



SAFETY-PRODUCT

ZIPpole



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How to design safe roadsides?

In road design, allowances need to be made that can help compensate for human error, and roads and roadsides are built in such a way that their physical characteristics minimize potential harmful consequences to all.



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Vision zero: "in every situation, a person might fail, the roads system should not"

Why is there a need for forgiving roadsides?

Belgium:

35,1% of people who die in traffic,
die by driving off road.

The biggest risk to die in an accident is
by driving into an obstacle in the
roadside.

Source: BIVV, Belgian Institute for road safety, 2023

How is this in your country?



How to design safe roadsides?

How to treat obstacles close to the road?

- Create large clear zones
- Remove obstacles from the roadside
- Relocate obstacles
- Fragilize by using energy absorbing structures, use existing standards like EN12767 for products
- Isolate with a barrier, use existing standards like EN1317 for products
- Delineate

EN12767, crash test standard

HE = High Energy absorbing

NE = Non Energy absorbing or break away



How to select the right type of passive safe pole ?

Non Energy absorbing | 100NE
High Energy absorbing | 100HE

- » in case of no other road users
- » in case of stable / flat roadside
- » in case of no secondary risk
- » in case of a large clear zone



High Energy absorbing | 100HE

- » in case of other road users
- » in case of unstable roadside, ditches
- » in case of secondary risk
- » in case of a limited clear zone





How does it work?

- Bended plate(s) in elastic steel, riveted together

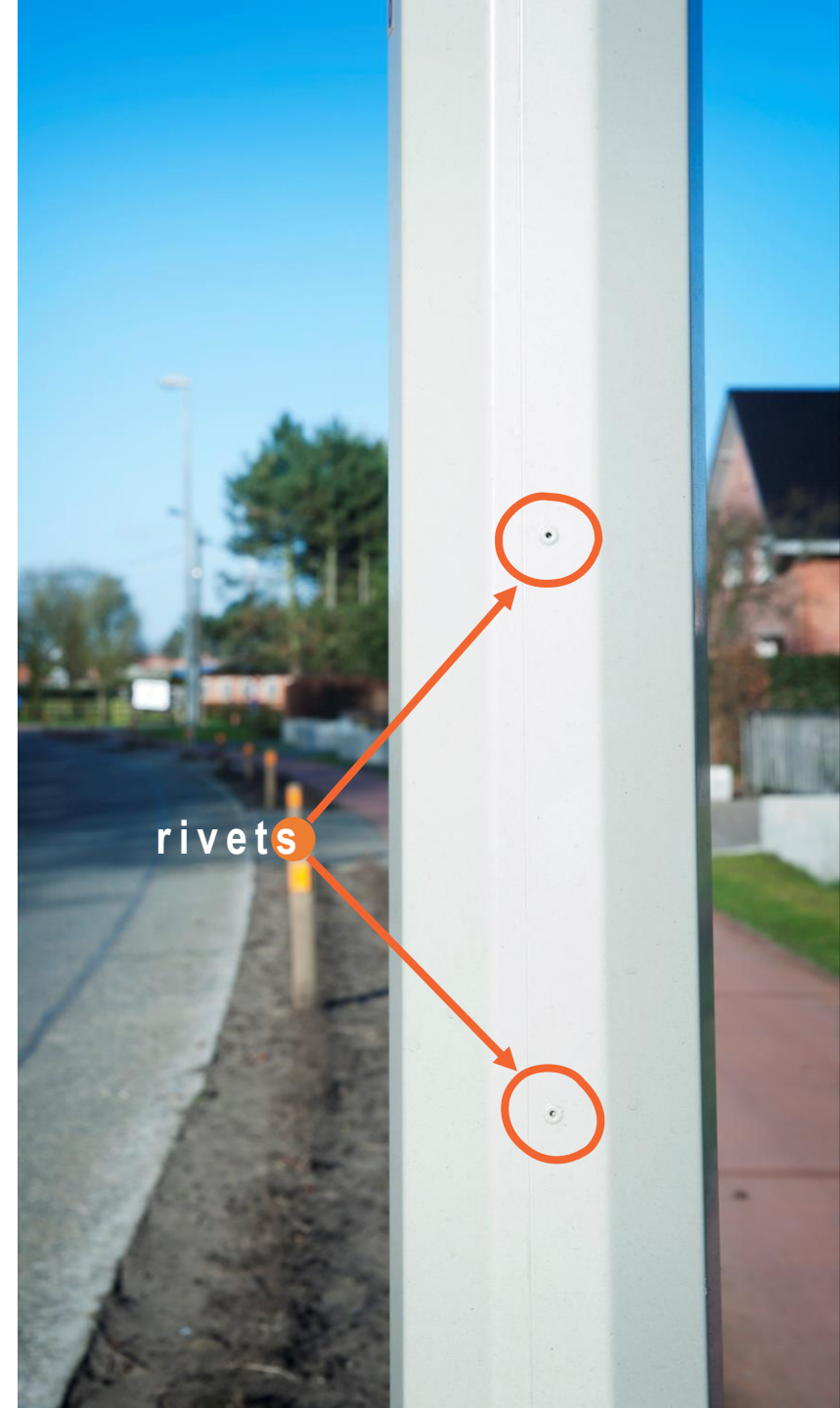
- » strong in vertical direction
- » weak in horizontal direction when hit in an impact

