

# ISSS Round Robin 2014

*Evaluation and interpretation  
of the general results*

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2009 – ISSS decided to organise Round Robin (RR) on a new level

2010 – the first total independent ISSS RR 2010 was conducted on artificial turf as a trail

2011 – ISSS decided to proceed with the scheme

2012 – the ISSS RR 2012 was conducted on synthetic surfaces

2013 – the ISSS RR 2013 was conducted on indoor and playground surfaces

2014 – the ISSS RR 2014 was conducted on artificial turf

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- In autumn 2013, a questionnaire was prepared and sent out to:
  - members of ISSS
  - other test institutes
  - equipment manufacturers
  - consultants
  - installers
- Six methods were selected
- Samples were chosen and requested by individual manufacturers
- Samples and instruction were sent out by ofi
- The testing was completed within 8 weeks

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The following six test methods were compared in 2014:

Determination of

- particle size – sieving method (EN 933-1)
- rotational resistance (EN 15301-1)
- vertical ball behaviour (EN 12235)
- tuft withdrawal force (ISO 4919)
- resistance to abrasion of non-filled turf (EN 13672)
- differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) (ISO 11357-3)



The following five different products were chosen for 2014:

- non-filled synthetic turf for football use
- non-filled synthetic turf for hockey use
- shockpad
- elastic infill (SBR)
- mineral infill (silica sand)

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Non-filled Synthetic turf, laid loose on a shockpad



Non-filled Synthetic turf, laid loose on a shockpad



Elastic infill - SBR



Mineral-infill (silica sand)



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## Shock absorption - 3<sup>rd</sup> impact

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Synthetic surface

EN 14808

### Results submitted by participants

i.e., individual results  $x_{ik}$

+ number of the test repetitions made by each lab ( $n_i$ )

+ within laboratory means ( $x_i$ ) and standard deviations ( $s_i$ )

+ results of tests for outliers

Number of reporting laboratories  $p^*$ : 21

Number of reported test results  $\sum n_i$ : 42

Lab Code No.	Test results in %						Statistical evaluation of the submitted test results $x_{ik}$			Outliers		
	Test replication No. ( $k$ )						$n_i$	$x_i$	$s_i$	Cochran	Grubbs	$z > 2$
	1	2	3	4	5	6						
18	36,6	36,3					2	36,43	0,2475			
786	36,3	37,2					2	36,76	0,6187			
900	37,3	36,4					2	36,84	0,5834			
915	37,3	36,4					2	36,85	0,6364			
864	38,1	37,0					2	37,56	0,7955			
472	38,0	37,8					2	37,89	0,0884			
481	37,5	38,3					2	37,90	0,5657			
318	37,7	38,4					2	38,07	0,4844			
569	38,3	38,0					2	38,13	0,1768			
875	38,5	38,5					2	38,51	0,0283			
1	38,9	39,5					2	39,18	0,3889			
627	39,2	39,4					2	39,29	0,1591			
793	39,6	39,5					2	39,54	0,0884			
889	39,6	39,7					2	39,64	0,0530			
772	39,8	39,8					2	39,80	0,0000			
701	40,1	40,0					2	40,06	0,0884			
905	42,4	37,8					2	40,11	3,2350	**		
562	40,0	40,4					2	40,18	0,3182			
162	40,0	40,4					2	40,20	0,2828			
803	41,7	41,6					2	41,63	0,0707			
515	42,2	42,7					2	42,41	0,3359			X

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Results of robust statistics			
<b>Robust average:</b> $x^* = 38,9$		assigned value for the proficiency assessment	
<b>Robust standard deviation</b> for the proficiency assessment: $s^* = 1,64$			
<b>Number of repeat measurements</b> necessary due to $s_r/s^*$ -ratio: $n' = 1$		OK	see page 4 for the meaning of NOT OK
<b>Standard uncertainty</b> of the assigned value: $u_x = 0,44861$		OK	

