


# Speed hump tester



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# Catalogue of speed humps

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# Types of speed humps



Katalog	Typegodkendte fartdæmpere		
Bumpe type	Modificeret sinusbump	Rev. januar 2004	
Ønsket hastighed	50 km/h	Passagehastighed tunge køretøjer	35 km/h Bilag nr. 3-1

Modificeret sinusbump 50 km/h

Bumpelængde (m)	0,00	0,25	0,50	0,75	1,00	1,25	1,50	1,75	2,00	2,25	2,50	2,75	3,00	3,25	3,50	3,75	4,00	4,25	4,50	4,75
Bumpeshøjde (mm)	0	7	13	20	28	34	41	48	55	61	68	75	82	89	96	103	110	117	124	131
Pos. Tolerance for ikke-ansat bump (mm)	+10	+15	+21	+28	+35	+41	+48	+55	+61	+68	+75	+82	+89	+96	+103	+110	+117	+124	+131	+138
Neg. Tolerance for ikke-ansat bump (mm)	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-10	-11	-12	-13	-14	-15	-16	-17	-18	-19

Katalog	Typegodkendte fartdæmpere		
Bumpe type	Trapezbumpe	Rev. januar 2004	
Ønsket hastighed	20 km/h	Passagehastighed tunge køretøjer	< 5 km/h Bilag nr. 4-1

Trapezbumpe 20 km/h Rumpelængde 140 cm

Bumpelængde (m)	0,00	0,25	0,50	0,75	1,00	1,25	1,50	1,75	2,00	2,25	2,50	2,75	3,00	3,25	3,50	3,75	4,00	4,25	4,50	4,75
Bumpeshøjde (mm)	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	130	120	110	100	90
Pos. Tolerance for ikke-ansat bump (mm)	+10	+15	+21	+28	+35	+41	+48	+55	+61	+68	+75	+82	+89	+96	+103	+110	+117	+124	+131	+138
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Katalog	Typegodkendte fartdæmpere		
Bumpe type	Præfabrikeret permanent bump: vejbumpe dk / Type 40	Rev. januar 2004	
Ønsket hastighed	40 km/h	Passagehastighed tunge køretøjer	25 km/h Bilag nr. 5-6

ALLE MÅL I MM.

EX. PÅ SAMLET VEJBUMPE

Tolerance (for konstruktion) / toleration (for fast konstruktion) (mm)

Katalog	Typegodkendte fartdæmpere		
Bumpe type	Pukkbumpe	Rev. januar 2004	
Ønsket hastighed	50 km/h	Passagehastighed tunge køretøjer	35 km/h Bilag nr. 5-1

Pukkbumpe skal anbringes som skråstribede bumps med A 30 'Bump' og B 32 'Bump'. Vejregulering for afmærkning med færdselsmærker og vejregulering for færdselsafmærkning. Af hensyn til motorcyklisternes sikkerhed skal pukkbumpe placeres mindst 25 m fra vejkanten.

Bumpelængde (m)	0,00	0,25	0,50	0,75	1,00	1,25	1,50	1,75	2,00	2,25	2,50	2,75	3,00	3,25	3,50	3,75	4,00	4,25	4,50	4,75
Bumpeshøjde (mm)	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	130	120	110	100	90