- The rivets collapse one by one like a ZIP

- The strong shape loses its strength and the plate bends

- The energy is absorbed by the steel resisting in bending

- The car is slowed down



EN12767, EUROPEAN STANDARD TO APPROVE PASSIVE SAFE VERTICAL ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

Table 1 – Impact speeds

Speed class in km/h	Impact speed in km/h
50	35 and 50
70	35 and 70
100	35 and 100

EN12767:2019, Table A.3 - Energy absorption categories

Impact speed, V_i	50 km/h	70 km/h	100 km/h
Energy absorption category	Exit speed, V_e Km/h		
HE	$V_e = 0$	$0 \leq V_e \leq 5$	$0 \leq V_e \leq 50$
LE	$0 \leq V_e \leq 5$	$5 \leq V_e \leq 30$	$50 \leq V_e \leq 70$
NE	$5 \leq V_e \leq 50$	$30 \leq V_e \leq 70$	$70 \leq V_e \leq 100$

$E (J) = m/2 * v^2$:

$(50^2 - 0^2)$
2500

<
<

$(70^2 - 5^2)$
4875

<
<

$(100^2 - 50^2)$
7500

EN12767

EN12767:2007

100

HE

3

EN12767:2019

100

HE

C

S

NS

MD

1



Speed class: 50 / 70 / 100

Energy absorption level: NE / LE / HE

Occupant safety level: A / B / C / D

Backfill type: S / R / X

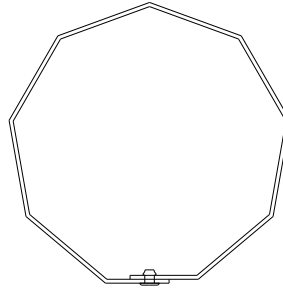
Collapse mode: NS / SE

Directional sensitivity: SD / BD / MD

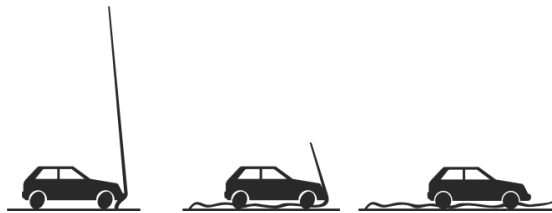
Roof indentation: 0 / 1

EN12767:2019, EUROPEAN STANDARD TO APPROVE PASSIVE SAFE VERTICAL ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

ZIPpole
Ø 260
BMC= 21.000 Nm
6-12m



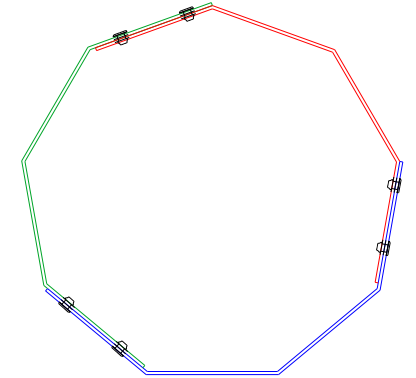
100HE/ High Energy absorbing , fixed in the ground
100-HE-C-S-NS-MD-1



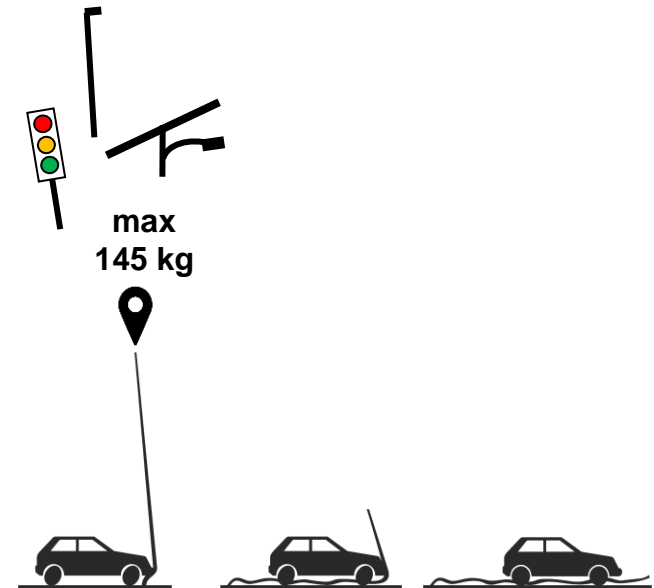
100NE/ Non Energy absorbing, not fixed in the ground
100-NE-C-S-SE-MD-1



