

Road safety research in a safety audit

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Abstract. The article reviews the option of how to make the top pavement of asphalt-concrete mixture adhere reliably to the base, which is the underlying cement-concrete coating. The bitumen-latex emulsion is suggested as a binder for the two pavement layers.

Keywords. Road safety, audit methodology, highways, road traffic accidents, X-shaped intersection, crossroads, hazardous areas.

1 Introduction

The motor vehicle fleet grows steadily country-wide, as does their carrying capacity, cargo sizes, and traffic intensity and speed. As a result, there is a greater demand for better-functioning roads [1-3].

The World Health Organization also notes that without urgent measures, road traffic injuries will become the fifth cause of death by 2030. Based on this, it can be argued that the issue of organizing a road safety audit is currently relevant, which is already being applied in many European countries and the United States. The implementation of such measures, according to international statistics, affects the reduction of the level of accidents in settlements and on highways [4, 5].

In Russia, the number of cars, primarily passenger cars, is growing every year. As you know, the level of accidents directly depends on the level of motorization of the country. The number of cars is growing, the number of accidents is growing. Nevertheless, there is a feeling that in the Russian Federation the main part of accidents occurs for some other reasons than in other countries. The number of vehicles in our country is about 300 cars per thousand people, which is about two times lower than in Western Europe, the United States, Canada, and Japan [6-8]. Even in the countries of Eastern Europe, the number of cars is one and a half times higher than in our country [9].

The increasing increase in traffic intensity on the roads contributes to the increased relevance of traffic safety issues for traffic management services [10-12]. Currently, road traffic, in which the three main components interact-a person, a car, a road-is becoming an increasingly complex process due to the following factors:

1. Expansion of the road network.
2. Growth in the rate of motorization.
3. Heterogeneity of the composition of transport flows.
4. The appearance on the roads of a large number of drivers without experience in driving a vehicle.

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5. Financial restrictions in the construction, maintenance and repair of highways.

In some countries, the «Safety Audit» method is used to monitor road safety. Countries such as the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia, the United States, Canada, South Africa, Denmark, the Netherlands, Singapore use the existing method of «Safety Audit» on their roads for almost two decades, because of its high performance [13-15]. It can be argued that the Nordic countries also use the methods of road safety audit, although the term «Safety Audit» is not used, but the elements of the concept of road safety audit are contained in the procedures for the development of a road project at three stages: the design stage, the construction stage and the operation stage. In a number of countries, such as the United Kingdom, Sweden, Finland, and the Netherlands, there is a steady decline in road accidents. In addition, their roads are considered the safest, according to international statistics, due to the widespread use of road safety audit practices.

In the world practice, in order to improve the safety and comfort of road traffic, actively used the audit methodology [16, 17]. Thanks to this approach, it is possible to perform an objective and independent assessment of road conditions and develop measures to eliminate shortcomings, which allows you to reduce the level of accidents on highways by 20-30%.

Performing audit tasks is as follows:

1. Identification of the most dangerous areas.
2. Ranking of sites according to the degree of danger for the subsequent priority survey and analysis of the causes of accidents.
3. Determining the most effective allocation of road safety resources when planning activities.
4. Follow-up monitoring of dangerous road sections.

Identifying and ranking the most dangerous road sections is a particularly important stage of the audit, in terms of further in-depth analysis of the potential causes of accidents and taking measures to improve road safety.

The purpose of the study is to apply a safety audit and eliminate possible causes of road accidents in advance during road operation.

2 Materials and methods

This article uses references to the following standards:

1. GOST R 50597-93 Highways and streets. Requirements for the operational state permissible under the conditions of ensuring road safety.
2. GOST R 52289-2004 Technical means of traffic management. Rules for the use of road signs, markings, traffic lights, road barriers and guiding devices.
3. GOST R 52766-2007 Motor roads for general use. Arrangement elements. General requirements.
4. SP 34.13330.2012 Highways (updated edition of SNiP 2.05.02-85).
5. SP 52.13330.2011 Set of rules. Natural and artificial lighting (updated edition of SNiP 23-05-95*).
6. ODM 218.6.027-2017 «Рекомендации по проведению аудита безопасности дорожного движения при проектировании, строительстве и эксплуатации автомобильных дорог».