Tolerance ± 5 mm

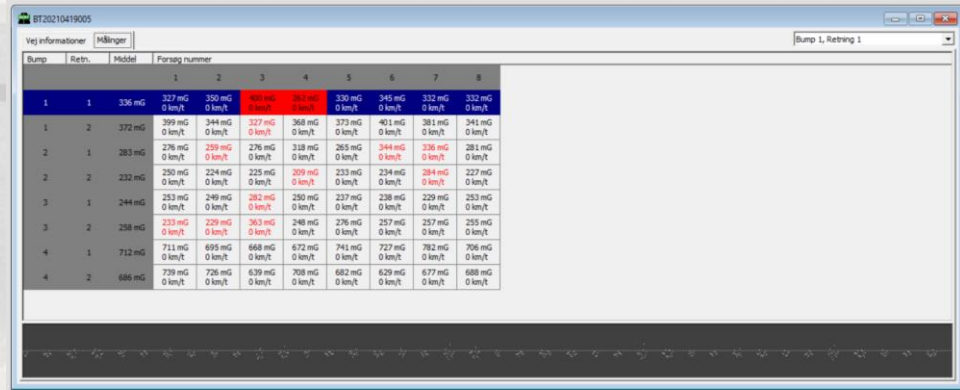


# Impact on the driver

- The Road Standard for Speed Humps Chapter 2 Paragraph 5 states that Speed humps shall be designed in such a way that:
  - (1) a driver of a passenger car when travelling at the desired speed and a driver of a heavy vehicle when passing at the desired speed minus 15 km/h are subjected to vertical acceleration of 0,65 to 0,75 times the acceleration of gravity G; and
  - 2) The vertical acceleration is increasing with increasing speed.

# Current equipment

- To control if a speed hump fulfills this requirement, the DRD is operating a measurement setup consisting of a reference vehicle (VW Passat stationwagon) and a measurement equipment.
- This measurement equipment is an accelerometer that is mounted on the chest of the test driver (me). It measures the vertical acceleration experienced by the driver while passing the speed hump.
- The data recording is activated by the operator by pressing a button right before and after each passage of the speed hump. The “repeatability” of the equipment requires that the tested speed hump is being measured 8 to 10 times before a valid value for the acceleration has been determined by the equipment.

Bump	Retn.	Middel	Forsøg nummer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	1	327 mg 0 km/t	350 mg 0 km/t	361 mg 0 km/t	363 mg 0 km/t	330 mg 0 km/t	345 mg 0 km/t	332 mg 0 km/t	332 mg 0 km/t	332 mg 0 km/t	332 mg 0 km/t
1	2	372 mg 0 km/t	399 mg 0 km/t	344 mg 0 km/t	327 mg 0 km/t	368 mg 0 km/t	373 mg 0 km/t	421 mg 0 km/t	381 mg 0 km/t	341 mg 0 km/t	341 mg 0 km/t
2	1	276 mg 0 km/t	283 mg 0 km/t	259 mg 0 km/t	276 mg 0 km/t	318 mg 0 km/t	265 mg 0 km/t	344 mg 0 km/t	236 mg 0 km/t	281 mg 0 km/t	281 mg 0 km/t
2	2	232 mg 0 km/t	250 mg 0 km/t	224 mg 0 km/t	225 mg 0 km/t	259 mg 0 km/t	233 mg 0 km/t	254 mg 0 km/t	284 mg 0 km/t	227 mg 0 km/t	227 mg 0 km/t
3	1	244 mg 0 km/t	253 mg 0 km/t	249 mg 0 km/t	282 mg 0 km/t	250 mg 0 km/t	237 mg 0 km/t	238 mg 0 km/t	229 mg 0 km/t	253 mg 0 km/t	253 mg 0 km/t
3	2	258 mg 0 km/t	233 mg 0 km/t	229 mg 0 km/t	263 mg 0 km/t	248 mg 0 km/t	276 mg 0 km/t	257 mg 0 km/t	257 mg 0 km/t	255 mg 0 km/t	255 mg 0 km/t
4	1	712 mg 0 km/t	711 mg 0 km/t	695 mg 0 km/t	668 mg 0 km/t	672 mg 0 km/t	741 mg 0 km/t	727 mg 0 km/t	782 mg 0 km/t	756 mg 0 km/t	756 mg 0 km/t
4	2	686 mg 0 km/t	739 mg 0 km/t	726 mg 0 km/t	639 mg 0 km/t	708 mg 0 km/t	682 mg 0 km/t	629 mg 0 km/t	677 mg 0 km/t	688 mg 0 km/t	688 mg 0 km/t

# Development of new equipment

- Over the years, we have discovered that certain hump types exist, where the measurements show vertical accelerations well within the allowed range, but where the driver still gets a very unpleasant experience when passing the speed hump. So, a suspicion slowly built up, that the vertical acceleration may not be enough to describe the discomfort experienced by the driver of the passing car.
- Therefore, the Danish Road Directorate in collaboration with the Danish Technological Institute have developed a new measurement equipment for this purpose.