ZIPpole 3XL
Ø 350mm
BMC= 40.000 Nm
6- 18m



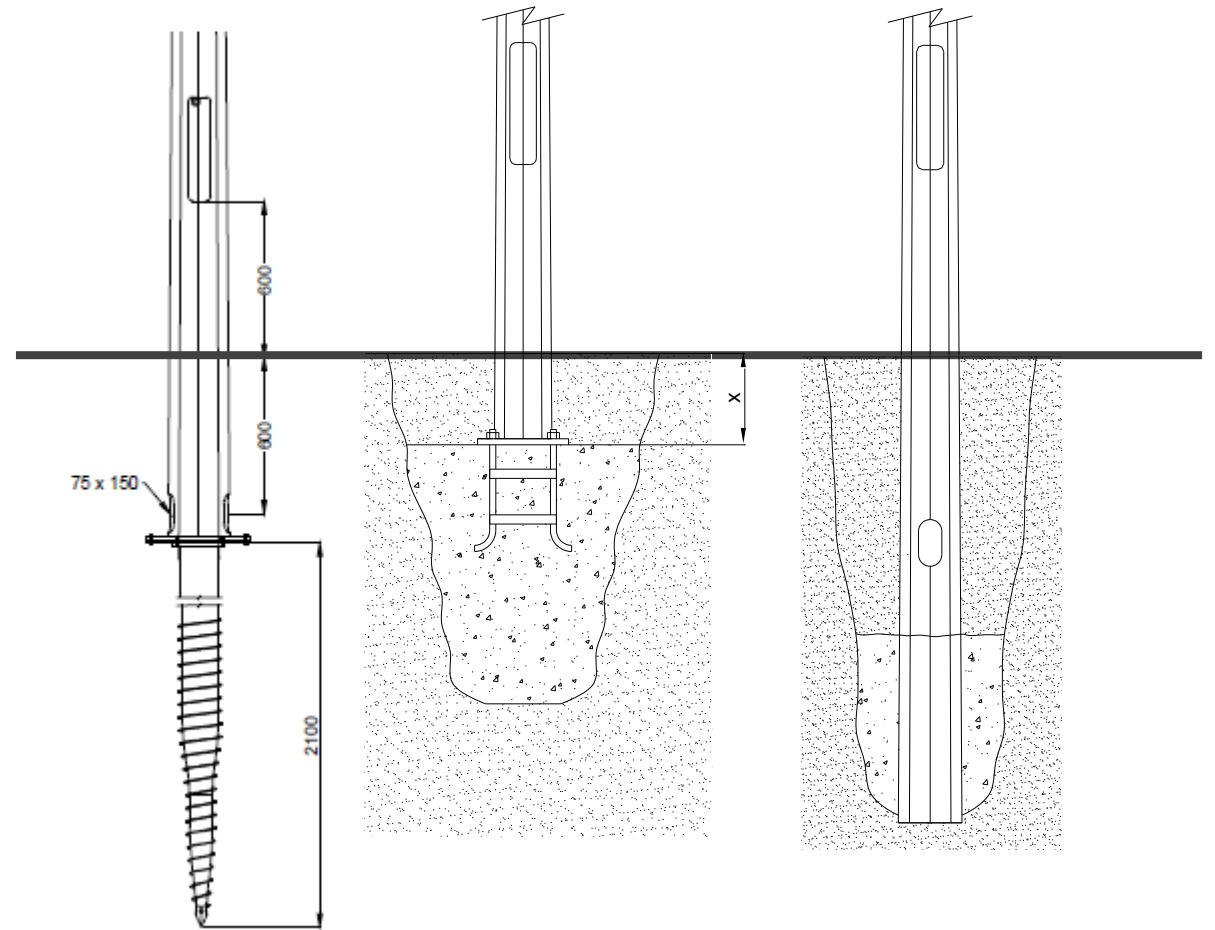
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Installation of the ZIPpole



ZIPpole, EN40 as lighting pole
EN12767, 100 High Energy absorbing
from 6m to to 12m
fixed in the ground
100-HE-C-S-NS-MD-1



