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The built environment's journey to net zero

The built environment contributes around 40% of the UK's total carbon footprint, indicating how important the sector is to achieving net zero carbon emissions. In order to reduce its environmental impact, the built environment needs to address embodied carbon, used during the whole life of a structure, as well as operational carbon, including energy used for heating, cooling and power. Energy efficiency retrofit focuses on the reduction of operational carbon, as 80% of the buildings that will be in use in 2050 have already been built. Standards play a vital role in enabling the sector's shift to net zero, covering lower-carbon products and materials, energy efficiency, alternative fuels and more sustainable methods of construction, operation, decommissioning and recycling.

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To reduce the sector's carbon emissions, changes are needed to the design, construction, operation and decommissioning of structures, along with retrofitting to improve the performance of existing building stock. Across the built environment, there are a number of standards that can help to provide you with the necessary best practice framework for success. Discover some of the key standards which can help your organization manage its carbon emissions.

Carbon metric of an existing building during use stage.

Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works.

Carbon metric of an existing building during use stage.

Calculation, reporting and communication.

BS ISO 16745-2:2017

Design for material efficiency

Verification.

BS 8895 series

in building projects.

Construction works

BS EN 16627:2015

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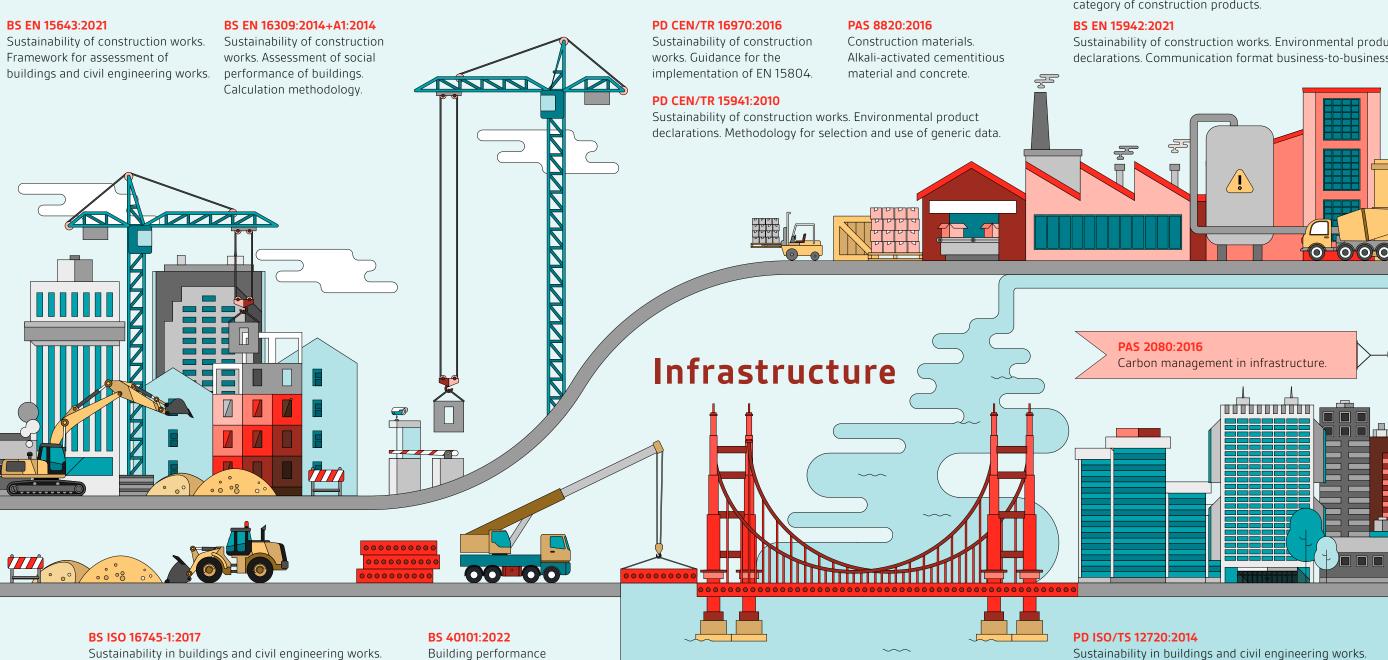
Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works. General principles.

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Building efficiency

PAS 2035/2030:2019

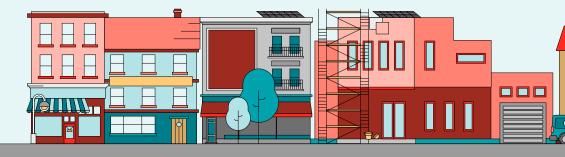
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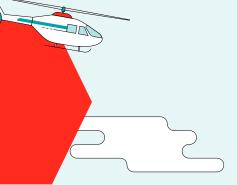
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BS EN 16798 series EPBD Energy Performance in Buildings Directive.

BS 5250:2021

Management of moisture in buildings. Code of practice.





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Sustainability of construction works. Environmental product declarations. Core rules for the product category of construction products.

Sustainability of construction works. Environmental product declarations. Communication format business-to-business.

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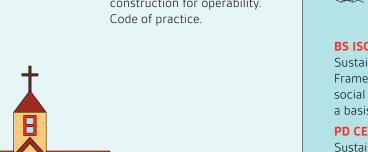
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Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works. A review of terminology.

PAS 4444:2020 Hydrogen-fired gas appliances.



Sustainability of construction works. Additional environmental impact categories and indicators. Background information and possibilities. Evaluation of the possibility of adding environmental impact categories and related indicators and performance of buildings.

Building performance evaluation of occupied and operational buildings. Specification.

BS 8536:2022

Design, manufacture and construction for operability.

BS ISO 21931-2:2019

Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works. Framework for methods of assessment of the environmental, social and economic performance of construction works as a basis for sustainability assessment. Civil engineering works.

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