When analyzing the methods for determining the accident rate, in order to identify the necessary method for predicting an accident for the road safety audit at the road design stage, the method for determining the final accident rate of prof. Babkov V.F. [1].

One of the priority problems facing the Republic of Tatarstan is the high level of accidents, as a result of which the republic suffers great socio-economic losses. The reason for the high level of accidents is the rapid growth in the level of motorization of the population of the republic, which entails such consequences as:

- massive inclusion of new drivers and carriers in road traffic;

- changing the characteristics and conditions of road traffic;
- increase in traffic density;
- increasing the intensity on highways and streets in cities and towns;
- decrease in the mobility of the population.

Changing the road network of the Republic of Tatarstan is possible in two ways: extensive and intensive.

The extensive method involves the further expansion and repair of existing roads, the construction of new ones, an increase in traffic density, etc. This method provides significant financial resources for the construction of new roads and for the subsequent operation and maintenance of highways [18].

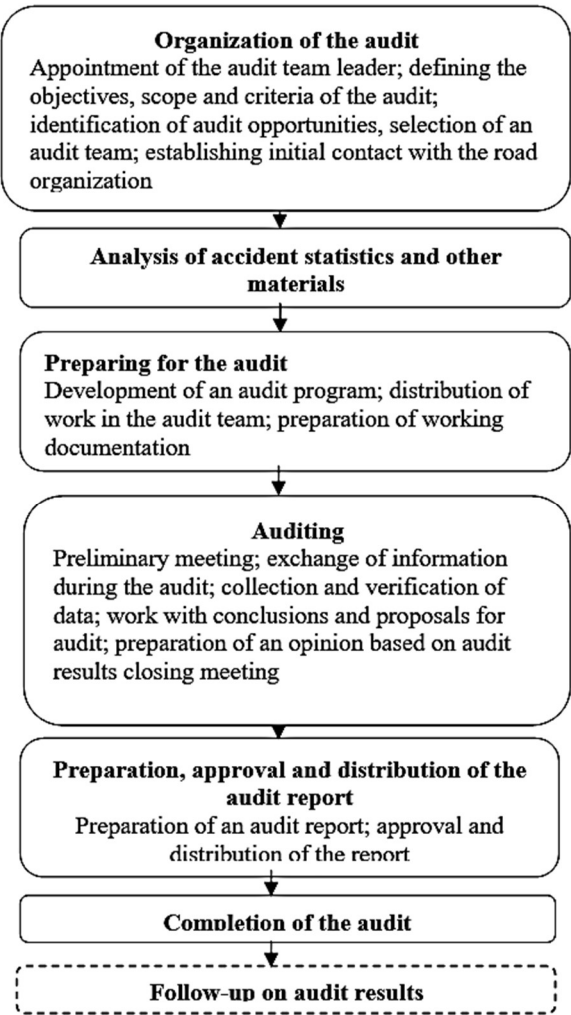


Fig. 1. Typical audit trail (dotted lines indicate that audit follow-up is not part of the audit).

The intensive method is to improve the performance of the existing road network by improving its performance. This method requires rational management of existing roads, which helps to increase the capacity of bottlenecks, improve the smoothness of traffic flows in order to increase the productivity of the entire road network [19].

The main way to reduce the accident rate is the intensive method, since the road network of the Republic of Tatarstan has been formed to date, but at the same time it requires improving the performance of highways. The structure of the system has a decisive influence on the entire set of its properties. Therefore, while improving numerous subsystems in the field of road safety management, the main problem is the creation of the organizational structure of regional road safety management systems in the Republic of Tatarstan.

A typical audit scheme is shown in fig. 1. The depth and scope of an audit will depend on the scope and complexity of the particular audit.

Based on the description of the stages and objectives of the audit, the development of methodological recommendations for conducting a step-by-step safety assessment is a necessary procedure. It is mandatory to form control sheets by auditors for the subsequent analysis of accident rates, as well as for making decisions to increase the safety of dangerous areas and eliminate defects on the road. To determine the accident rates at various stages of the BDD audit, we propose to apply the methods according to the developed classification [20], which includes 5 groups of methods. The first group includes methods based on the processing of statistical data on road accidents. The second category includes methods based on determining the parameters of traffic conditions. The third category includes methods based on the analysis of conflict situations [21]. Fourth – methods based on the assessment of the driver's behavior [22]. The fifth group consists of methods based on an integrated approach to the assessment of BDD-the qualimetric method [23] and the accident rate analysis taking into account the macroscopic indicators of the region.