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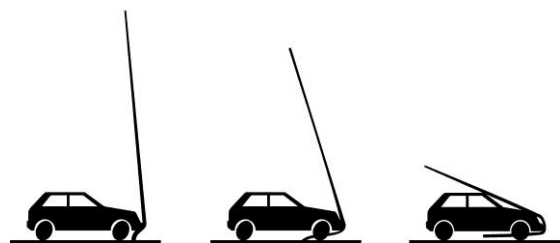
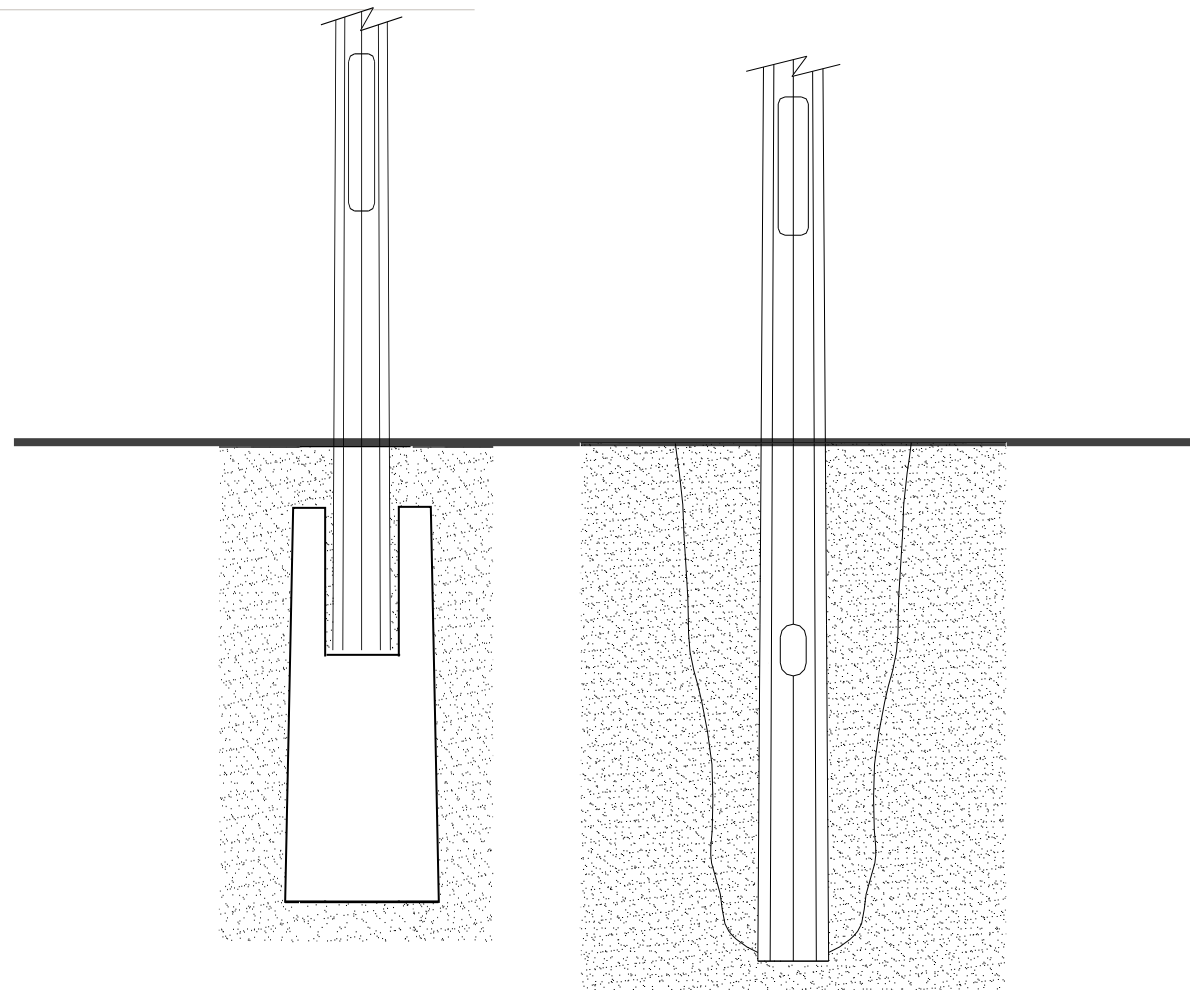
ZIPpole, EN40 as lighting pole

EN12767, 100 Non Energy absorbing

up to 12m

not fixed in the ground

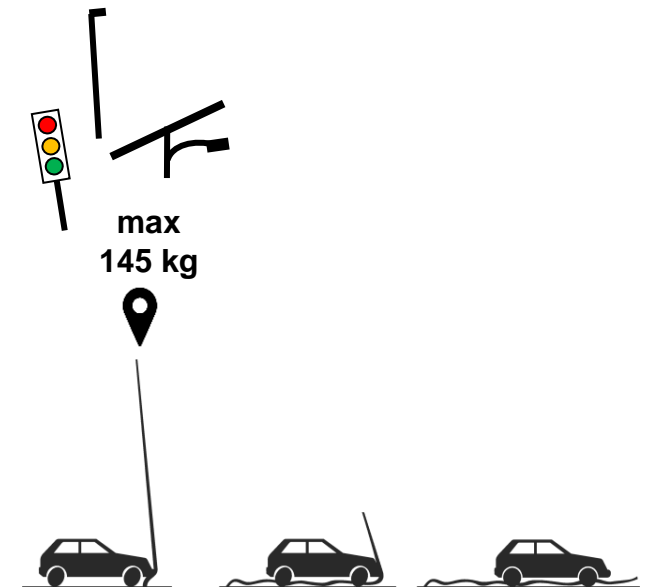
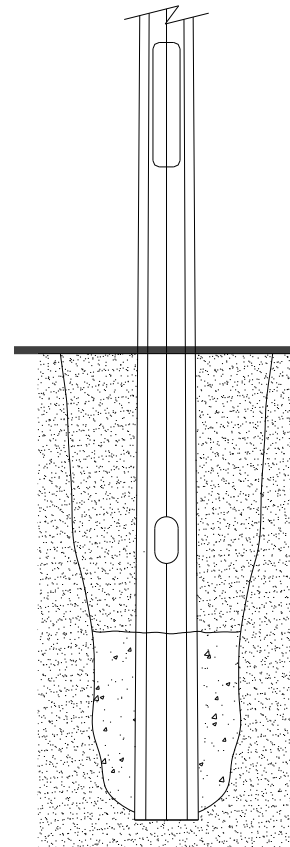
100-NE-C-S-SE-MD-1



