

ANNEX A

DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term or abbreviation	Explanation
• Accident Severity	The severity of the most seriously injured casualty in the accident
• Central Reserve	The strip of land (may be grassed) between two opposing carriageways
• Concrete Safety Barrier	An installation provided for the protection of users of the highway which is continuously in contact with its supporting foundation.
• Crossover Accident	An accident in which one or more vehicle leaves the carriageway on the offside, and enters the opposing carriageway
• DfT	Department for Transport
• Fatal Accident	An accident in which at least one person is killed (but excluding confirmed suicides) within 30 days of the occurrence of the accident.
• Fatal Files	A police accident report concerning a fatal accident
• Fatal Injury	Human casualties who sustained injuries which caused death less than 30 days after the accident
• Great Britain	England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales
• HA	Highways Agency
• Higher Containment	A safety fence or barrier that has been impact tested to and complies with H1, H2 or H3 containment level requirements in BSEN1317, parts 1 and 2 (see Table 2).
• HVCB	Higher vertical concrete barrier - A concrete barrier with a vertical face, 1.2m in height
• Major Roads	Include motorways and all class 'A' roads. These roads usually have high traffic flows and are often the main arteries to major destinations.'
• Normal Containment	A safety fence or barrier that has been impact tested to and complies with N1 or N2 containment level requirements in BSEN1317, parts 1 and 2 (see Table 2).
• OBB	Open box beam safety fence
• Safety Fence	An installation provided for the protection of users of the highway consisting of horizontal members mounted on posts
• Serious Accident	An accident in which at least one person is seriously injured but no person (other than a confirmed suicide) is killed
• Serious Injury	An injury for which a person is detained in hospital as an 'in-patient', or any of the following injuries whether or not they are detained in hospital; fractures, concussion, internal injuries, crushings, burns (excluding friction burns), severe cuts and lacerations, severe general shock requiring medical treatment, injuries causing death 30 or more days after the accident
• Service Life	The period of time for which an element will continue to perform as intended, operating under design conditions, subject to maintenance in accordance with the manufacturer's written recommendations.
• Slight Accident	An accident in which at least one person is slightly injured but no person (other than a confirmed suicide) is killed
• Slight Injury	An injury of a minor character such as sprain, bruises or cut not judged to be severe, or slight shock requiring roadside attention. This definition includes injuries not requiring medical attention
• STATS19	A reporting system in operation in Great Britain for the collection of information at fatal, serious, and slight accidents; organised by the DTLR.
• TCB	Tensioned corrugated beam safety fence
• Terminal	The treatment of the beginning and/or end of a safety fence or barrier. In addition it can provide an anchorage for the system.
• Transition	The interface between two safety fences or barriers of different cross-sections or different lateral stiffness, where containment shall be continuous.
• VCB	Vertical concrete barrier - A concrete barrier with a vertical traffic face, 0.8m in height
• Vehicle Restraint System	System installed on the road to provide a level of containment for an errant vehicle
• Very High Containment	A safety fence or barrier that has been impact tested to and complies with H4a or H4b containment level requirements in BSEN1317, parts 1 and 2 (see Table 2).
• VRMA	Vehicle Restraint and Manufacturers' Association
• WLC	Whole Life Cost: provides a method by which alternative solutions to a project can be compared, in financial terms, over the total life of a structure
• WRSF	Wire rope safety fence