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**EN 13103:2009 (E)****Foreword**

This document (EN 13103:2009) 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 2009, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2009.

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For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annexes ZA and ZB, which are integral parts of this document.

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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 characterize and optimize the design and materials used for axles.

A European working group under the aegis of UIC<sup>1</sup> started to harmonize these methods at the beginning of the 1970s. 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 based largely on this method which has been improved and its scope enlarged.

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<sup>1</sup> UIC : Union Internationale des Chemins de fer.

<sup>2</sup> ORE: Office de Recherches et d'Essais de l'UIC.

**EN 13103:2009 (E)****1 Scope**

This standard:

- 1) defines the forces and moments to be taken into account with reference to masses and braking conditions;
- 2) gives the stress calculation method for axles with outside axle journals;
- 3) specifies the maximum permissible stresses to be assumed in calculations for steel grade EA1N defined in EN 13261;
- 4) describes the method for determination of the maximum permissible stresses for other steel grades;
- 5) determines the diameters for the various sections of the axle and recommends the preferred shapes and transitions to ensure adequate service performance.

This standard is applicable to:

- 6) solid and hollow axles of railway rolling stock used for the transportation of passengers and freight;
- 7) axles defined in EN 13261;
- 8) all gauges<sup>3</sup>.

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This standard is applicable to axles fitted to rolling stock intended to run under normal European conditions. Before using 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 to 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 EN 13104.

**2 Normative references**

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

EN 13260:2009, *Railway applications – Wheelsets and bogies – Wheelsets – Product requirements*

EN 13261:2009, *Railway applications – Wheelsets and bogies – Axles – Product requirements*

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<sup>3</sup> If the gauge is not standard, certain formulae need to be adapted.



### 3 Symbols and abbreviations

For the purposes of this European Standard, the symbols and abbreviations in Table 1 apply:

Table 1

Symbol	Unit	Description
$m_1$	kg	Mass on journals (including bearings and axle boxes)
$m_2$	kg	Wheelset mass and masses on the wheelset between running surfaces (brake disc, etc.)
$m_1 + m_2$	kg	For the wheelset considered, proportion of the mass of the vehicle on the rails
$g$	m/s <sup>2</sup>	Acceleration due to gravity
$P$	N	Half the vertical force per wheelset 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 heavily-loaded journal
$P'$	N	Proportion 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 heavily-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 heavily-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
$M_x$	N·mm	Bending moment due to the masses in motion
$M'_x, M'_z$	N·mm	Bending moments due to braking
$M'_y$	N·mm	Torsional moment due to braking
$MX, MZ$	N·mm	Sum of bending moments
$MY$	N·mm	Sum of torsional moments
$MR$	N·mm	Resultant moment
$2b$	Mm	Distance between vertical force input points on axle journals
$2s$	Mm	Distance between wheel rolling circles

Table 1 (continued)

Symbol	Unit	Description
$h_i$	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 $P_1$
$\Gamma$		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 in 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 test pieces
$R_{fE}$	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	Fatigue limit under rotating bending up to $10^7$ cycles for notched test pieces
$a_q$	m/s <sup>2</sup>	Unbalanced transverse acceleration
$f_q$		Thrust factor

#### 4 General

The major phases for the design of an axle are:

- a) definition of the forces to be taken into account and calculation of the moments on the various sections of the axle;
- b) selection of the diameters of the axle body and journals and - on the basis of these diameters - calculation of the diameters for the other parts of the axle;
- c) the options taken are verified in the following manner:
  - stress calculation for each section;
  - comparison of these 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 of a data sheet with all these phases is given in Annex A.

## 5 Forces and moments to be taken into consideration

### 5.1 Types of forces

Two types of forces are to be taken into consideration as a function:

- 1) of the masses in motion;
- 2) of the braking system.