Installation of the ZIPpole3XL

ZIPpole3XL, EN40 as lighting pole
 EN12767, 100 High Energy absorbing
 from 6m to 18m
fixed in the ground
 100-HE-E-S-NS-MD-1

for heavy load on low height, starting from 6m
 or high height up to 18m

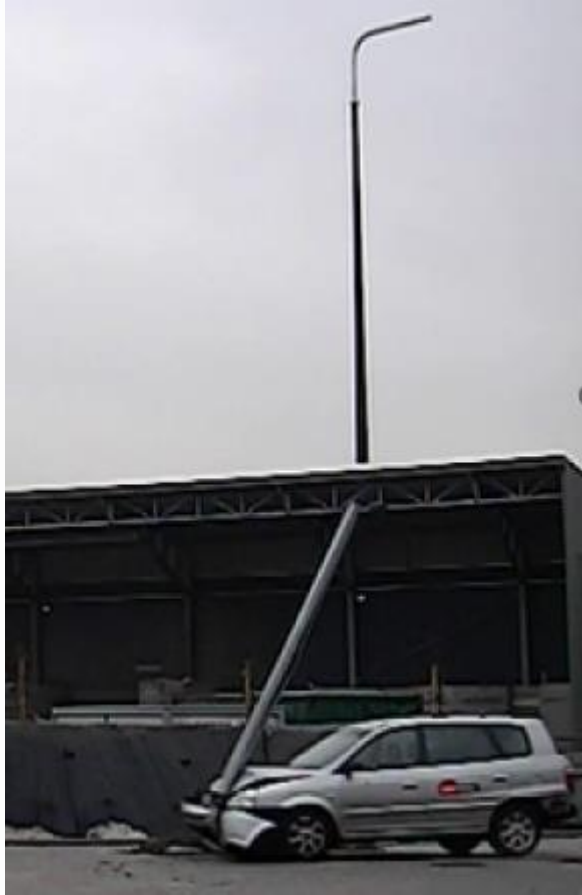


Demonstration films on www.zippole.com/crash-tests
ZIPpole



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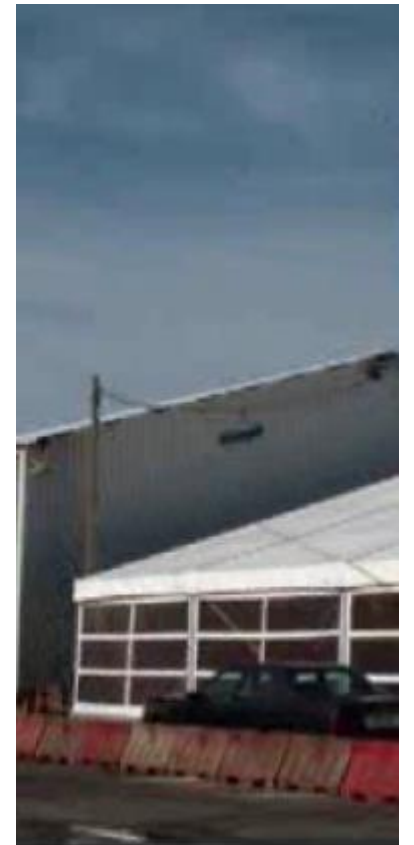
ZIPpole3XL



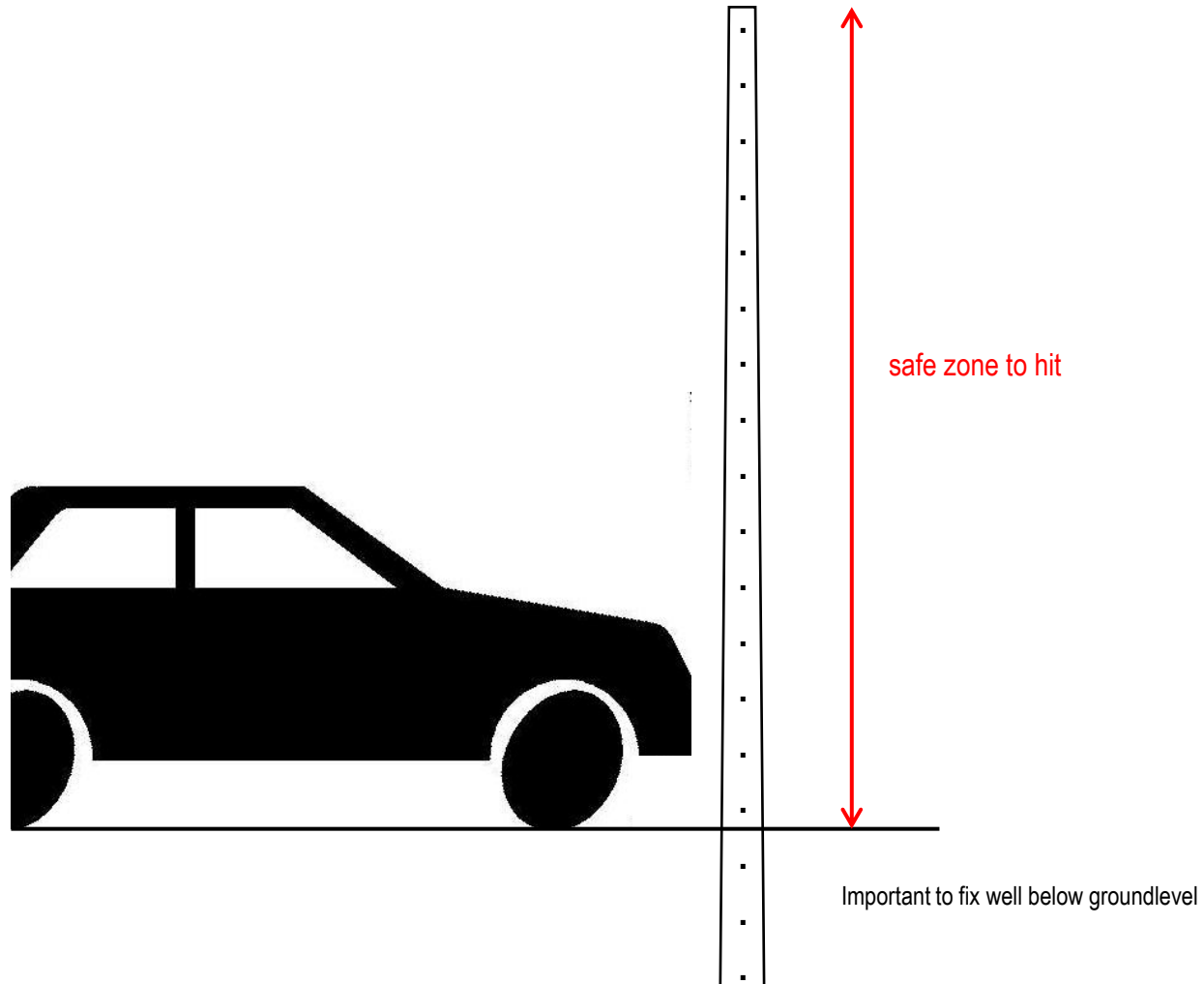
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ZIPpole or ZIPpole3XL with overhead cables



