOBAL VISION

STOMMPY was founded in 2000 and now has a presence in over 15 Countries. **It ranks first among Italy's producers of Impact Safety Barriers.**

It holds two international invention patents and a third one is on its way.

In 2018, with a 6 € millions revenue, STOMMPY produced and installed:

- ▶ **14.000+vertical** safety systems (bollards),
- ▶ **22.000+** horizontal safety systems (guardrails)

It is the only company guaranteeing up to 10 years for manufacturing defects and floor damages

## SECTORS

FOOD &  
BEVERAGE

PHARMA &  
CHEMICAL

LOGISTICS

MECHANICS



# 2020



THE FIRST UNI TECHNICAL NORM IS INTRODUCED TO REGULATE THE

## **IMPACT SAFETY BARRIERS** MARKET

It is an Italian initiative, stemming from a STOMMPY proposal, which was embraced and developed further by UNI (Italian National Unification). It is the first norm regulating IMPACT SAFETY BARRIERS in the industry sector.



## DSP:2015 - Impact Safety Barriers

STOMMPY publishes the first edition of the Guidelines featuring:

- ▶ Parameter selection and computation of material handling vehicles' impact energy
- ▶ Impact safety barriers are selected according to the appropriate impact energy class.

AVAILABLE FOR FREE



## DSP:2017 Impact Safety Barriers

STOMMPY publishes the second edition of the Guidelines:

- ▶ Data collection to calculate material handling vehicles' impact energy - risk assessment procedure;
- ▶ Impact safety barriers' selection according to the appropriate resistance class, provided that installation was carried out properly.

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## UNI – 2020 TECHNICAL NORM

- ▶ Project code: UNI1605398
- Title: Impact Safety Barriers in the industry sector
- 1st part: Testing methods and classification criteria
- For: Manufacturers

## PAS 13:2017 BSI British Standard Institution

- ▶ Publishes the "Code of practice for safety barriers used in traffic management within workplace with test methods for impact safety barriers".
- ▶ A-Safe UK is the main initiative's sponsor and STOMMPY, a steering committee member, greatly contributes to this document.

FOR SALE

- ▶ Project code: UNI1604054
- Title: Impact Safety Barriers in the industry sector
- 2nd part: Selection and installation criteria
- For: Users

# A TECHNICAL NORM ABOUT **IMPACT SAFETY BARRIERS** IN THE INDUSTRY SECTOR: WHY?



HOW RESISTANT SHOULD IT BE?  
WHAT AM I LOOKING FOR?

HOW DO I COMPUTE ENERGY RESISTANCE TO IMPACTS?  
IS STEEL OR PLASTIC BETTER?

MORE RIGID OR MORE ELASTIC?

HOW DO I ANCHOR IT TO THE GROUND?

DO I NEED FOUR ANCHORS OR MORE?

HOW DO I INSTALL THEM PROPERLY?

WHO DOES CERTIFY THE ENERGY RESISTANCE CLASS?

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE IF THERE IS AN ACCIDENT, IMPACT SAFETY BARRIERS ARE NOT ADEQUATE AND SOMEONE GETS INJURED?

TO FILL THE NORMATIVE GAP ABOUT **IMPACT SAFETY BARRIERS** IN THE INDUSTRY SECTOR, WITHOUT WHICH:

- ▶ manufacturers do not have any benchmark when designing products;
- ▶ users do not have any benchmark to compare their purchase to.

# UNI: WHAT IT IS AND ITS SCOPES

## WHAT IS UNI

UNI (Ente Nazionale Italiano di Unificazione) is a private no-profit association **acknowledged by the Italian Government and the European Union**. In the last 100 years they developed and published non-binding technical norms applying to all sectors: industry, commerce and service. UNI represents Italy at CEN (European Committee for Standardization) and at ISO (International Organization for Standardization).

## WHAT IT DOES

- **It promotes** integration between norms and regulations for a smooth functioning of the European Single Market;
- **It supports** the specific characteristics of the Italian manufacturing way, promoting techniques that embrace past experience and the tradition of national manufacturing.

## WHO'S PART OF IT

UNI associates are firms, professionals, associations, public bodies, research institutes, schools and universities, consumers' and manufacturers' representatives. Taken together they compose a unique national **multi-stakeholder group** sharing technical challenges and experiences.

