Revision of ASEP
Considerations for Future Steps
Enhancement of the presentation from Germany
Most vehicles are absolutely of no concern. However, a few vehicles generate sound which can become a concern for some people. Trade-off between “likes” for sound and “dislikes”.

Traffic Noise

Link to health problems

Traffic Volume Generated

Single Event Generated

Annoyance

\( L_{eq} \)

Road Quality

Infrastructure

Traffic Management

Vehicle Average Sound Emission

Noise abatement address primarily \( L_{eq} \) related noise. Investigations are available on the health impact of loud PERMANENT sound immission. Reduction of vehicle sound emissions, especially for passenger car powertrain sound, have a limited contribution on this noise.

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Driving Behaviour

Manipulation and Maintenance

Aftermarket

Motorcycles and Vehicles

The public has now the tendency to correlate health issues with single events.
Situation on Single Events

- Most passenger vehicles are designed to meet comfort expectations, therefore the vehicle manufacturer and customer have the same interest as the noise legislation goals – be as quiet as possible. These vehicles are not capable of annoyance, except when driven recklessly.

- However, a significant part of the driving society enjoy sound feedback from their vehicles. Electronic sound production devices are now available at mass market cost to enhance the natural sound of vehicles.

- This technology was originally very expensive, because the technical realization was difficult and the necessary electronic equipment added high costs. But, what was available for few exclusive products, is now emerging to the whole market.

- For customers who value expressive sound, the original sound idea “feedback on driving” turned to customer expectation for a “loud sound whenever feasible”.

- It is necessary to consider how the new Regulations UN R51.03 and R59.02, including ASEP, are able to control this technology. If necessary, additional requirements need to be introduced.
The Market of Sound for Single Events

Original Equipment
UN R51.02 / UN R51.03 APPROVALS

Aftermarket

Manipulation
Triangle cut-outs

OR...

OR...

OR...

Maxhaust Soundbooster Porsche Macan S Diesel mit Sportabgasanlage inkl. App-Steuerung
E-Mail an einen Freund

Liefert auf Lager

499,00 €
inkl. 19% MwSt. zzgl. Versandkosten

Fake Approval

ILLEGAL
Extreme Sound Tackled By UN R51.03

Example for a WOT sound emission of an extreme vehicle, approved under R51.02, tested under the ASEP conditions of UN R51.03

What was legal under UN R 51.02 will no longer be approved under R51.03

5th gear (gear i+1): not addressed by ASEP, but often used in real traffic (speed range 40km/h to 70 km/h)

All points have to be below this borderline

UN R51.03 Annex 3 relevant gear: 4th gear
Environmental Complaints

- In prior years, people did not complain about loud vehicles; instead, people complained about extreme driving styles.
- This was because a high sound output was only possible, when the driver was choosing unnecessary high engine speeds and loads.
- Today, vehicles can be extremely loud, even when following the normal traffic flow.
- Consequently, people start to complain about products and not as much the driving style.

Public Reaction

➢ The emissions scandals have resulted in new approaches in the field of environmental legislation.

➢ In Europe, RDE – Real Driving Emissions – will be introduced to overcome differences in emissions on a test bench compared to real life driving.

➢ Many people request that this kind of concept should be extended to the field of sound emission.

➢ The EU announced, that RDN – Real Driving Noise – will be considered, after RDE is fully established.

➢ However, with R51.03:

➢ the sound is controlled in an extended area, targeting urban and suburban driving, including aggressive driving behavior.

➢ exterior sound emission is measured under real environmental conditions.

Isn’t ASEP already a kind of RDN?
UN R51.03 ASEP – Already a Big Improvement

- UN R51.03 ASEP is already a big improvement compared to UN Regulation R51.02, but:
  - The UN Regulation R51.03 has just started; thus products approved according to R51.03 have not yet arrived to the market on a large scale.
  - Many manufacturers, and especially aftermarket, will use the old R51.02 approvals up to the maximum possible application date in 2022.

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[Graph showing SPL vs. Vehicle Speed for UN R51.02 and UN R51.03]

For these areas are commonly understood provisions available.
ASEP– Current Situation

- ASEP is already a big improvement compared to UN Regulation R51.02, but;

- ASEP is not yet fully developed for a market, where competition and customer expectations drive OE and aftermarket manufacturer to more and more extreme solutions.

- ASEP should be revised with a concept, where the sound output is linked to the driving performance. This would follow the physical principles and meet fair customer expectations.
**“Slope-Assessment” – Current Situation**

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## “$L_{\text{urban}}$ – Assessment” – Current Situation

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<td>Simple speed compensation</td>
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<td>Assessment is sensitive to actual measured acceleration – if you don’t make acceleration, but only make sound, you get a high result.</td>
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<td>Performance based and design neutral</td>
<td>Limitation concept more difficult to understand</td>
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Potential Sound Emission Goals for an ASEP Revision

- “Zero”-Emission of sound is not a suitable goal; in difference to other environmental fields, sound (or controlled emission) is an essential part of life.
- Sound is necessary for safety reasons ➔ UN R28 and UN R138
- Sound influences our senses and conveys important information.

Sound should follow physics – More power generation and higher vehicle speeds result in more sound.

In this manner, sound conveys necessary information to the driver, pedestrians, and other road users.
The “v x a”-Performance of a Vehicle in Real Traffic

ASEP does already target to a five time higher performance range compared to the WLTP. However, does ASEP really address the real driving?
What is the performance of a vehicle in real traffic

Regardless of the vehicle type and its power, a normal driving style can be characterized, by the orange curve. Under normal driving this curve is sometimes exceeded, but rarely.

The second example shows, that even high performance vehicles are driven almost the same way as normal cars.

However, high performance cars allow to drive more extreme, so that their driving performance can be much higher. But, full throttle at low speeds in low gears is even with aggressive driving not given.
The WLTC performance V x A covers almost all driving events of normal driving.

The ASEP border covers even more than 95% of ANY driving styles in ANY speed ranges with even far more than 120 km/h.

It is not necessary to extend the performance area, it is more efficient to consider how that performance area is controlled.

A performance concept v x a similar to the emission field might help to control more efficient and fair, the sound of vehicles.
Conclusions

- Most of the vehicles on our streets are of no concern.
- The R51.03 ASEP will already restrict the sound emission to a large extent.
- Driving behaviour, manipulation, aftermarket and extreme designs require new regulatory solutions.
  - **It is important to consider how to make products more safe against manipulation.**
- Lower noise emission limits on the sound emission for normal products will have almost no positive effect ➔ see motorcycle field.
- The R51.03 ASEP focuses on extreme driving conditions with high performance, while real driving happens at much lower performance.

A revision of ASEP should aim at

- the accelerations, gears, and speeds that are environmentally relevant; are used in traffic.
- Addresses single noise events capable of causing annoyance, which are not generated by high vehicle performance.