Fig. 2 shows the most emergency locations on the P-239 road (Kazan – Orenburg) on the territory of the Republic of Tatarstan.

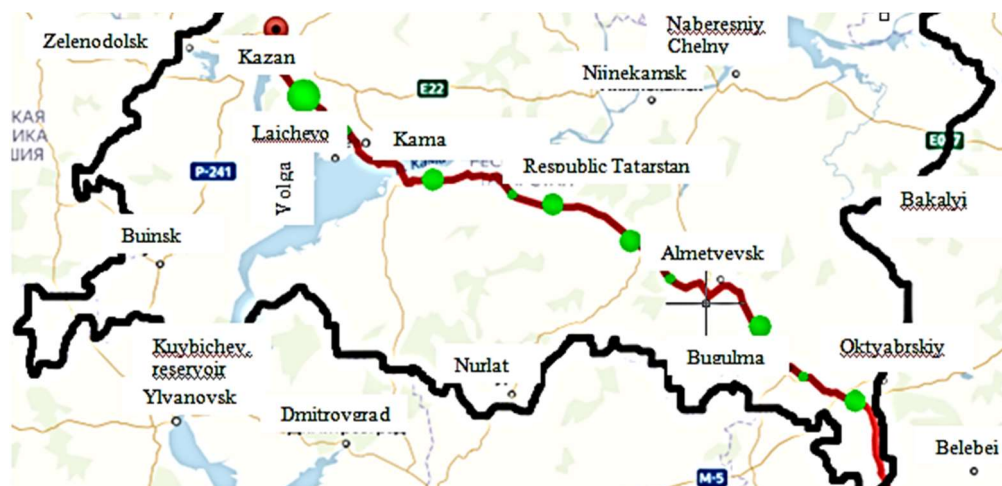


Fig. 2. The most emergency places on the P-239 road (Kazan – Orenburg) on the territory of the Republic of Tatarstan.

Road P-239 (Kazan – Orenburg – Akbulak – border with the Republic of Kazakhstan) is a federal highway with an asphalt covering about 900 km long, connecting the cities of Kazan, Chistopol, Almetevsk, Bugulma, Bavly, Orenburg, Sol-Iletsk, Akbulak.

The main Orenburg tract of the city of Kazan is the beginning of the motor road of the P-239 highway. Also, the Orenburg tract is the main road to the international airport «Kazan», therefore the tract is designed as a full-fledged four-lane highway with divided carriageways and lighting in the dark until the junction with the road to the airport (P-245).

On the territory of Laishevsky district, the tract narrows to a two-lane road without lighting at night, and passes by such settlements as the village of Sokury, the village of

Imenkovo, the village of Polyanka, where the permitted speed limit is limited to 40 km/h, and then the tract passes into a bridge across the Kama River.

The main transport artery on the territory of the Alekseevsky district also remains the P-239 highway, where the speed limit remains 40 km/h throughout the Alekseevsky settlement. The section of the Alekseevskoye-Sakharovka road is laid from west to east and there are practically no turns on it, which allows overtaking long or slow-moving vehicles.

The city of Chistopol is located on the next path and this road bypasses it from the south, forming the «Chistopol bypass road». At the end of the bypass road at an X-shaped intersection, the road rushes to the southeast, where there are a significant number of descents and ascents, which contributes to the prohibition of overtaking and speed limits.

Crossing the Novosheshmiskiy district, or rather its northeastern part diagonally, the road has significant bends and also runs through the hills.

Approaching the Almet'yevsk district, the road crosses a regulated railway crossing (the Akbash-Agryz line), after which, at the T-junction, you can turn right towards the city of Leninogorsk. After that, the road partially runs through the city of Almet'yevsk. Further, the road goes along the Lower Maktama, where the movement of motor transport to the village of Abdrakhmanovo is significantly hampered, in which the speed limit is limited to 40 km/h.

