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## Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 256 "Railway applications", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2001, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by October 2001.

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## Introduction

Railway axles were among the first train components to give rise to fatigue problems.

Many years ago, specific methods were developed in order to design these axles. They were based on a feedback process from the service behaviour of axles combined with the examination of failures and on fatigue-tests conducted in the laboratory, so as to characterise and optimise the design and materials used for axles.

A European working party under the aegis of UIC<sup>1)</sup> started to harmonise these methods at the beginning of the 1970's. This led to an ORE<sup>2)</sup> document applicable to the design of trailer stock axles, subsequently incorporated into national standards (French, German, Italian) and consequently converted into a UIC leaflet.

The bibliography lists the relevant documents used for reference purposes. The method described therein is largely based on conventional loadings and applies the beam theory for the stress calculation. The shape and stress recommendations are derived from laboratory tests and the outcome is validated by many years of operations on the various railway systems.

This standard is largely based on this method which has been improved and its scope enlarged.

## 1 Scope

This standard:

- defines the forces and moments to be taken into account with reference to masses and braking conditions;
- gives the stress calculation method for axles with outside axle-journals;
- specifies the maximum permissible stresses to be assumed in calculations, for steel grade EA1N defined in prEN 13261:1998;
- describes how to obtain the maximum permissible stresses for other steel grades;
- determines the diameters for the various sections of the axle. The preferred shapes and transitions are identified to ensure adequate service performance.

This standard is applicable to:

- solid and hollow axles of railway rolling stock used for the carriage of passengers and freight;
- axles defined in prEN 13261:1998;
- all gauges<sup>3)</sup>.

This standard is applicable to non powered axles fitted to rolling stock intended to run under normal European conditions. Before the use of this standard, if there is any doubt as to whether the railway operating conditions are normal, it is necessary to determine whether an additional design factor has to be applied to the maximum permissible stresses. The calculation of wheelsets for special applications (e.g.: tamping/lining/levelling machines) may be made according to this standard only for the load cases of free running and running in train formation. This standard does not apply for workload cases. They are calculated separately.

For light rail and tramway applications other standards or documents, agreed between the customer and supplier, may be applied.

Non powered axles of motor bogies and locomotives are analysed according to the requirements of the EN 13104.

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1) UIC: Union Internationale des Chemins de fer

2) ORE: Office de Recherches et d'Essais de l'UIC

3) If the gauge is not standard, some formulae need to be adapted.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates, by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

prEN 13260:1998 Railway applications - Wheelsets and bogies - Wheelsets - Product requirements

prEN 13261:1998 Railway applications - Wheelsets and bogies - Axles - Product requirements

## 3 Symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this European Standard, the symbols and abbreviated terms of table 1 apply:

Table 1

Symbol	Unit	Description
$m_1$	kg	Mass on journals per wheelset (bearings and axle boxes masses are included)
$m_2$	kg	Wheelset mass and masses on the wheelset between rolling planes (brake disc, etc.)
$m_1 + m_2$	kg	For the wheelset considered, mass applied on the rails
$g$	m/s <sup>2</sup>	Acceleration due to gravity
$P$	N	Half the vertical force per wheelset applied on the rail $\frac{(m_1 + m_2)g}{2}$
$P_0$	N	Vertical static force per journal when the wheelset is loaded symmetrically $\frac{m_1 g}{2}$
$P_1$	N	Vertical force on the more heavily loaded journal
$P_2$	N	Vertical force on the less loaded journal
$P'$	N	Part of $P$ braked by any mechanical braking system
$Y_1$	N	Wheel/rail horizontal force perpendicular to the rail on the side of the more heavily loaded journal
$Y_2$	N	Wheel/rail horizontal force perpendicular to the rail on the side of the less loaded journal
$H$	N	Force balancing the forces $Y_1$ and $Y_2$
$Q_1$	N	Vertical reaction on the wheel situated on the side of the more heavily loaded journal
$Q_2$	N	Vertical reaction on the wheel situated on the side of the less loaded journal
$F_i$	N	Forces exerted by the masses of the unsprung elements situated between the two wheels (brake disc(s) etc.)
$F_f$	N	Maximum force input of the brake-shoes of the same shoeholder on one wheel or interface force of the pads on one disc

(continued)

Table 1 (concluded)

