

Emergency escape lighting systems

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National foreword

This British Standard is the official English language version of EN 50172:2004 and implements it as dual numbered British Standard BS 5266-8:2004.

This part of the BS 5266 series partially supersedes BS 5266-1:1999, *Emergency lighting. Code of practice for the emergency lighting of premises other than cinemas and certain other specified premises used for entertainment*, which is currently under revision to remove requirements conflicting with EN 50172:2004 as follows.

BS EN 50172:2004 specifies requirements whereas BS 5266-1 is a code of practice giving recommendations.

The requirements of BS EN 50172 alter the duration period and frequency required for self-contained luminaires (see **7.2**).

A number of the requirements which are given in BS 5266-1:1999 are expanded, particularly the size of open area that requires emergency lighting and the procedures to reduce the impact of the failure of any single luminaire. Appropriate product standards are also identified.

Compliance with this standard will assist users in meeting the requirements of the Workplace Directive, the Construction Products Directive and the forthcoming Regulatory Reform Order.

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