Additional check of the test method accuracy			
<b>Do the input data come from a normal distribution ?</b>			<b>YES</b>
(The results listed below shall be considered as really justified only if the input data come from a normal distribution)			
<b>General mean</b> $\sum n_i x_{ik} / \sum n_i$	$m$	<b>38,8</b>	%
Repeatability variance	$s_r^2$	0,1455363	
Repeatability standard deviation	$s_r$	0,38149	%
Repeatability coefficient of variation	$CV\%_r$	0,982	%
Between-laboratory variance	$s_L^2$	2,5983125	
Between-laboratory standard deviation	$s_L$	1,61193	%
Between-laboratory coefficient of variation	$CV\%_L$	4,150	%
Reproducibility variance $s_R^2$	$s_r^2 + s_L^2$	2,7438487	
Reproducibility standard deviation	$s_R$	1,6565	%
Reproducibility coefficient of variation	$CV\%_R$	4,265	%
<b>Repeatability limit</b>	$r$	<b>1,07</b>	%
<b>Relative repeatability limit</b>	$r_{rel}$	<b>2,8</b>	%
<b>Reproducibility limit</b>	$R$	<b>4,64</b>	%
<b>Relative reproducibility limit</b>	$R_{rel}$	<b>11,9</b>	%
Number of participants included in the accuracy evaluation	$p$	20	
Number of tests included in the accuracy evaluation	$\sum n$	40	



## Repeatability limit ( $r$ ):

A value less than or equal to what the absolute difference between two test results obtained under repeatability conditions may be expected to be with a probability of 95%.



**LAB 318**

within the **same** test institute



**LAB 318**

## Reproducibility limit ( $R$ ):

A value less than or equal to what the absolute difference between two test results obtained under reproducibility conditions may be expected to be with a probability of 95%



