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76 1 Scope

77 Combination of different overhead contact lines and pantographs will provide various interaction
78 performances.

79 This standard defines parameters for interoperability in the field of interaction between pantograph and
80 overhead contact line. The document specifies the interface requirements of rolling stock and
81 infrastructure to achieve free access to the European railway network.

82 This standard describes parameters and values for all planned lines and future lines.

83 Annex B gives some essential parameters for existing lines.

84 The energy supply system is not covered by this standard.

85 2 Normative references

86 The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated
87 references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced
88 document (including any amendments) applies.

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| 96/48/EC | <i>EU council directive on the interoperability of the trans-European high speed rail system TSI sub-system Energy, Official Journal L 235 , 17/09/1996 p. 0006 – 0024</i> |
| 2001/16/EC | <i>Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the trans-European conventional rail system, Official Journal L 110, 20/04/2001 p. 0001 – 0027</i> |
| 2004/50/EC | <i>Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the trans-European conventional rail system, Official Journal L 164/114 29/04/2004 p. 0001 - 0050</i> |
| 2007/32/EC | <i>Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the trans-European conventional rail system, Official Journal L 141, 02/06/2007, p. 0063–0066</i> |
| EN 50119:200X ¹⁾ | <i>Railway applications – Fixed installations – Electric traction overhead contact lines</i> |
| EN 50149:2001 | <i>Railway applications – Fixed installations – Electric traction – Copper and copper alloy grooved contact wires</i> |
| EN 50163:2004 | <i>Railway applications – Supply voltages of traction systems</i> |
| EN 50206-1:1998 EN 50206-1:200X ²⁾ | <i>Railway applications – Rolling stock – Pantographs: Characteristics and tests – Part 1: Pantographs for main line vehicles</i> |
| EN 50317:2002 + A1:2004 + A2:2007 | <i>Railway applications – Current collection systems – Requirements for and validation of measurements of the dynamic interaction between pantograph and overhead contact line</i> |
| EN 50318:2002 | <i>Railway applications – Current collection systems – Validation of simulation of the dynamic interaction between pantograph and overhead contact line</i> |

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| EN 50388:2005 EN 50388:200X ²⁾ | <i>Railway applications – Power supply and rolling stock – Technical criteria for the coordination between power supply (substation) and rolling stock to achieve interoperability</i> |
| EN 50405:2006 | <i>Railway applications – Current collection systems – Pantographs, testing methods for carbon contact strips</i> |
| EN 15273:200X series ¹⁾ | <i>Railway applications – Gauges</i> |
| IEC 60050-811:1991 | <i>International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 811: Electrical traction</i> |

89 3 Definitions

90 For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

91 3.1

92 **contact force**

93 vertical force applied by the pantograph to the overhead contact line. The contact force is the sum of
94 forces of all contact points
95 [EN 50317:2002]

96 3.2

97 **static contact force**

98 mean vertical force exerted upwards by the pantograph head on the overhead contact line, and caused
99 by the pantograph-raising device, whilst the pantograph is raised and the vehicle is at standstill
100 [EN 50206-1:1998]

101 3.3

102 **mean contact force (F_m)**

103 statistical mean value of the contact force
104 [EN 50317:2002]

105 3.4

106 **overhead contact line**

107 contact line placed above (or beside) the upper limit of the vehicle gauge and supplying vehicles with
108 electric energy through roof - mounted current collection equipment
109 [IEC 60050-811-33-02]

110 3.5

111 **neutral section**

112 section of a contact line provided with a sectioning point at each end to prevent successive electrical
113 sections, differing in voltage, phase or frequency being connected together by the passage of current
114 collectors
115 [IEC 60050-811-36-16]

116 3.6

117 **nominal voltage**

118 voltage by which an installation or part of an installation is designated
119 [EN 50163:2004]

120 3.7

121 **contact wire height**

122 distance from the top of the rail to the lower face of the contact wire, measured perpendicular to the track
123 [EN 50119:200X (omitting references to trolley buses)]