Symbol	Unit	Description
$M_x$	Nmm	Bending moment due to the masses in motion
$M'_x, M'_z$	Nmm	Bending moments due to braking
$M'_y$	Nmm	Torsional moment due to braking
$MX, MZ$	Nmm	Sum of bending moments
$MY$	Nmm	Sum of torsional moments
$MR$	Nmm	Resultant moment
$2b$	mm	Distance between vertical force input points on axle journals
$2s$	mm	Distance between wheel rolling circles
$h_i$	mm	Height above the axle centreline of vehicle centre of gravity of masses carried by the wheelset
$y_i$	mm	Distance between the rolling circle of one wheel and force $F_i$
$y$	mm	Abscissa for any section of the axle calculated from the section subject to force $P_i$
$\Gamma$		Average friction coefficient between the wheel and the brake shoe or between the brake pads and the disc
$\sigma$	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	Stress calculated on one section
$K$		Fatigue stress concentration factor
$R$	mm	Nominal radius of the rolling circle of a wheel
$R_b$	mm	Brake radius
$d$	mm	Diameter for one section of the axle
$d'$	mm	Bore diameter of a hollow axle
$D$	mm	Diameter used for determining $K$
$r$	mm	Radius of transition fillet or groove used to determine $K$
$S$		Security coefficient
$G$		Centre of gravity
$R_{fL}$	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	Fatigue limit under rotating bending up to $10^7$ cycles for smooth specimens
$R_{fE}$	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	Fatigue limit under rotating bending up to $10^7$ cycles for notched specimens
$a_q$	m/s <sup>2</sup>	Unbalanced transverse acceleration
$f_q$		Thrust factor

#### 4 General

The major phases for the design of an axle are the following:

- identification of the forces to be taken into account and calculation of the moments on the various sections of the axle;
- selection of the diameters for axle-body and journals - on the basis of such diameters, calculation of the diameters for the other sections;



- c) the options taken are verified in the following manner:
- stress calculation for each section;
  - comparison of such stresses with the maximum permissible stresses.

The maximum permissible stresses are mainly defined by:

- the steel grade;
- whether the axle is solid or hollow.

An example data sheet is given in annex A (informative).

## 5 Forces and moments to be taken into consideration

### 5.1 Types of forces

Two types of forces are to be addressed:

- masses in motion;
- braking.

### 5.2 Effects due to masses in motion

The forces generated by masses in motion are concentrated along the vertical symmetry plane ( $y, z$ ) (see figure 1) intersecting the axle centreline.

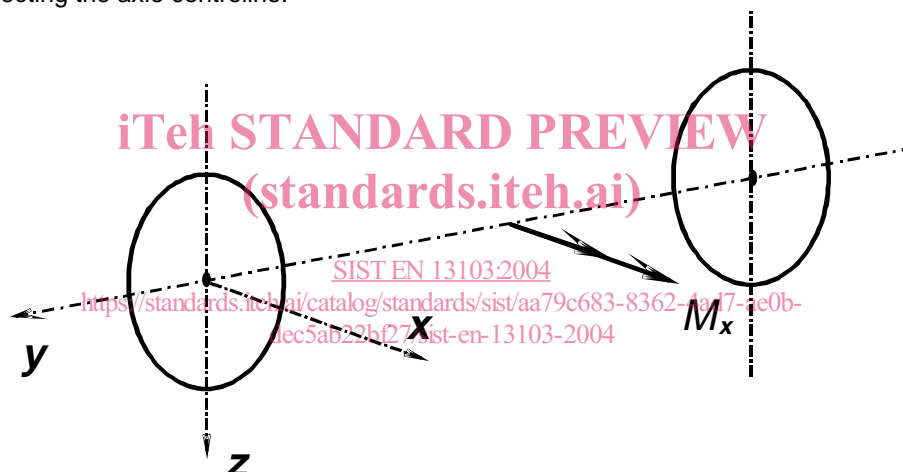


Figure 1

Unless otherwise defined by the customer, the masses ( $m_1 + m_2$ ) to be taken into account for the main railway applications are defined in table 2. For particular applications, e.g. suburban vehicles, other definitions for masses are necessary, in accordance with the specific operating requirements.