To the X-shaped intersection in front of the town of Bugulma, the road runs past the village of Karabash. At the crossroads, the road turns right, bypassing the city, but it is also possible to drive through Bugulma, where the speed limit is limited to 50 km/h.

Approaching the Bavlinsky district, the road passes three villages (Vostochny, Staroye and Novoye Isakovo). Before the Bavlisky crossroads, you need to overcome a protracted ascent of more than 1400 m, and already at the crossroads a roundabout is organized, where the P-239 is secondary to the M5 Ural.

After the crossroads, the P-239 road passes through the town of Bavly, where traffic is limited to 40 km/h, and in some places, there are signs «No overtaking». Passing through the village of Shalty, where the speed limit is also limited to 40 km/h, the road reaches the border of the Republic of Tatarstan and the Orenburg region. A stele was erected to commemorate this.

3 Results

Accident rates show that in recent years on the P-239 road in the territory of the Republic of Tatarstan, there has been a decrease in the number of deaths and injuries, fig. 3 and Table 1.

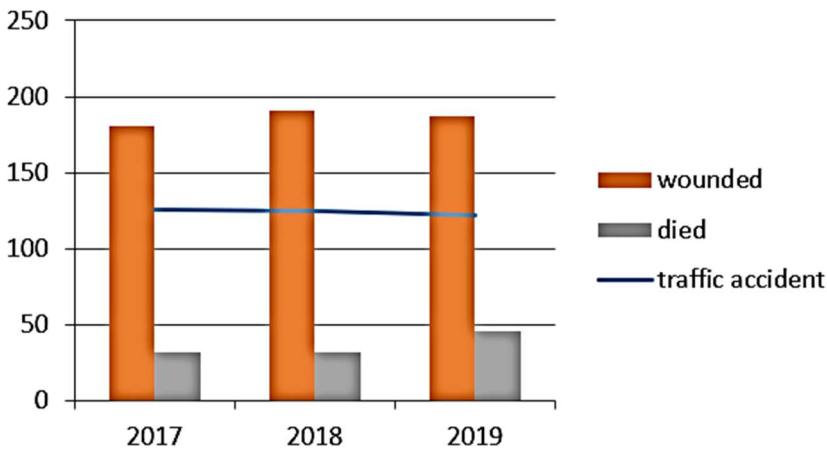


Fig. 3. Dynamics of accidents on the P-239 road for 2017-2019.

Table 1. Dynamics of accidents on the P-239 road for 2017-2019.

Years	Road accident	Wounded	Perished
2017	126	181	32
2018	125	191	32
2019	122	187	46

The dynamics of road accidents is shown in fig. 4.

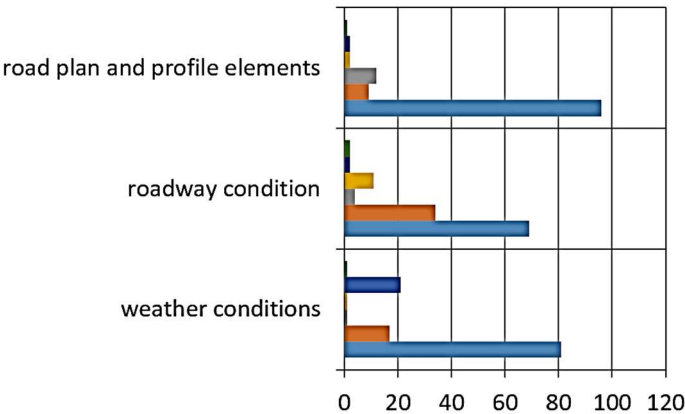


Fig. 4. Dynamics of road accidents on the R-239 road.

In accordance with the currently valid Rules for accounting and analysis of road accidents on highways, hazardous areas are determined mainly based on the values of the relative accident rate or the risk of road accidents (the number of accidents per 1 million vehicle-km), calculated by the formula:

$$Z = \frac{n \cdot 10^6}{N \cdot L \cdot m \cdot 365}, \tag{1}$$

where:

- n* is the number of accidents on the road section for the billing period;
- N* is the average annual daily traffic intensity, bus/day;
- L* is the length of the section under consideration, km;
- M* is the number of years in the billing period.

