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Foreword

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This Published Document gives non-contradictory, complementary information for use in the UK with [BS EN 40-3-1](#) and [BS EN 40-3-3](#).

Information about this document

This is a full revision of the document, and introduces the following principal changes:

- corrections to R_{wf} table in [Annex B](#);
- addition of a standard flange plate design method;
- addition of a fatigue assessment method for steel products;
- guidance on future proofing lighting columns for Smart Cities and Internet of Things (IoT);
- guidance on typical weight and wind areas for different lighting column attachments;
- considerations when retrofitting attachments to lighting columns;
- considerations when retrofitting lighting columns for electric vehicle (EV) charging points;
- explanation of the original derivation of the R_{wf} values;
- guidance and figures showing various typical foundations arrangements;
- introduction of the *in crée* and *Norsa* method of design for foundations for lighting columns; and
- structural assessment of cable slots.

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1 Scope

This Published Document gives guidance and background information to specifiers and manufacturers of lighting columns on the use of [BS EN 40-3-1](#) and [BS EN 40-3-3](#), which specify the design of lighting columns. In particular, it gives guidance on the information which the specifier is required to give to the manufacturer to allow a suitable lighting column to be designed, such as the topography factor, site wind speed, site altitude and terrain category, which are used to determine the design wind pressure.

This Published Document provides additional guidance, not included within the scope of [BS EN 40](#), on the design and fitting attachments to lighting columns, steel fatigue design checks, lighting column foundation designs and the installation of lighting columns on site.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions, or limits the application, of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

Standards publications

[BS EN 40-1:1992](#), *Lighting columns. Definitions and terms*

[BS EN 40-3-1:2013](#), *Lighting columns. Design and verification. Specification for characteristic load*

[BS EN 40-3-3](#), *Lighting columns. Design and verification. Verification by calculation*

[BS EN 1991-1-4:2005+A1:2010](#), *Eurocode 1 – Actions on structures. Part 1-4: General actions – Wind actions*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document the terms and definitions given in [BS EN 40-1:1992](#), [BS EN 40-3-1:2013](#) and [BS EN 1991-1-4:2005+A1:2010](#) and the following apply.

3.1.1 administrative authority

national, regional or local government public body, but equally a private or corporate organization, for whom multiple lighting column installations are specified and installed

3.1.2 anchorage

interface between the holding down stud and the foundation medium through which the stud forces pass to the foundation

3.1.3 anchor plate

steel plate connected to the lower end of the holding down studs to form an anchor in the concrete foundation

NOTE Typically, a single plate connected to all the studs.

3.1.4 cast-in socket

internally threaded socket connector for anchoring holding down bolts in a flanged lighting column connection