# Description of the new equipment

- The idea of the new equipment is that we can now apart from the vertical acceleration also measure the vertical jerk (the rate of change of acceleration). This jerk is a main component in the discomfort you feel when passing a speed hump (or a pothole or some other obstacle in the road).
- The new system consists of a tablet with dedicated software for hump measurement,
- an accelerometer,
- a GPS,
- and a button for activating data recording.
- The new system is mounted on the headrest of the driver's seat in our reference car.





# Description of the new equipment

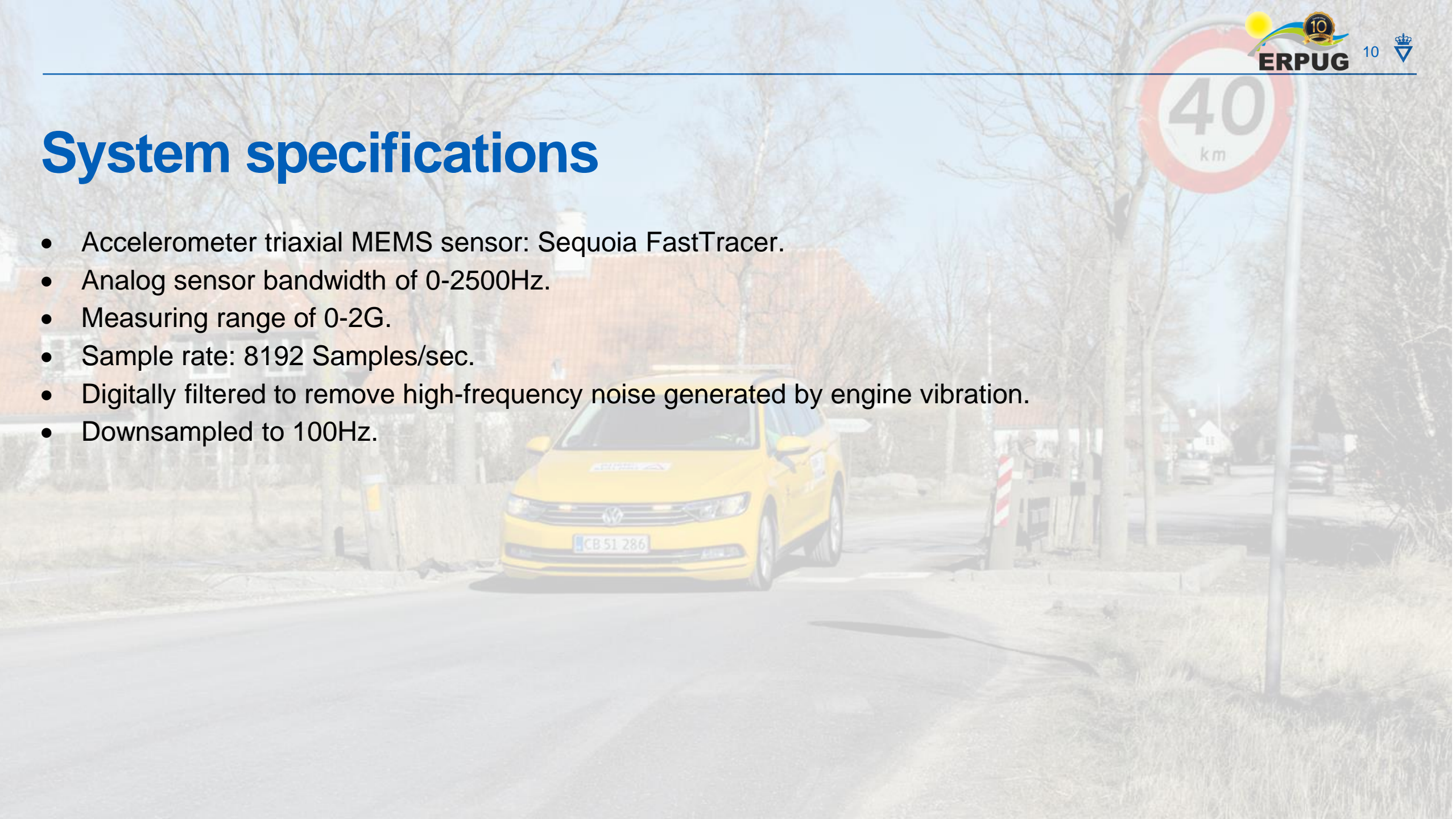
## Parameters:

- Vertical acceleration
- Vertical jerk
- Speed
- Position



# System specifications

- Accelerometer triaxial MEMS sensor: Sequoia FastTracer.
- Analog sensor bandwidth of 0-2500Hz.
- Measuring range of 0-2G.
- Sample rate: 8192 Samples/sec.
- Digitally filtered to remove high-frequency noise generated by engine vibration.
- Downsampled to 100Hz.



# Measurement procedure

- For each crossing, the system finds the maximum vertical acceleration,
- Based on the same principle, the mean value of the maximum vertical jerk is calculated.
- If individual crossings differ significantly from the others, these are sorted out
- The repeatability of the new equipment is also better, so that we now typically will need only around 3-5 passings
- With the new system hump recording can now be activated in 3 ways:
  - Auto: Automatically detects levels above the limit value
  - Manual single: Press once when the bump is hit
  - Manual: Press before and after the bump

# Setup screen

Sensor check | Testparametre | Kalibrering | **Avancerede indstillinger**

Manuel indtastning | EFS fil

Operatør*	Vej Nr.	Antal bump*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Rekvirent	Vejnavn*	Hastighed (km/t)*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="40"/>
	Fra Beskrivelse*	Hastighedsafvigelse (km/t)*
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>
	Til Beskrivelse*	
	<input type="text"/>	
	Side*	
	<input type="text" value="H+V"/>	
Kommentar		
<input type="text"/>		

Næste

Start | Trigger Mode:  | Threshold:  | Exit



# Measurement screen

- Press "Start" to activate the accelerometer.
- Bump recording can be activated in 3 ways, which are selected using "Trigger Mode":
  - Auto: Automatically detects levels above the limit value
  - Manual single: Press once when the bump is hit
  - Manual: Press before and after the bump

The green button facilitates operation while driving. In Manual modes it is used for starting, starting/stopping bump recording, in auto mode it starts and stops the accelerometer, and can be used to pause the measurement during reversal and similar maneuvers.