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ZIP
ZIP pole



Sideways impact into the ZIPpole.

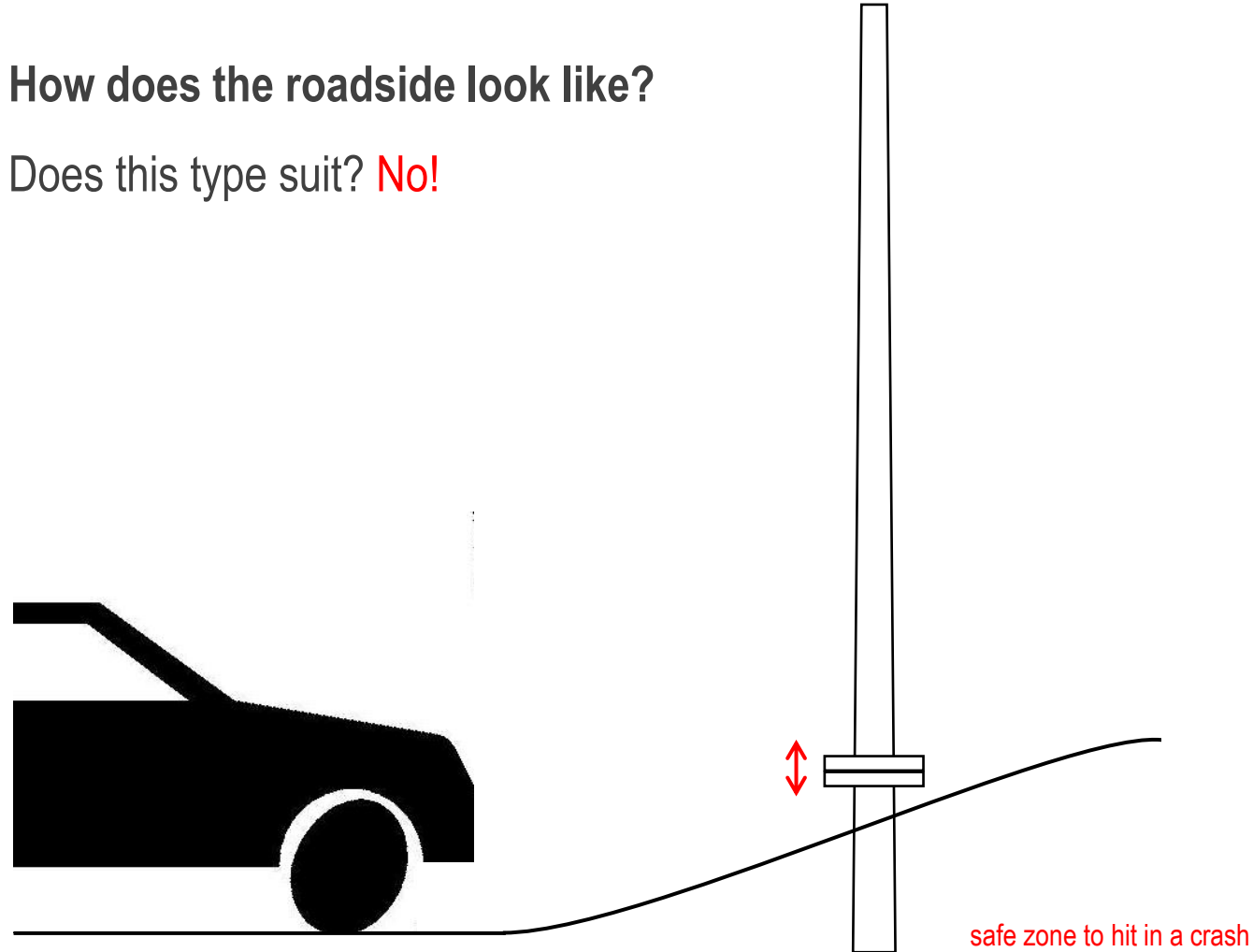
Accident into ZIPpole with a car coming from the other direction of the road



HOW TO SELECT THE RIGHT PRODUCT

How does the roadside look like?