# EUROPEAN NATIONAL BODIES FOR TECHNICAL NORMS



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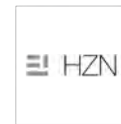
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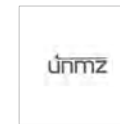
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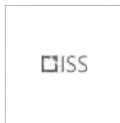
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# ADVANTAGES OF A TECHNICAL NORM



## TO TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ Technical norms are documents defining several characteristics of a product, service or process like e.g. shape and dimensions, performance, environmental characteristics, quality, organization and safety, according to the state-of-the-art. Such technical norms are developed thanks to experts in Italy and worldwide sharing their knowledge.
- ▶ The decision to stick to technical norms is advantageous for businesses' competitiveness, for the public administration and also to protect consumer's rights. The European Union stated that in each Member State there should be just one accrediting body in charge of giving out certifications. In Italy, ACCREDIA is the accrediting body that issues certifications in line with UNI technical norms.



# ADVANTAGES OF A TECHNICAL NORM

## TO INNOVATION

- ▶ **TO SHARE** KNOWLEDGE
- ▶ **TO TRANSFER** TECHNOLOGY
- ▶ **TO SHORTEN** THE TIME NEEDED TO LAUNCH PRODUCTS AND SERVICES ON THE MARKET
- ▶ **TO CREATE** COOPERATION BETWEEN FIRMS AND RESEARCH
- ▶ **TO DEFINE** IN WHICH CONTEXT NEW PRODUCTS AND MARKETS DEVELOP

# ADVANTAGES OF A TECHNICAL NORM

## TO MANAGEMENT

- ▶ **TO REDUCE** MANAGEMENT COSTS
- ▶ **TO IMPROVE** QUALITY, SAFETY AND MINIMIZE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
- ▶ **TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY** IN SUPPLIERS' AND CUSTOMERS' RELATIONSHIPS
- ▶ **TO INCREASE** TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION
- ▶ **TO FACILITATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW**

# ADVANTAGES OF THIS REVOLUTION

## 1 The SPECIFICATION (TECHNICAL STANDARD) for MANUFACTURERS AND TEST CENTERS

- ▶ It defines testing conditions and criteria for impact resistance classification, working width and acceleration severity index (ASI) for impact safety barriers in the industry sector.
- ▶ It provides manufacturers and test centers with a clear procedure to classify impact safety barriers in the industry sector.

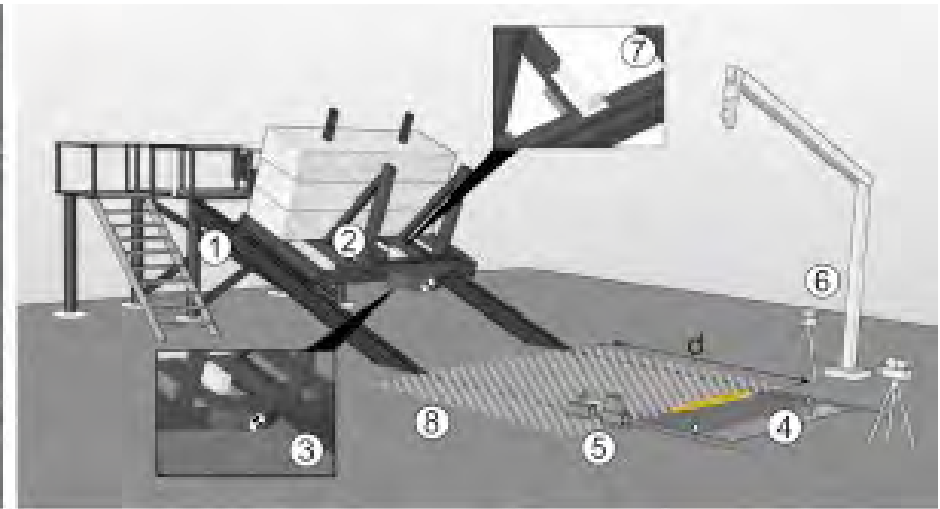
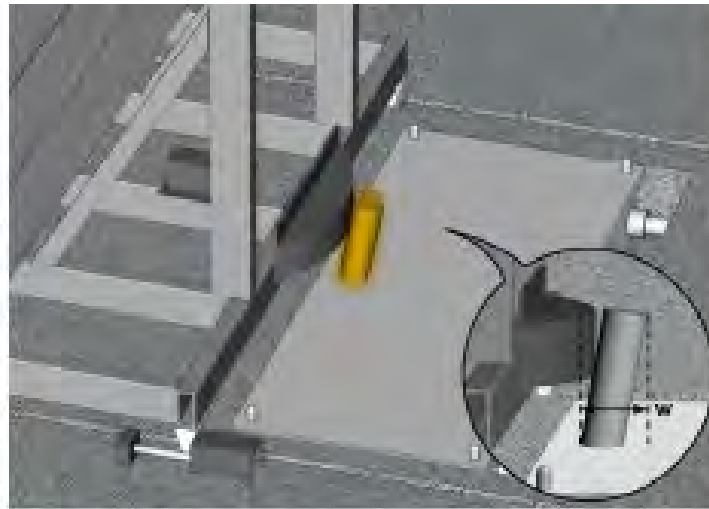
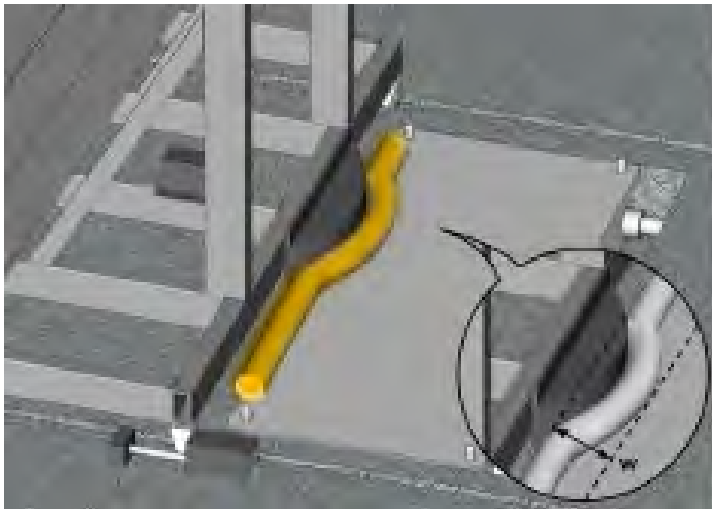
## 2 The TECHNICAL REPORT for USERS