Indicates the bump you are heading for

The background color changes to green at proper speed

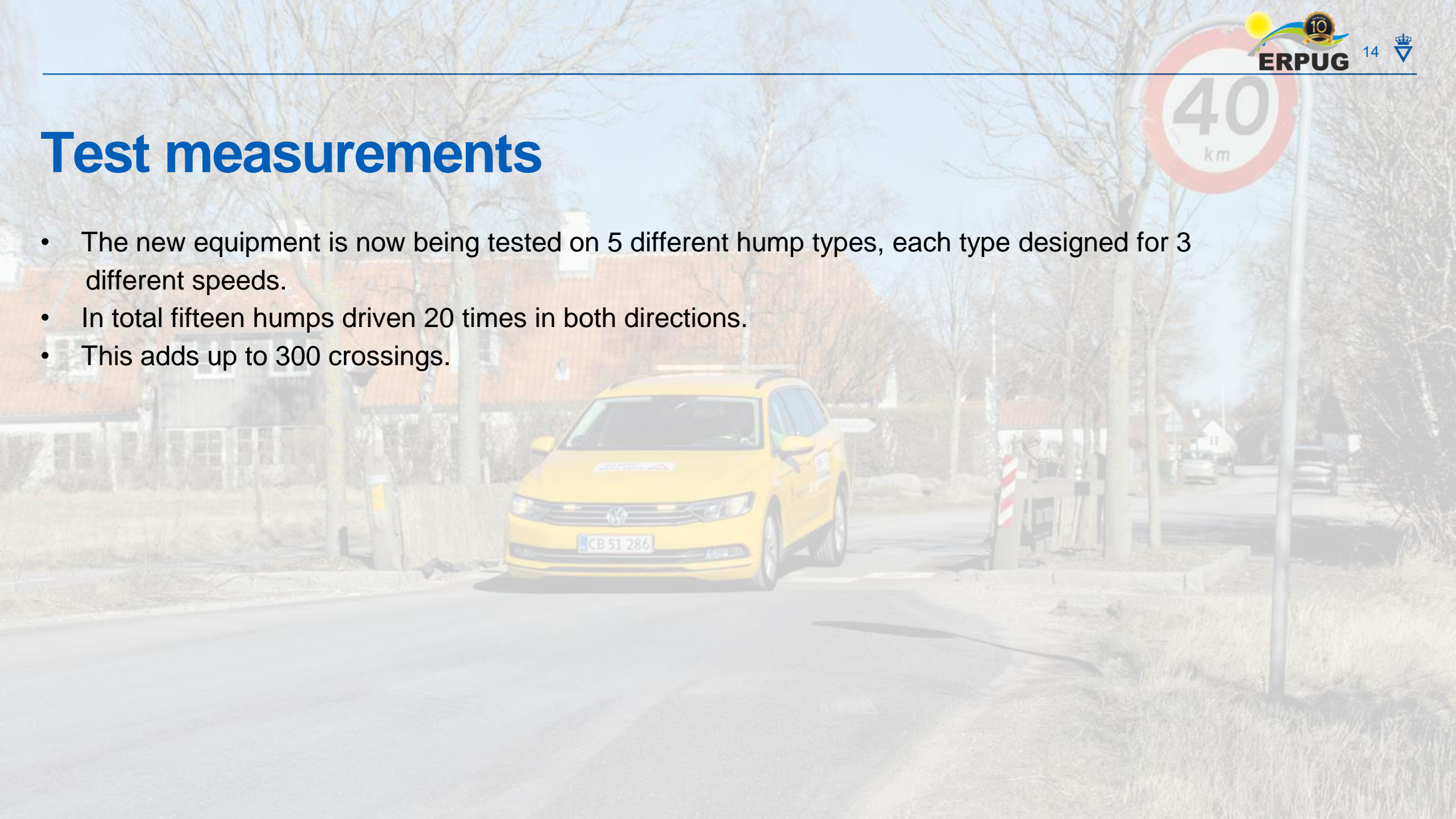
Increases by 1 each time a measurement is performed

Lights up when there is sufficient data for that bump. Adapts to dynamic number of bumps.