The peculiarity of this indicator is that it characterizes the frequency of dangerous events - registration accidents (with victims), but does not take into account the severity of their consequences. However, in practice, cases with a large number of dead and injured road users are always socially significant events. In such incidents, investigations are carried out with the participation of road and other organizations and services. Another difference also consists in the fact that, as a rule, measures for passive road safety are implemented in such sections. The essence of increasing passive safety on highways is to reduce the severity of the consequences of road accidents by extinguishing the kinetic energy of the vehicle or changing the trajectory of the vehicle. That is why, along with assessing the hazard of road sections in terms of the risk of road accidents, it is necessary to assess them according to the severity of the consequences of accidents.

These indicators are not opposed to each other, but make it possible to more objectively (comprehensively) assess the degree of danger of road sections. These indicators are characterized by different quantitative scales, therefore, one of the methods of presenting them as a complex indicator is the rating approach in the form of average values of the places of hazard ranks of the sites.

Studies on the application of the hazard rating indicator for road sections were carried out on the section of the federal road R-239 Kazan – Orenburg (11 km by 399 km). Statistical analysis of road accidents on a 388 km section showed that during 2017-2019 the total number of road accidents was 373, the number of deaths and injuries in them was 110 and 559 people, respectively.

The severity of the consequences of an accident (T) on the road section was estimated using the following formula:

$$T = \frac{D \cdot L}{D + W} \cdot 100, \quad (2)$$

where:

D is the number of fatalities in road accidents per year;

W is the number of injured per year;

L is the length of the section under consideration, km.

The risk assessment of road accidents on the road sections was carried out according to the formula (1). Based on the place in the list, the sites were assigned values of ranks *r*₁ and *r*₂ from 1 to 389 (table 2).

Table 2. Assessment of the hazard of sections of the P-239 road depending on the values of the risk indicators and the severity of road accidents.

№	Km of road	Number of road accidents	Number of victims	Number of injured	Severity of the consequences of a road accident	Rank, <i>r</i> ₁	Assessment of the risk of a road accident	Rank, <i>r</i> ₂
1	11	3	0	3	0	84	0.096452	37
2	12	3	0	3	0	83	0.096452	36
3	13	4	0	6	0	72	0.128603	16
4	14	4	0	8	0	71	0.128603	15
5	15	2	0	5	0	119	0.064301	93
6	16	1	0	1	0	213	0.032151	213
7	17	0	0	0	0	389	0	389
8	18	1	0	1	0	212	0.032151	212
9	19	0	0	0	0	388	0	388
10	20	1	0	1	0	211	0.032151	211
11	21	2	0	3	0	118	0.064301	92
12	22	3	0	7	0	82	0.096452	35
13	23	6	1	7	12.5	63	0.192904	2
14	24	3	1	4	20	55	0.096452	34
15	25	5	1	4	20	53	0.160754	7
16	26	2	2	2	50	21	0.064301	91
17	27	4	0	3	0	70	0.128603	14
18	28	5	0	5	0	65	0.160754	6
19	29	0	0	0	0	387	0	387
20	30	3	0	5	0	81	0.096452	33
21	31	1	1	0	100	1	0.032151	210
22	32	4	3	7	30	43	0.128603	13
23	33	2	1	3	25	47	0.064301	90
24	34	1	1	0	100	2	0.032151	209
25	35	1	0	2	0	210	0.032151	208
26	36	3	2	9	18.18182	60	0.096452	32
27	37	0	0	0	0	386	0	386
28	38	1	0	1	0	209	0.032151	207
29	39	1	0	1	0	208	0.032151	206
30	40	1	1	0	100	3	0.032151	205
31	41	1	0	1	0	207	0.032151	204
32	42	1	0	1	0	206	0.032151	203
33	43	0	0	0	0	385	0	385
34	44	1	0	2	0	205	0.032151	202