- ▶ It defines the different types of safety barriers, that differ by shape, functions, performance and installation procedure. The aim is to guarantee the expected performance as it is certified by the manufacturer.
- ▶ It supports and introduces a proper risk evaluation framework to designers, technicians, safety specialists, managers and employers. It enables stakeholders to make informed choices depending on the type of environment, workplace and management systems that are in place. The aim is to improve safety at the workplace.

# THE SPECIFICATION (TECHNICAL STANDARD)

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# THE SPECIFICATION (TECHNICAL STANDARD)

**IMPACT SAFETY BARRIERS** can be **VERTICAL** or **HORIZONTAL**. Anchorage systems play a key role to both meet performance goals and validate them.

## PARAMETRI DI CLASSIFICAZIONE

1. CLASSIFICATION OF IMPACT SAFETY BARRIERS ACCORDING TO **ENERGY RESISTANCE CLASSES**
2. CLASSIFICATION OF IMPACT SAFETY BARRIERS ACCORDING TO **WORKING WIDTH CLASSES**
3. CLASSIFICATION OF IMPACT SAFETY BARRIERS ACCORDING TO **INJURY SEVERITY CLASSES**



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# THE TECHNICAL REPORT

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# HOW TO COMPUTE VEHICLES' IMPACT ENERGY

  
**total**  
mass  
= X<sup>kg</sup> + Y<sup>kg</sup> + Z<sup>kg</sup>



1

**FIND  
TOTAL IMPACT  
MASS**

2

**FIND THE MATERIAL  
HANDLING  
VEHICLE'S MAXIMUM  
SPEED AND  
IMPACT ANGLE**



Given mass and speed, the closer **the impact angle gets to 90°**, the higher the impact energy and the higher the energy resistance that impact safety barriers should stand.

Therefore, a 90° angle allows to compute the maximum safety coefficient to pick the right impact barrier.



THIS WILL GIVE YOU THE **BARRIER RESISTANCE VALUE**, BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH...

# HOW TO COMPUTE VEHICLES' IMPACT ENERGY



**WORKING WIDTH** is the space that the Impact Safety Barrier occupies in its maximum deformation when there is a collision with the calculated energy

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MEASURE  
**THE WORKING WIDTH**  
AVAILABLE FOR  
IMPACT  
SAFETY BARRIERS

4

EVALUATE THE  
**INJURY**  
**SEVERITY INDEX**

**THE INJURY SEVERITY INDECES** relate to the injury severity levels, that are influenced by the acceleration the worker on-board the material handling vehicle is exposed to in case of a collision, given the computed impact energy.