Table 2

Type of rolling stock units	Mass ( $m_1 + m_2$ )
Freight wagons	For the axle considered, the proportion of the wagon mass under maximum permissible loading in service
Trailer including passenger accommodation, luggage areas and vans	
1 – Main line vehicles <sup>1)</sup>	<p>Mass in service + 1,2 × payload,</p> <p>"mass in service" is defined as: the vehicle mass without passengers, tanks full with water, sand, fuel, etc.;</p> <p>"payload" is defined as: the mass of a passenger, which is estimated at 80 kg including hand luggage;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 passenger per seating place;</li> <li>– 2 passengers per m<sup>2</sup> in corridors and vestibules;</li> <li>– 2 passengers per attendant's compartment;</li> <li>– 300 kg per m<sup>2</sup> in luggage compartments.</li> </ul>
2 – Suburban vehicles <sup>1) 2)</sup>	<p>Mass in service + 1,2 × payload,</p> <p>"mass in service" is defined as: the vehicle mass without passengers, tanks full with water, sand, fuel, etc.;</p> <p>"payload" is defined as: the mass of a passenger, which is estimated at 70 kg (little or no luggage);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 1 passenger per seating place;</li> <li>– 3 passengers per m<sup>2</sup> in corridor areas;</li> <li>– 4 or 5 passengers per m<sup>2</sup> in vestibule areas<sup>2)</sup>;</li> <li>– 300 kg per m<sup>2</sup> in luggage compartments.</li> </ul>
<p><sup>1)</sup> The payloads to be taken into account to determine the mainline and suburban vehicles broadly reflect the normal operating conditions of the member railways of the International Union of Railways (UIC). If and when operating conditions significantly differ from the above framework, masses may be modified, for example, by increasing or decreasing the number of passengers per m<sup>2</sup> in corridors and vestibules.</p> <p><sup>2)</sup> These vehicles are sometimes associated with classes of passenger travel, i.e. 1st or 2nd class.</p>	

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The bending moment  $M_x$  in any section is calculated from forces  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ ,  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$ ,  $Y_1$ ,  $Y_2$  and  $F_i$  as shown in figure 2. It represents the most adverse condition for the axle, i.e.:

- asymmetric distribution of forces;
- the direction of the forces  $F_i$  due to the masses of the unsprung components selected in such a manner that their effect on bending is added to that due to the vertical forces.

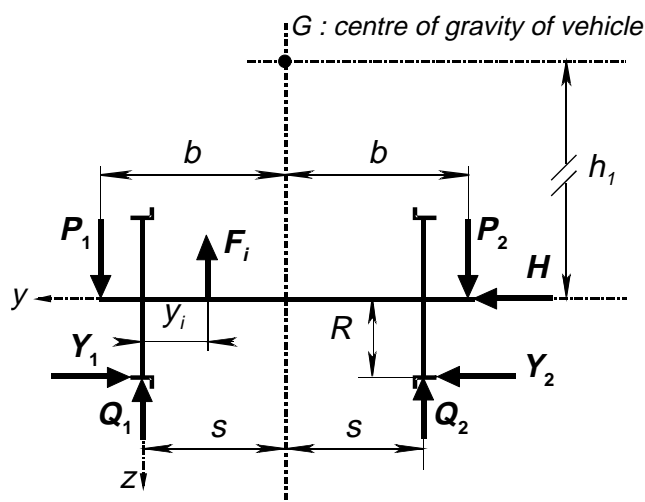


Figure 2

Table 3 shows the values for the forces calculated from  $m_1$ .

The formulae coefficient values are applicable to standard gauge axles and classical suspension. For very different gauges, metre gauge for example, or a new system of suspension, pendular system for example, other values shall be considered (see informative annex B).

Table 3	
All axles except guiding axle <sup>1)</sup>	$P_1 = (0,625 + 0,075h_1 / b)m_1g$ $P_2 = (0,625 - 0,075h_1 / b)m_1g$ $Y_1 = 0,30m_1g$ $Y_2 = 0,15m_1g$ $H = Y_1 - Y_2 = 0,15m_1g$
Guiding axle <sup>1)</sup>	$P_1 = (0,625 + 0,0875h_1 / b)m_1g$ $P_2 = (0,625 - 0,0875h_1 / b)m_1g$ $Y_1 = 0,35m_1g$ $Y_2 = 0,175m_1g$ $H = Y_1 - Y_2 = 0,175m_1g$
For all axles	$Q_1 = \frac{1}{2s} [P_1(b+s) - P_2(b-s) + (Y_1 - Y_2)R - F_i(2s - y_i)]$ $Q_2 = \frac{1}{2s} [P_2(b+s) - P_1(b-s) - (Y_1 - Y_2)R - F_i y_i]$
<sup>1)</sup> The guiding axle is the axle of the first (i.e. leading) bogie of a coach used at the head of a reversible trainset. If an axle can be used in both positions (guiding or non guiding), it is to be considered as a guiding axle.	