Use this button to start all over again

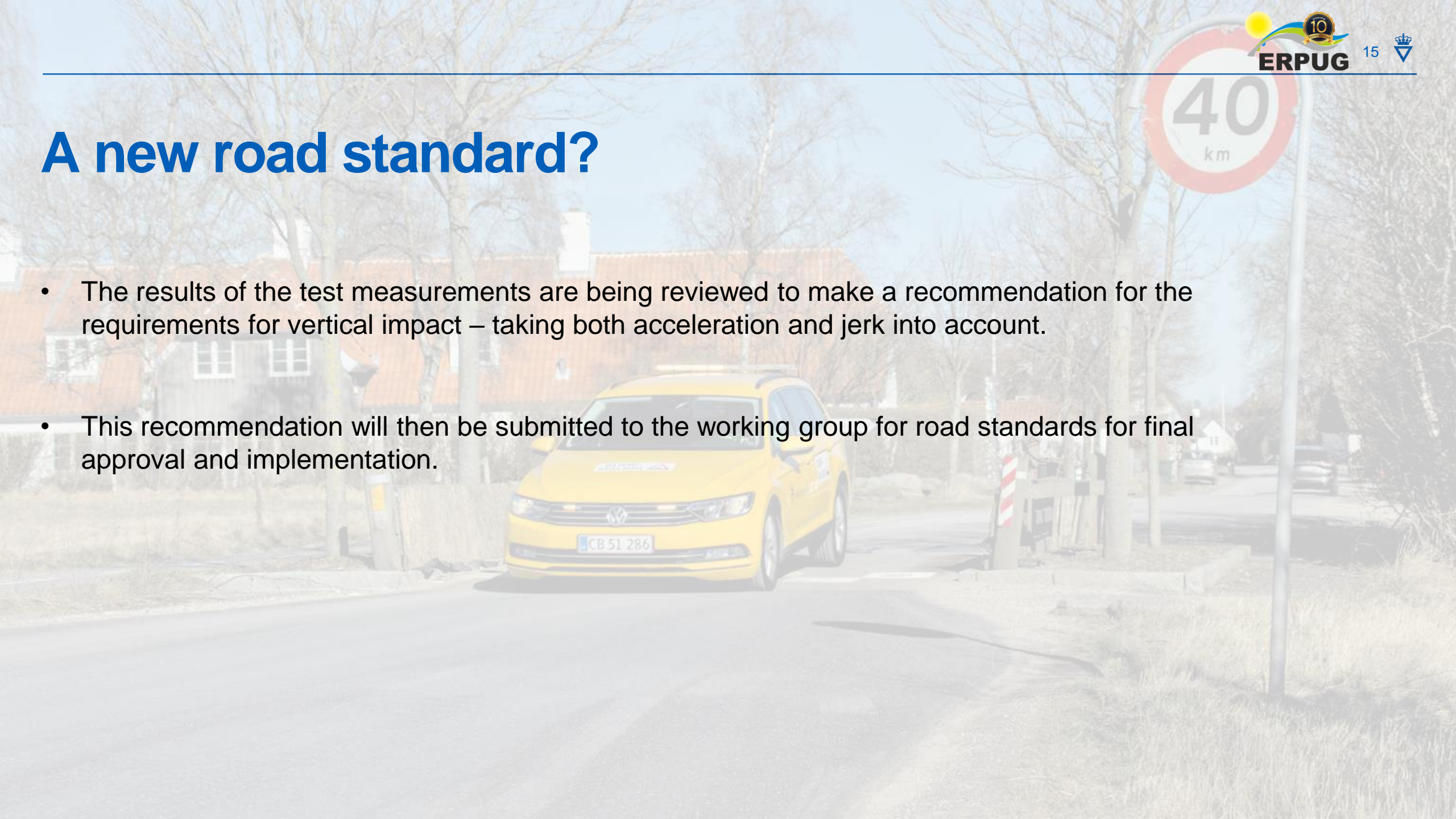
# Test measurements

- The new equipment is now being tested on 5 different hump types, each type designed for 3 different speeds.
- In total fifteen humps driven 20 times in both directions.
- This adds up to 300 crossings.



# A new road standard?

- The results of the test measurements are being reviewed to make a recommendation for the requirements for vertical impact – taking both acceleration and jerk into account.
- This recommendation will then be submitted to the working group for road standards for final approval and implementation.



Thank you for your attention!