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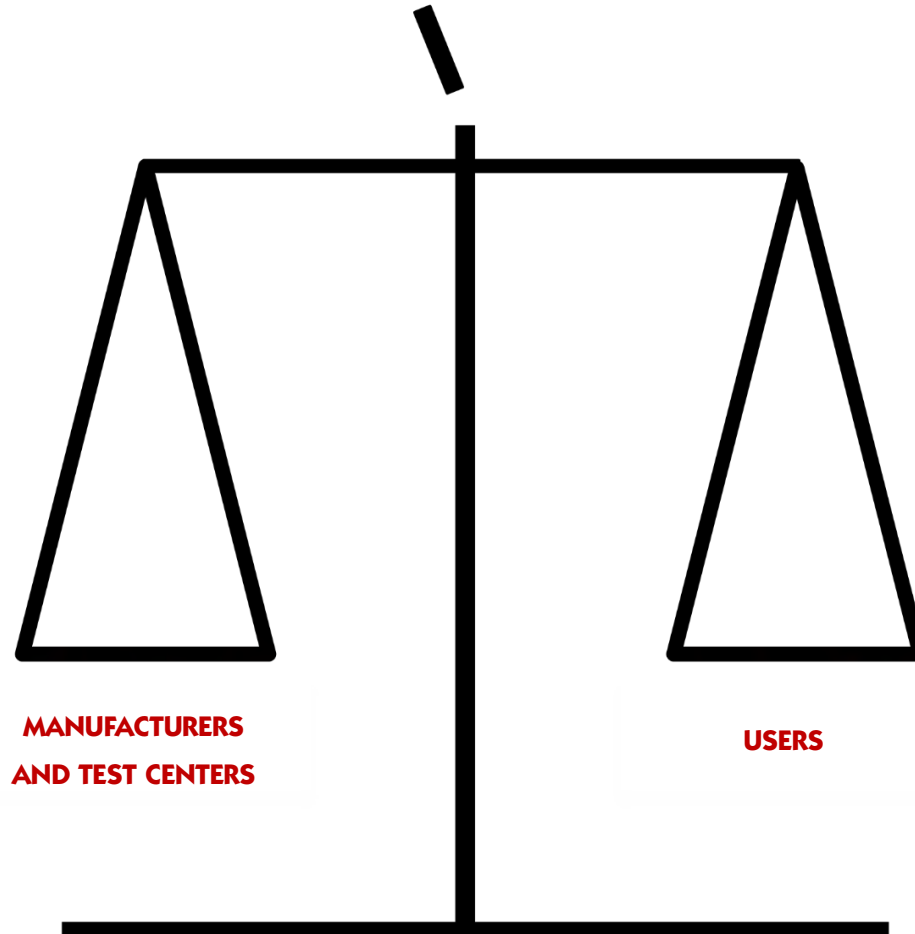
AN EFFECTIVE **RISK ASSESSMENT** TAKES EVERY DETAIL INTO ACCOUNT, FOR MAXIMUM **SAFETY**.



# WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT

## MANUFACTURERS AND TEST CENTERS

They must provide Impact Safety Systems that are validated according to parameters defined in the Specification (Specifica Tecnica) UNI 1605398 and they must state performance levels on the product' technical data sheet as established by the Norm.



## USERS

They must carry out an impact Risk Assessment about the trucks circulating in the working environment. This step is needed to identify the proper parameters to choose and install the right **IMPACT SAFETY BARRIERS** in the working environment, following the Technical Report (Rapporto Tecnico) UNI 1604054.

# IMPACT SAFETY BARRIER FOR SAFETY AT THE WORKPLACE

IF THEY ARE ADEQUATELY DESIGNED, SELECTED AND INSTALLED.



- ▶ **THEY PROTECT** WORKERS PASSING BY OR AT THEIR POSTS IN ALL AREAS WHERE TRUCKS ARE CIRCULATING
- ▶ **THEY PROTECT** TRUCK DRIVERS IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENTAL CRASH
- ▶ THEY ARE **A VALUABLE BUSINESS ASSET**, AN INVESTMENT THAT PAYS OFF IN THE SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM ALREADY

# IMPACT SAFETY BARRIER FOR THE BUSINESS' ASSETS

IF THEY ARE ADEQUATELY DESIGNED, SELECTED AND INSTALLED.



- ▶ **THEY PROTECT** OTHER VALUABLE BUSINESS ASSETS, SO INVESTMENTS PLANS ARE NOT AFFECTED BY ACCIDENTAL CRASHES
- ▶ **THEY ALLOW** TO AVOID ASSETS REPARATION COSTS AND ALL COSTS RELATED TO DOWNTIME, SHOULD THE PLANT STOP BECAUSE OF AN ACCIDENTAL CRASH
- ▶ THEY ARE **A VALUABLE BUSINESS ASSET**, AN INVESTMENT THAT PAYS OFF IN THE SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM ALREADY

# THE RULES OF THE GAME

Here is a testimony from the book «**THE RULES OF THE GAME**», which is not about the UNI's history, but rather an introduction to the logic, the **VALUES** and the opportunities that are implicitly contained in technical norms, so that they can become **A COMMON ASSET TO SOCIETY**.

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It is an important commitment to develop technical norms: you commit to share and discuss your own experiences, point of views and standards with an extended audience including all stakeholders, also your own competitors, and that is not always easy.

But the advantages you can gain yourself by sticking to a technical standard on a voluntary basis are so many more with respect to a closed-minded attitude, in which each one protects their own business secrets.

**Piero Torretta**  
*UNI President*

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