- 124 **3.8**
 125 **minimum contact wire height**
 126 minimum value of the contact wire height in the span in order to avoid the arcing between one or more
 127 contact wires and the vehicles in all conditions
 128 [EN 50119:200X]
- 129 **3.9**
 130 **nominal contact wire height**
 131 a nominal value of the contact wire height at a support in the normal conditions
 132 [EN 50119:200X]
- 133 **3.10**
 134 **maximum contact wire height**
 135 maximum possible contact wire height which the pantograph is required to reach, in all cases
 136 [EN 50119:200X]
- 137 **3.11**
 138 **automatic dropping device**
 139 device that lowers the pantograph in the event of pantograph head failure or damage of the pantograph
 140 head
 141 [EN 50206-1:1998]
- 142 **3.12**
 143 **arc**
 144 flow of current through an air gap between a contact strip and a contact wire usually indicated by the
 145 emission of intense light
 146 [EN 50317:2002]
- 147 **3.13**
 148 **percentage of arcing**
 149 percentage given by the following formula:

$$NQ = \frac{\sum t_{\text{arc}}}{t_{\text{total}}} \times 100$$
- 150
- 151 where
- 152 t_{arc} is the duration of an arc lasting longer 5 ms;
- 153 t_{total} is the measuring time with a current greater than 30 % of the nominal current.
- 154 The result, given in %, is a characteristic for a given speed of the vehicle
 155 [EN 50317:2002]
- 156 **3.14**
 157 **maximum length of pantograph head**
 158 maximum distance measured along the axis of the track between the outer edges of the contact strips
- 159 **3.15**
 160 **kinematics envelope**
 161 maximum envelope of the pantograph head under all operating conditions
- 162 NOTE Additional information is given in EN 15273-1:200X³⁾, Clause 3.

3) At draft stage.

163 **3.16**
 164 **skew of pantograph head**
 165 vertical distance between the highest point of the pantograph head and the contact point

166 NOTE Additional information is given in EN 15273-1:200X, Figure 44.

167 **3.17**
 168 **contact point**
 169 point of the mechanical contact between a contact strip and a contact wire
 170 [EN 50317:2002]

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172 **4 Symbols and abbreviations**

| | |
|----------------|---|
| C | length of common part |
| D | overall length of neutral section |
| D' | length of neutral zone |
| d | length of insulator inserted in contact wire |
| F_m | mean contact force |
| F_{max} | maximum contact force |
| F_{min} | minimum contact force |
| GC | gauge C according EN 15273:200X series |
| b_w | half width of pantograph bow |
| b_1 | kinematic range at a contact wire height of 5,0 m |
| b_2 | kinematic range at the actual contact wire height |
| L | distance between closest pantographs |
| L' | distance covered by farthest pantographs |
| L'' | distance between 3 consecutive pantographs |
| l | maximum width |
| NQ | percentage of arcing |
| σ_{max} | maximum standard deviation of contact force |

173 **5 Geometry**

174 **5.1 General**

175 The infrastructure manager shall ensure that the values for the geometric characteristics of the overhead
 176 contact line are as shown in Table 1.

177 The pantographs of the train shall fulfil the geometric characteristics as shown in Table 2, according to
 178 the type of infrastructure on which it will circulate under the rules of free access.

179 5.2 Overhead contact line characteristics

180 For free access the parametric requirements to achieve interaction that are dependent on the geometry of
181 the overhead contact line (see EN 50119:200X) are as follows:

- 182 • gauge;
- 183 • contact wire height;
- 184 • permissible contact wire gradient;
- 185 • permissible lateral deviation of the contact wire from the track centre line under action of a crosswind;
- 186 • limit for free and unrestricted contact wire uplift at the support;
- 187 • neutral section.

188 The overhead contact line shall conform to EN 50119:200X.

189 5.2.1 Gauges

190 The design of overhead contact line system shall allow the operation of vehicles complying with gauges
191 as defined in EN 15273:200X series.

192 5.2.2 Contact wire height

193 Range of nominal contact wire height shall be in accordance with Table 1.

194 Minimum contact wire height shall be calculated in accordance with EN 50119:200X, 5.10.4.

195 The maximum contact wire height is 6,5 m.

196 **Table 1 – Overhead contact line characteristics for AC and DC systems**

| Line speed km/h | $v \leq 200$ | $200 < v < 250$ | $v \geq 250$ |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Range of nominal contact wire height | 5,0 up to 5,75 | 5,0 up to 5,5 | 5,08 up to 5,3 |
| Dimensions in metres. | | | |

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199 5.2.3 Contact wire gradient

200 The permissible contact wire gradient is defined in EN 50119:200X, 5.10.3.

201 5.2.4 Lateral deviation

202 The wind speed and the pantograph length to be considered will be defined by the infrastructure
203 manager.

204 Maximum lateral deviation of the contact wire from the track centre line under action of a crosswind is
205 calculated for pantographs 1 950 mm, 1 600 mm.