Does this type suit? **No!**

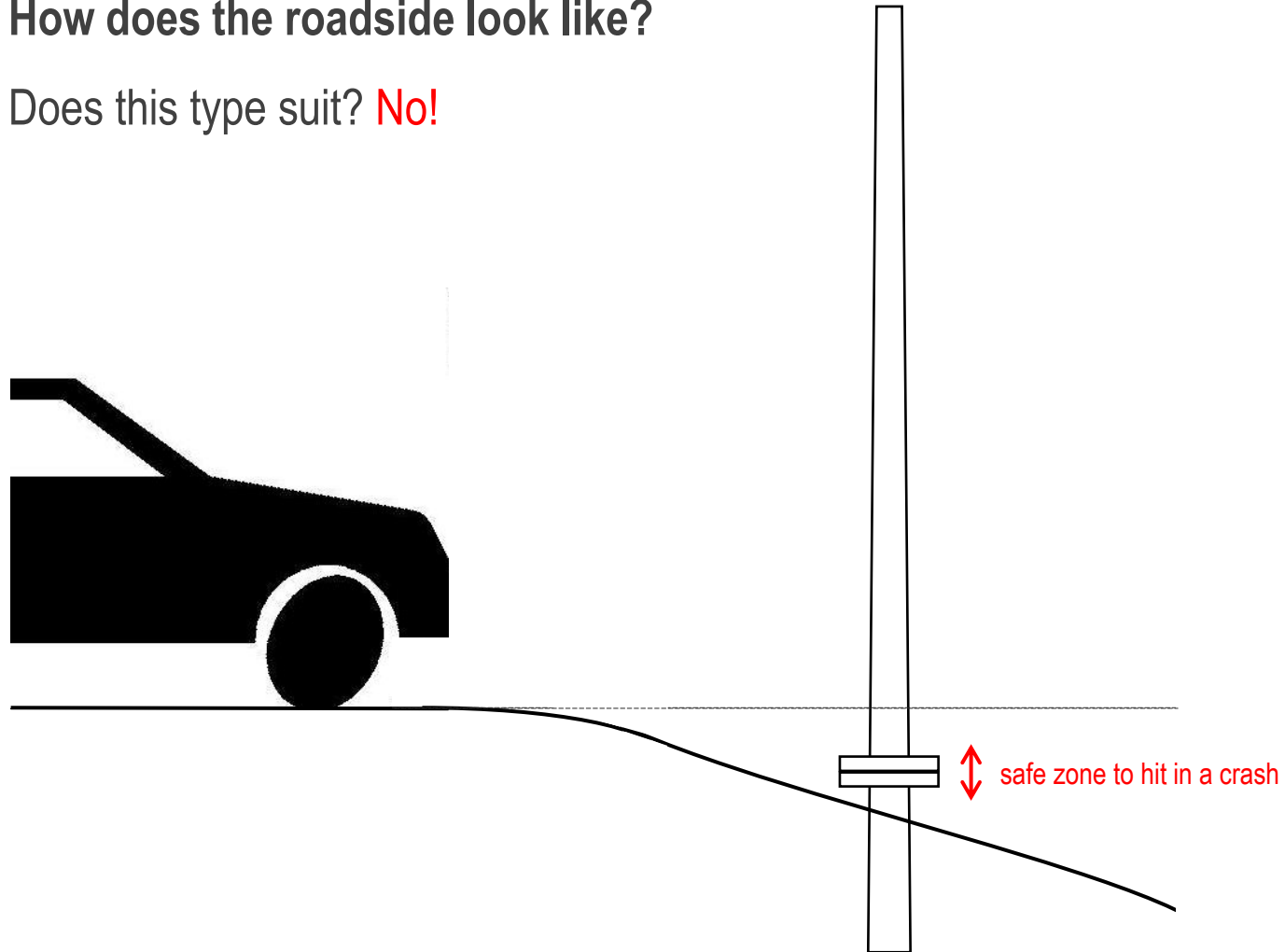


Product didn't function in the accident

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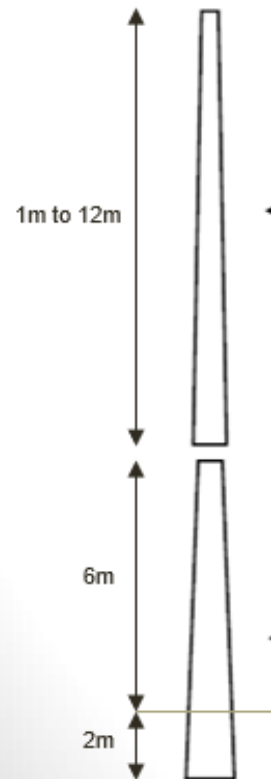
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ZIPpole references



ZIPpole3XL

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← ZP or other type of pole, can be a conventional pole, no need to be passive safe, can be of local producer

← ZP3XL



ZIPpole fixing small equipment



Corrosion Resistant Band & Buckle

Type 304 Stainless Steel Band

This alloy will provide a very good corrosion resistance in fresh water and industrial atmospheres. Often selected for light duty applications in food processing, chemical, power transmission and cable management.