**LAB 318**

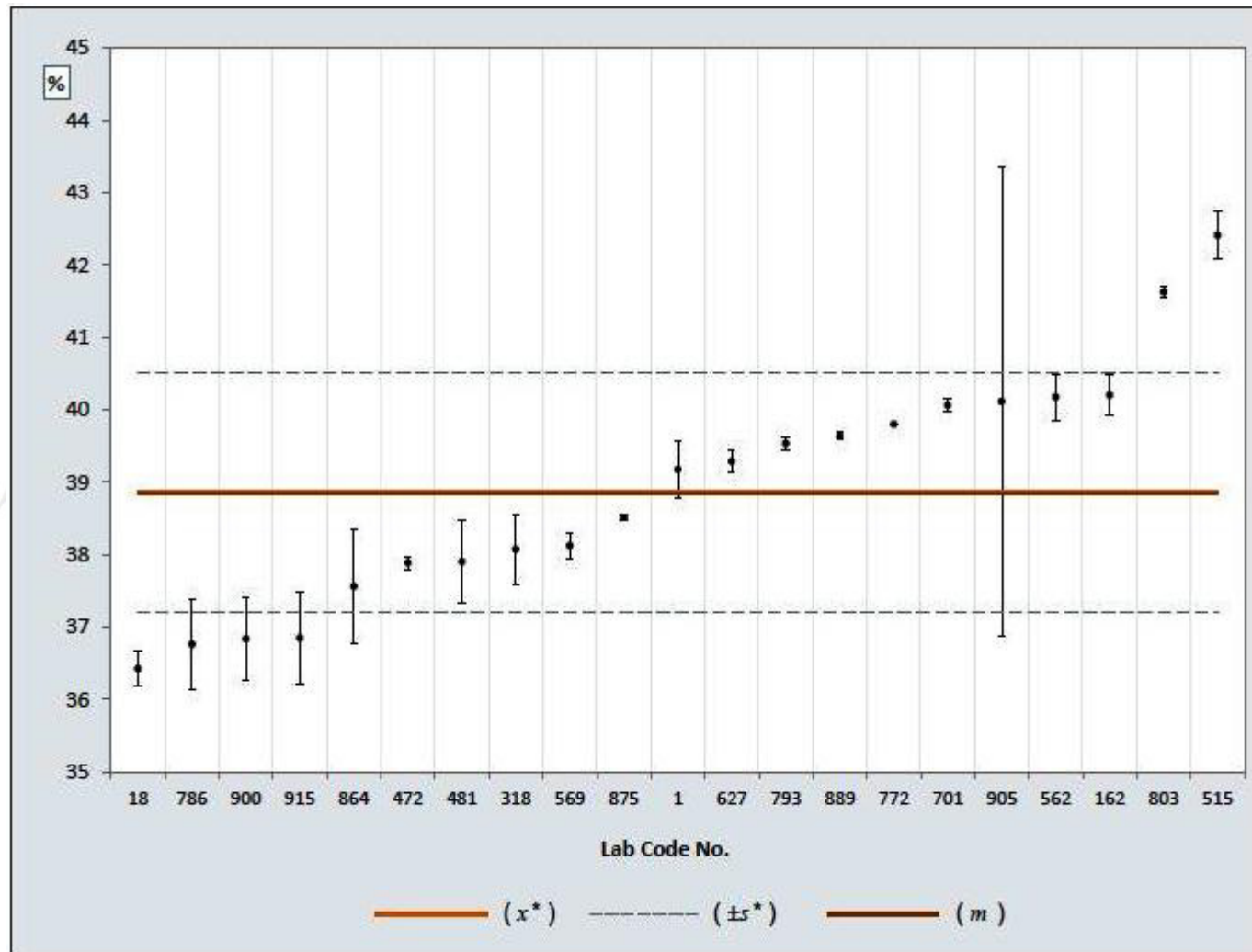
between **two** test institutes



**LAB 875**

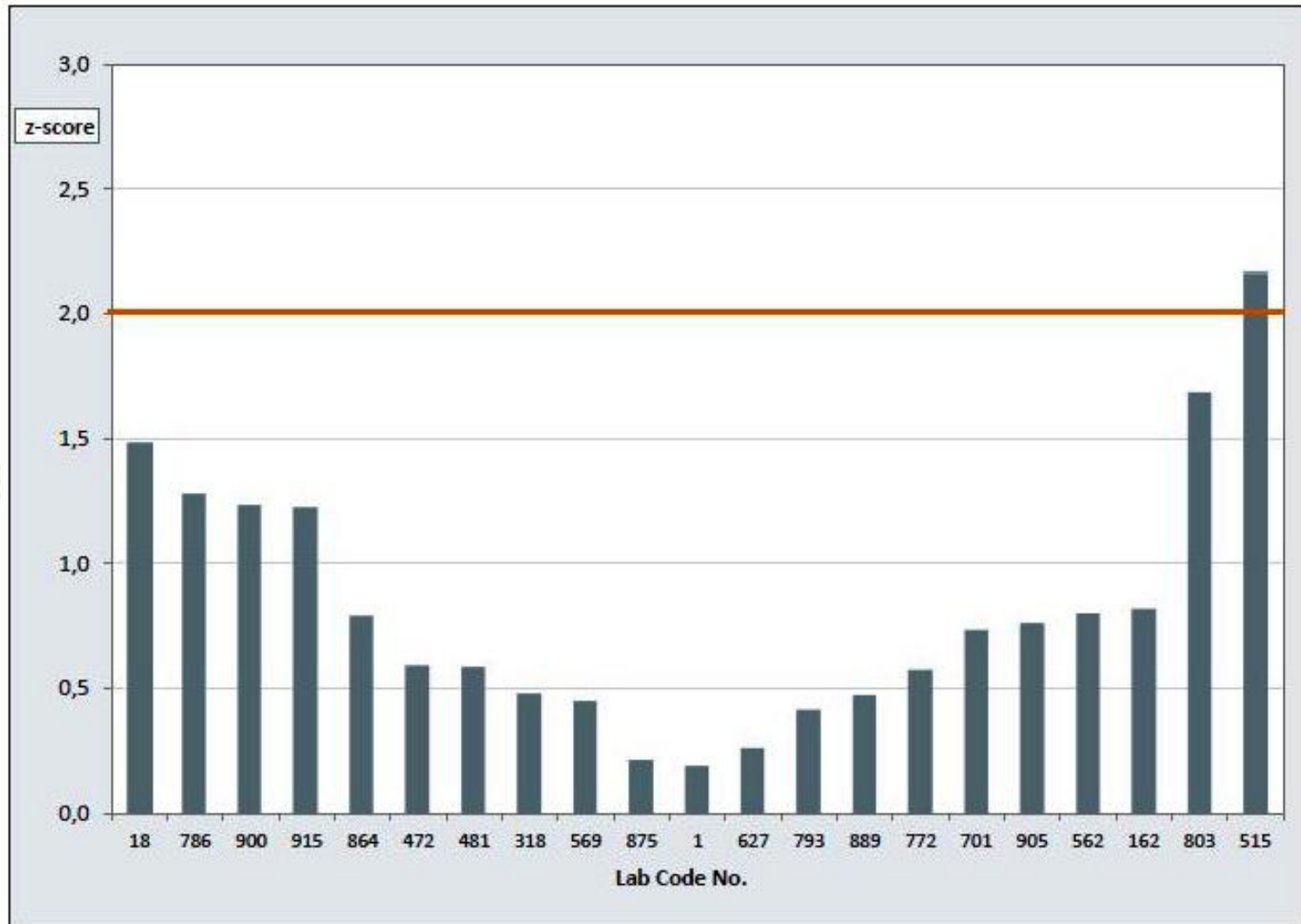
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## **z-score:**