206 The permissible contact wire deviation under the action of a cross wind shall be calculated for contact
207 wire heights above 5 300 mm and/or on curved track. It shall be calculated using the half-width of the
208 dynamic envelope of the European pantograph passage, b_2 . b_2 shall be calculated in accordance with
209 A.3:

210 – the smaller value of either 0,4 m or $(1,4 - b_2)$ m ^a 1 600 mm pantograph;

211 – the smaller value of either 0,55 m or $(1,7 - b_2)$ m 1 950 mm pantograph.

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213 **5.2.5 Contact wire uplift**

214 The requirements for the allowance for contact wire uplift at the support are defined in EN 50119:200X,
215 5.10.2.

216 **5.2.6 Neutral section**

217 The functional requirements of neutral sections are defined as follows:

218 • trains shall be able to move from one section to an adjacent one (which is fed from a different phase
219 or system) without bridging the neutral section;

220 • the neutral section shall be designed in such a way that trains with several pantographs at an overall
221 distance of maximum 400 m can cross with their pantographs up;

222 • power consumption of the train shall be brought to zero when entering the phase separation section.
223 See also EN 50388:2005;

224 • the infrastructure manager shall provide adequate means to allow a train that stops underneath the
225 phase separation section to restart;

226 • in the case of trains with several pantographs, the pantographs shall be lowered for the entire length
227 of the neutral section if some of the above requirements cannot be met. Technical or operational
228 measures shall be taken to meet safety and availability requirements.

229 For compatibility between neutral sections and pantographs arrangement, see 5.2 and A.1.

230 **5.3 Pantograph characteristics**

231 The geometry of the pantograph is characterised by the following major interaction parameters:

232 • geometric profile of pantograph bow;

233 • range of working height;

234 • length of contact strips;

235 • maximum width;

236 • skew of pantograph bow.

237 For a current collection without interruption, functional requirements are described in this clause. These
238 requirements are related to the geometric profile of the pantograph bow and to the dynamic behaviour of
239 the vehicle (i.e. kinematics envelope) and ensure that at least one contact wire is always inside the
240 conducting range of pantograph bow (including all tolerances).

241 The permissible value for the skew of pantograph bow is 60 mm, with the contact point at the limit of the
242 contact strip.

243 The maximum lateral deviation of the European pantograph bow is specified in A.3.

244 Additional characteristics, related to the train, shall also be implemented as follows:

- 245 • automatic dropping device;
- 246 • minimum and maximum spacing between two operating pantographs;
- 247 • an electrical connection between operating pantographs in AC systems shall not be used;
- 248 • lowering times under normal conditions; From the moment of initiation, the pantograph shall lower to
- 249 the minimum dynamic electrical clearance in less than 3 s. The pantograph shall lower to the housed
- 250 position in less than 10 s. The circuit breaker shall be opened before lowering pantograph.

251 NOTE 1 The limits for maximum width are important for the correct operation of sectioning devices. The limits for distances
252 between operating pantographs are important for the correct operation of neutral sections. See A.1.

253 NOTE 2 For DC systems, when an electrical connection between operating pantographs exists, a device to interrupt this
254 connection should be provided.

255 The design of the pantograph shall ensure performance in accordance with Clause 7 for the speed range
256 and a contact wire height according to Table 2 and Table 3. The maximum value of working height shall
257 be 6,5 m.

258 For compatibility between pantographs arrangement and neutral sections, see A.1.

259 **Table 2 – Pantograph characteristics for AC and DC systems**

| Category | $v < 200$ | $v \geq 200$ |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Profile of pantograph bow ^a | See Figure A.7 and Figure A.8 | See Figure A.7 |
| Maximum length of pantograph bow (m) ^b | 0,65 | 0,65 |
| Automatic dropping device | Necessary ^c | Necessary |
| Minimum and maximum spacing between two operating pantographs (m) | See A.1 | See A.1 |
| Maximum skew of pantograph bow (mm) | 60 | 60 |
| Maximum lateral deviation of the interoperable pantograph head | See A.3 | See A.3 |
| <p>^a See Figures B.2 to B.8 for the national profiles for existing lines.</p> <p>^b Maximum length of pantograph bow, see A.1.</p> <p>^c For $v_{max} < 100$ km/h only recommendation.</p> | | |

260 The pantograph shall conform to EN 50206-1:1998.
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262 6 Material interfaces

263 6.1 General

264 The wear of contact wire and contact strips as well as the permissible current at the contact point
265 depends significantly on the materials of these two components. In order to achieve a satisfactory
266 performance the characteristics of contact wire and contact strips shall be in accordance with 6.2 and 6.3.