Part No.	Material	Width		Thickness		Average Breaking Strength (lbs)	Package Quantity	Weight		Application Tools
		in	mm	in	mm			lbs	kg	
304 Stainless Steel Band										
C91399	304 SS	3/8	9.6	0.020	0.51	600	200'/Roll	5.9	2.7	C00169 C00369 C07569 C08569 C40099 J02069*
C91499	304 SS	1/2	12.7	0.020	0.51	850	200'/Roll	7.6	3.4	
C91599	304 SS	5/8	15.8	0.020	0.51	1000	200'/Roll	9.5	4.3	
C91699	304 SS	3/4	19.1	0.020	0.51	1275	200'/Roll	11.3	5.0	
*The J02069 can be used with 3/8" maximum width product.										



850 lbs= ~3825N

the rivets of the ZIPpole collapse at 4400N

ZIPpole references



ZIPpole not that soft



ZIPpole green

the story of the “green” ZIPpole

experiment started in 2013

“green” ZIPpole was crashtested in June 2023...

100HE1 or 100-HE-E according EN12767



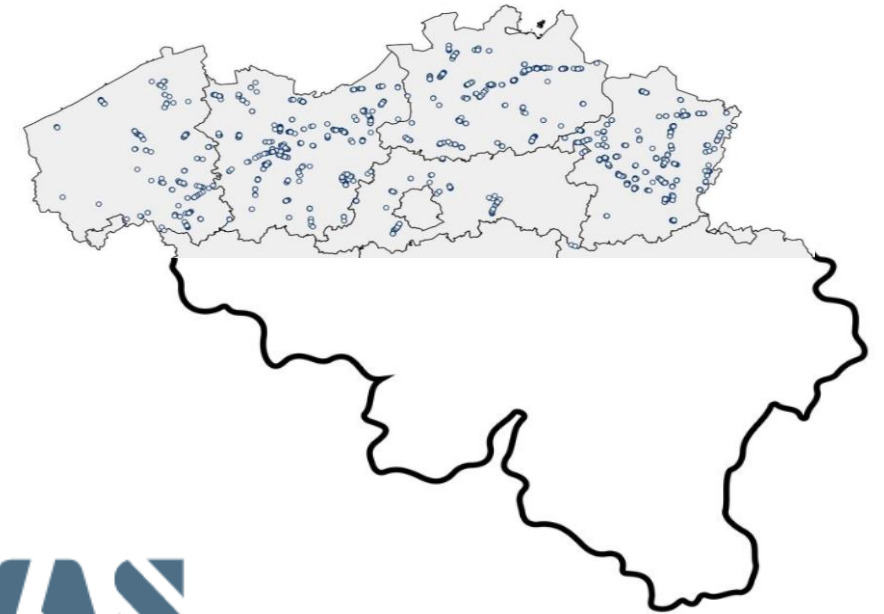
ZIPpole crashes

www.zippole.com/experiences



Scientific study >10 years use of HE poles in Flanders, Belgium

- 1st study to address mitigating effect of passive safe poles in ROR crashes
- multinomial and mixed logit models
- Input:
 - national Belgian crash data with injuries
 - geocoded list of 5800 passive safe HE* poles
 - damage data of road furniture



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*HE are High Energy absorbing poles, CE marked according EN12767

Scientific study >10 years use of HE poles in Flanders, Belgium

- **Run off road crashes involving traditional poles increase the risk of severe injury by 87%**
- **HE passive safe poles increase the chance of minor injury by 128%**

Conclusion:

application of HE passive safe poles results in reducing the severity of pole crashes

Study published in Journal of Safety Research in October 2024

Summary

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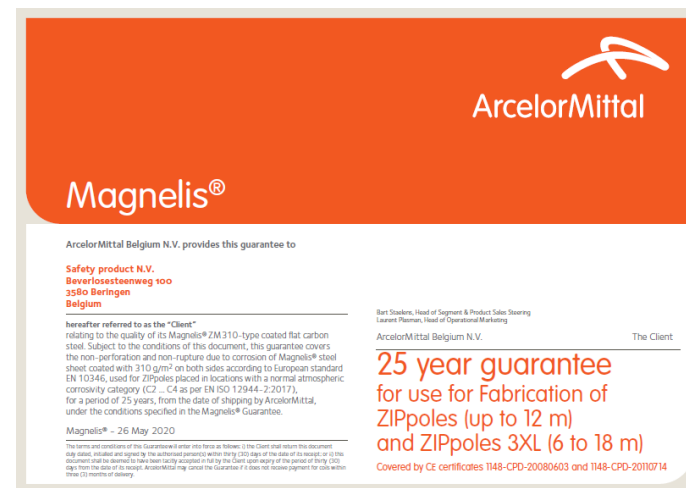
EN12767, 100HE3/ 100HE-C from 6 to 12m, fixed in the ground

EN12767, 100NE2/ 100NE-C up to 12m, not fixed in the ground

ZIPpole3XL

EN12767, 100HE1/ 100HE-E from 6 to 18m , fixed in the ground

- + safe in all impact directions and on all heights of impact
- + different installation methods
- + bending moment capacity of 20.000 Nm for ZIPpole and 40.000 Nm for ZIPpole3XL
- + 25 years warranty against corrosion for ZM310 coating according EN10346



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