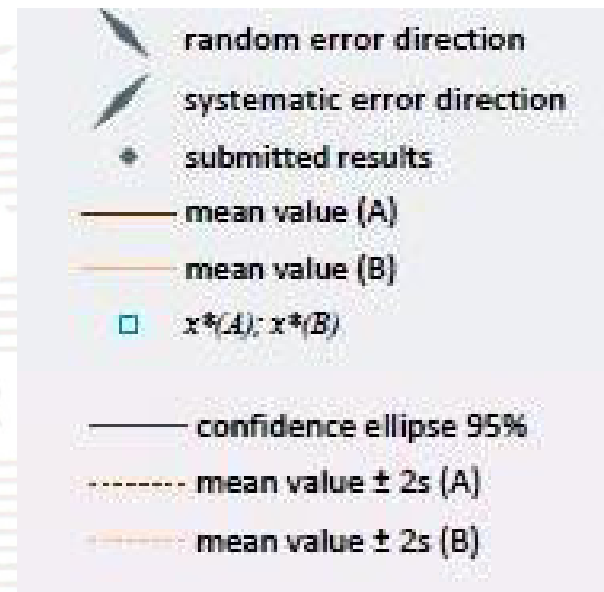
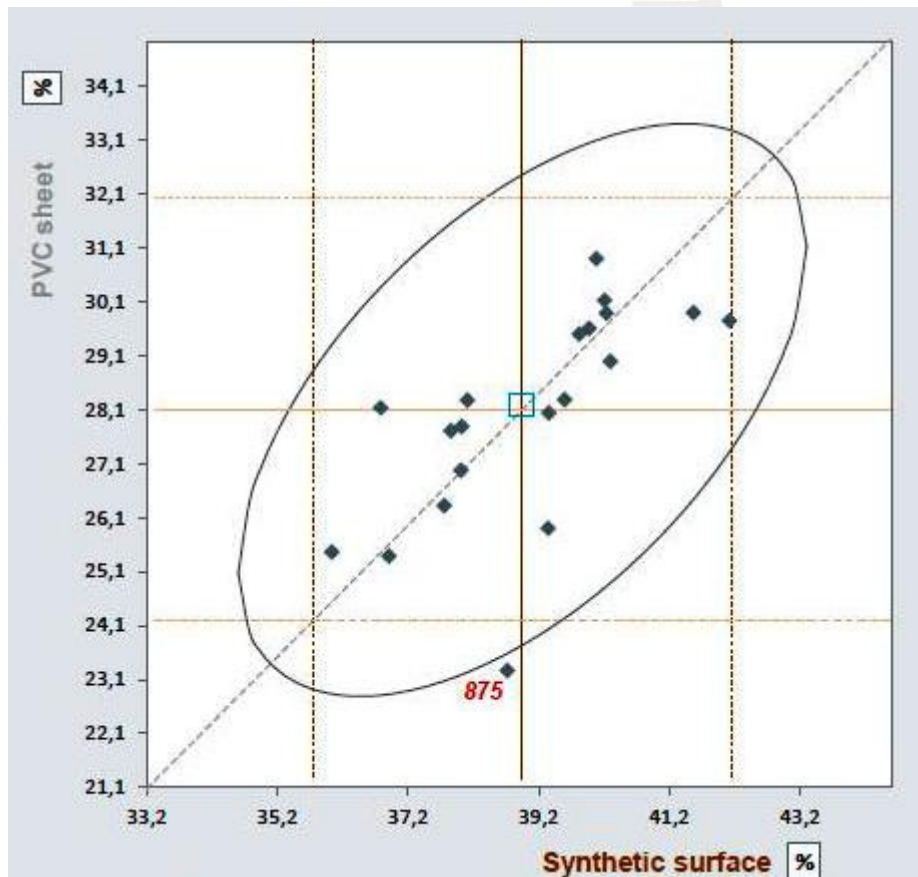
The z-score is a measure of the distance of an individual result from the mean; the scale unit is the standard deviation.