35	45	0	0	0	0	384	0	384
36	46	4	5	10	33.33333	34	0.128603	12
37	47	2	2	0	100	13	0.064301	89
38	48	0	0	0	0	383	0	383
39	49	1	0	1	0	204	0.032151	201
40	50	0	0	0	0	382	0	382
41	51	0	0	0	0	381	0	381
42	52	0	0	0	0	380	0	380
43	53	3	2	6	25	51	0.096452	31
44	54	0	0	0	0	379	0	379
45	55	1	0	1	0	203	0.032151	200
46	56	1	0	1	0	202	0.032151	199
47	57	1	3	1	75	14	0.032151	198
48	58	0	0	0	0	378	0	378
49	59	1	0	1	0	201	0.032151	197
50	60	1	1	0	100	4	0.032151	196
51	61	0	0	0	0	377	0	377
52	62	1	0	1	0	200	0.032151	195
53	63	0	0	0	0	376	0	376
54	64	2	1	2	33.33333	38	0.064301	88
55	65	1	0	3	0	199	0.032151	194
56	66	1	1	0	100	5	0.032151	193
57	67	4	0	5	0	69	0.128603	11
58	68	3	4	6	40	32	0.096452	30
59	69	0	0	0	0	375	0	375
60	70	0	0	0	0	374	0	374
61	71	3	1	6	14.28571	62	0.096452	29
62	72	1	0	1	0	198	0.032151	192
63	73	0	0	0	0	373	0	373
64	74	1	0	1	0	197	0.032151	191
65	75	0	0	0	0	372	0	372
66	76	0	0	0	0	371	0	371
67	77	0	0	0	0	370	0	370
68	78	0	0	0	0	369	0	369
69	79	0	0	0	0	368	0	368
70	80	0	0	0	0	367	0	367
71	81	0	0	0	0	366	0	366
72	82	0	0	0	0	365	0	365
73	83	0	0	0	0	364	0	364
74	84	0	0	0	0	363	0	363
75	85	1	0	2	0	196	0.032151	190
76	86	2	1	4	20	59	0.064301	87
77	87	0	0	0	0	362	0	362
78	88	1	1	1	50	17	0.032151	189
79	89	0	0	0	0	361	0	361
80	90	0	0	0	0	360	0	360
81	91	6	1	6	14.28571	62	0.192904	1
82	92	2	0	6	0	117	0.064301	86
83	93	1	2	1	66.66667	15	0.032151	188
84	94	1	0	1	0	195	0.032151	187
85	95	1	4	0	100	6	0.032151	186
86	96	5	1	4	20	52	0.160754	5
87	97	1	0	1	0	194	0.032151	185
88	98	2	0	7	0	116	0.064301	85
89	99	2	0	3	0	115	0.064301	84
90	100	0	0	0	0	359	0	359
91	101	2	1	1	50	22	0.064301	83
92	102	2	0	4	0	114	0.064301	82
93	103	2	0	4	0	113	0.064301	81
94	104	1	0	1	0	193	0.032151	184
95	105	1	0	2	0	192	0.032151	183

96	106	0	0	0	0	358	0	358
97	107	0	0	0	0	357	0	357
98	108	2	0	4	0	112	0.064301	80
99	109	2	0	7	0	111	0.064301	79
100	110	1	0	1	0	191	0.032151	182
101	111	0	0	0	0	356	0	356
102	112	2	1	2	33.33333	37	0.064301	78

After the procedure for assessing the hazard of sections of the P-239 road, depending on the values of the risk indicators and the severity of an accident in the range from 1 to 389, the road sections are ranked according to the degree of danger.

Table 3. Ranking of road sections according to the degree of danger.

№	hazard rank, No. Road section by indicators of an accident	Km of road	Types of road accidents	Road plan and profile elements	Road condition	Lighting	Weather condition	No. of hazard rank of the road section by road accident	Km of road	Types of road accidents	Road plan and profile elements	Road condition	lighting	Weather condition
1	1	31	collision	straight in plan,	dry	day	clear	1	91	collision, other type of road accident	straight in plan	dry	included	clear
2	2	34	other type of road accident	straight in plan,	dry	not included	clear	2	23	collision	straight in plan	process	day	over-cast, rain
3	3	40	hitting an obstacle	straight in plan	dry	day	clear	3	302	collision	straight in plan, slope	process	day	snow
4	4	60	collision	straight in plan,	processed	day	snowf	4	114	collision	straight in plan	wet	day	over-cast, rain
5	5	66	other type of road accident	straight in plan	dry	not included	clear	5	96	collision	straight in plan	snowy, ice	included	over-cast, snow
6	6	95	collision	straight in plan	processed	not included	snow	6	28	collision, over-turning	straight in plan	dry	not included	clear
7	7	124	collision	straight in plan	processed	day	snow	7	25	collision with a stationary vehicle	straight in plan	dry	day	clear
8	8	165	other type of road accident	straight in plan	dry	day	clear	8	313	collision, over-turning	straight in plan	dry	day	clear
9	9	177	collision, other type of road accident	straight in plan, slope	processed	day	snow	9	238	over-turning	straight in plan, slope	wet	day	rain
10	10	230	other type of road accident	straight in plan, slope	dry	day	clear	10	113	collision, over-turning	straight in plan, slope	dry	day	clear

