

BRITPAVE STEP BARRIER®

A CE Marking First!

Britpave Concrete Step Barrier gains CE Marking Status



Britpave's Concrete Step Barrier has made CE history as being the only in-situ product to EU knowledge to attain full CE marking status. With the assistance of MIRA Ltd (Notified Body Number 0888) the barrier design and manufacturing process was taken through its paces against the requirements of EN1317 as laid out in Annex ZA and was successfully awarded its EC Certificate of Conformity.

Traditionally in the short life of CE marking, in-situ products were difficult to CE mark as they were regarded as being part construction and part product, perhaps explaining why there is lack of a European mandate for such products. It has been typically portrayed to only be applicable to those products made within a factory environment, such as steel safety barriers and pre-cast concrete barriers.

The common mis-understanding amongst most vehicle restraint systems which are manufactured in a factory environment is that the final installed product carries a CE mark but it doesn't! CE marking only considers product certification when manufactured in a factory but this is not extended to the installation process or how the product is used. So only the components of the proposed vehicle restraint system are CE marked. This is not the case with the Britpave installed product.

Britpave's Director, David Jones met with Vicente Leoz Arguelles (Head of Unit for Construction, Pressure Equipment and Metrology for the European Commission and Director General for Enterprise and Industry) in the early part of July. In their discussions, Mr Leoz affirmed that CE marking of in-situ products is possible provided there is a standard which covers the product for it to be compliant to.

The purpose of CE marking is to remove barriers to trade across the EU, giving companies easier access into the European market to sell their products without adaptation or rechecking. With the Britpave Designed Step Barrier package that is fully CE marked, the way is open for its Licensed Installers and all those wishing to join the Britpave Scheme to be CE marked, thus enabling Britpave to market its Step Barrier System across Europe.

From the 1st January 2012, Britpave Step Barrier Systems being installed in the UK will carry a CE mark.

"CE marking of in-situ products is possible"

- Mr Vicente Leoz Arguelles

SIAC Slipform at Kielce Trade Show

SIAC Slipform once again exhibited at Autostrada Kielce in the south of Poland.

When exhibiting in 2010 the theme of the event was all about educating in the process and technology (convincing people that this dark art worked and was perfectly viable as an option to precast and steel). This year it was pleasing to see that it was more about the product and possible orders.

There was significant interest in the Britpave Concrete Step Barrier System and which has the blessings of the Polish Roads Authority (GGDKIA). This puts the barrier in an extremely strong position within Poland. As well as an interest in barrier systems, what became apparent was the keen interest in Pavement Quality Concrete and also drainage solutions.

Poland and the Ukraine are hosting the European Championships in July 2012, with this in mind the focus is on transport infrastructure. SIAC are set for a busy time ahead.

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