The resulting data is assessed as follows:

- $z = \leq 1$     *the performance of the laboratory is **very good***
- $z = 1 - 2$     *the performance of the laboratory is **satisfactory***
- $z = 2 - 3$     *the performance of the laboratory is **questionable***
- $z = \geq 3$     *the performance of the laboratory is **unsatisfactory***

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## Determination of particle size



Number of test laboratories: 7

Sample	Size (mm)	General mean (%)	Repeatability limit ( <i>r</i> )	Reproducibility limit ( <i>R</i> )
	0.63	25.1%	5.6% (22.2%)	7.3% (28.9%)
	0.50	30.2%	1.3% (4.2%)	10.9% (36.3%)
	1.25	42.3%	4.6% (11.0%)	16.4% (38.9%)
	1.00	34.5%	1.9% (5.4%)	10.6% (30.7%)





## Determination of vertical ball behaviour

Number of test laboratories: 15

Sample	General mean (%)	Repeatability limit ( <i>r</i> )	Reproducibility limit ( <i>R</i> )
	62.2%	2.0% (3.2%)	12.9% (20.7%)
	73.0%	2.6% (3.6%)	10.3% (14.1%)



## Determination of rotational resistance

Number of test laboratories: 14

Sample	General mean (Nm)	Repeatability limit ( <i>r</i> )	Reproducibility limit ( <i>R</i> )
	25.0 Nm	2 Nm (7.0%)	9 Nm (34.0%)
	39.6 Nm	2 Nm (4.9%)	20 Nm (49.6%)



## Determination of tuft withdrawal force

Number of test laboratories: 12

Sample	General mean ( <i>N</i> )	Repeatability limit ( <i>r</i> )	Reproducibility limit ( <i>R</i> )
	54.4 N	2.3 N (4.3%)	27.2 N (49.9%)
	24.3 N	4.5 N (18.7%)	10.0 N (41.2%)



## Determination of resistance to abrasion of non-filled synthetic turf

Number of test laboratories: 5

Sample	Cycles	General mean ( <i>g</i> )	Repeatability limit ( <i>r</i> )	Reproducibility limit ( <i>R</i> )
	2,000	0.2 g	0.1 g (27.2%)	0.2 g (96.5%)
	5,000	0.4 g	0.1 g (19.1%)	0.3 g (83.7%)
	2,000	0.1 g	0.0 g (10.2%)	0.1 g (81.1%)
	5,000	0.2 g	0.1 g (30.8%)	0.2 g (88.1%)

## Determination of differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)

Number of test laboratories: 5

Sample	General mean Peak temperature (°C)	Repeatability limit ( <i>r</i> )	Reproducibility limit ( <i>R</i> )
	122.7 °C	0.7 °C (0.6%)	3.0 °C (2.5%)
	125.6 °C	0.2 °C (0.2%)	1.0 °C (0.8%)

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## **The variations in the results could rely on the following reasons:**

- misunderstanding of the instructions
- undetailed instructions
- undetailed information of the standard
- calibration of the used test equipment
- unsuitable test equipment
- inappropriate test method
- ISO 17025 accreditation of the test institutes

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- formed in December 2012
- looking into each test method (RR 2012 & 2013)
- preparing a questionnaire for more information
- evaluating the information
- recommendation to the CEN TC
- new laboratory comparison testing are ongoing

Thank you for your attention

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