As can be seen from table 3, the most dangerous sections of the road in terms of the severity of the accident consequences include 31 km, 34 km, 40 km, 60 km, 66 km, 95 km, 124 km, 165 km, 177 km and 230 km, and the risk indicator of an accident should include 91 km, 23 km, 302 km, 114 km, 96 km, 28 km, 25 km, 313 km, 238 km, 113 km. The data show

that if the 10 most dangerous sections of the road are assessed in terms of severity of consequences and the risk of road accidents, then there is no coincidence for all sections.

4 Discussion

The person in the management system is the most important and at the same time less reliable link. He is easily distracted, gets tired relatively quickly, his behavior is influenced by a lot of unpredictable factors, and therefore he can not accurately perform the work for a long time. The failure rate in control systems due to human fault ranges from 20 to 95 %.

Such failures in the VADS control system pose a major threat to road safety. Roads and traffic management are often taken for granted and focus one-sidedly on how the road user adapts to the system. The contribution of the human factor to the occurrence of an accident is the more significant, the more technically perfect the road is. For example, on motorways, many possible errors are eliminated. Motorways have no level crossings, no unexpected turns, no pedestrian and bicycle paths, etc. However, therefore, the accidents that occur on such roads are largely attributed to the human factor [24, 25].

The main measures for road safety in Kazan, for various types of road safety problems, can be divided into:

1. Measures against various types of accidents.
2. Measures against risk factors in road traffic.
3. Measures aimed at groups of road users with a high risk of injury.

It should be noted that, unlike many European countries, in Russia, the audit of pedestrian crossings is often not used and not developed the scientific and methodological foundations. In this regard, methods for determining the size and location of pedestrian crossings, as well as the size of safety islands and the height of curbs, depending on the parameters of traffic and pedestrian flows and the width of the roadway, were identified and refined to practical application [26, 27]. To obtain practical results of the BDD audit, control sheets are used for the audit at various stages and places of their implementation, in order to form recommendations for eliminating technical errors and correct perception of traffic conditions by the participants of the BDD.

5 Conclusions

1. Road P-239 (Kazan-Orenburg - Akbulak - border with the Republic of Kazakhstan) – a federal highway with an asphalt surface, about 900 km long, connecting the cities of Kazan, Chistopol, Almetyevsk, Bugulma, Bavly, Orenburg, Sol-Iletsk, Akbulak.

2. Studies on the application of the hazard rating indicator for road sections were carried out on the section of the federal road P-239 Kazan – Orenburg (11 km by 399 km). Statistical analysis of road accidents on a section with a length of 388 km showed that during 2017-2019. the total number of road accidents was 373, the number of deaths and injuries in them – respectively 110 and 559 people.

3. The most dangerous sections of the road in terms of the severity of the consequences of road accidents include 31 km, 34 km, 40 km, 60 km, 66 km, 95 km, 124 km, 165 km, 177 km and 230 km. According to the accident risk indicator, 91 km, 23 km, 302 km, 114 km, 96 km, 28 km, 25 km, 313 km, 238 km, 113 km should be attributed.

4. Road safety audit is a method of formal control carried out by an independent team of experts at different stages of technological readiness of the «product» of the road industry – the road. The goal is to identify possible causes of road accidents as early as possible and eliminate them in advance.

5. The road safety audit is considered as an element of the road safety management system throughout the road life cycle.

6. Road safety audit should be considered as a system of end-to-end quality management (safety for the user) for the technological cycle of the production of a product such as «road».

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