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**Subject:** ESR on design – Alternative method of calculation**Question:**

Is it acceptable to have alternative methods in the calculation part of an harmonised standard?  
What is to be done in case of different values?

**Answer:**

An harmonised standard can, legitimately, propose several calculation methods, for example:

- a standard simple method, with large security margins ;
- a more complex method, which can give lower thicknesses.

It is excluded to link such or such method to a specific module, even if the standard specifies supplementary inspection points or particular ranges of validity.

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