### 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.

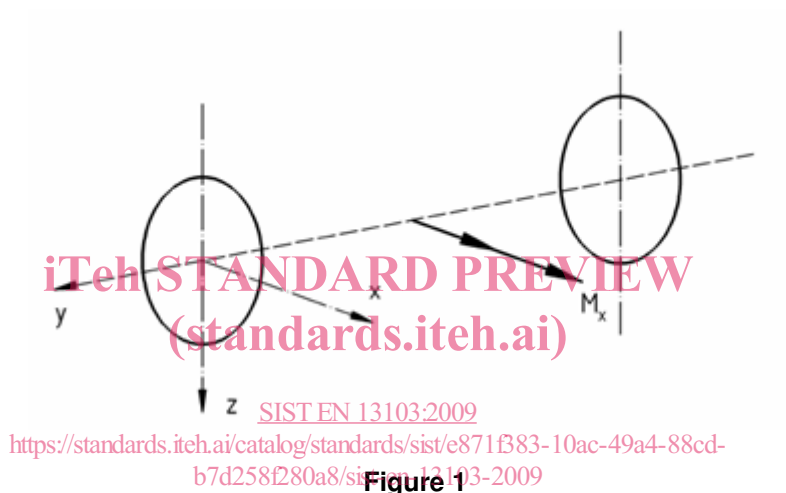


Figure 1

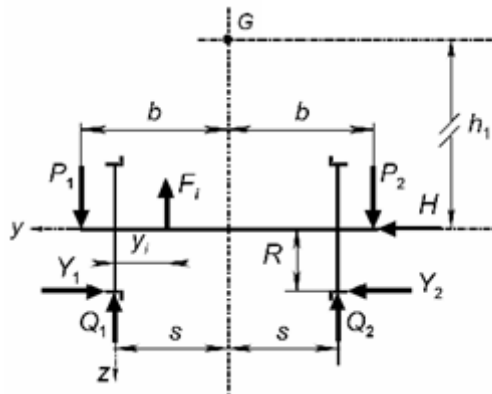
Unless otherwise defined by the customer, the masses ( $m_1 + m_2$ ) to be taken into account for the main types of rolling stock are defined in Table 2. For particular applications, e.g. suburban vehicles, other definitions for masses are necessary, in accordance with the specific operating requirements.

Table 2

Type of rolling stock units	Mass ( $m_1 + m_2$ )
Freight wagons	For the axle considered, proportion of the wagon mass under maximum permissible loading in service
Coaches including accommodation for passengers, luggage or post	Mass in service + $1,2 \times$ payload,
1 – Main line vehicles <sup>a</sup>	<p>"mass in service" is defined as: the vehicle mass without passengers, tanks full (of water, sand, fuel, etc.);</p> <p>"payload" is defined as the mass of a passenger estimated at 80 kg, including hand luggage;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 1 passenger per seat;</li> <li>— 2 passengers per m<sup>2</sup> in corridors and vestibules;</li> <li>— 2 passengers per attendant compartment;</li> <li>— 300 kg per m<sup>2</sup> in luggage compartments.</li> </ul>
2 – Suburban vehicles <sup>a,b</sup>	<p>Mass in service + <math>1,2 \times</math> payload,</p> <p>"mass in service" is defined as the vehicle mass without passengers, tanks full (of 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 seat;</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>b</sup>;</li> <li>— 300 kg per m<sup>2</sup> in luggage compartments.</li> </ul>
<p><sup>a</sup> The payloads to be taken into account to determine the mass of the mainline and suburban vehicles broadly reflect the normal operating conditions of the member railways of the International Union of Railways (UIC). If the operating conditions differ significantly, these 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>b</sup> These vehicles are sometimes associated with classes of passenger travel, i.e. 1st or 2nd class.</p>	

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.:

- 1) asymmetric distribution of forces;
- 2) 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;
- 3) the value of the forces  $F_i$  results from multiplying the mass of each unsprung component by 1 g.

**Key**

G – centre of gravity of vehicle

**Figure 2**

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

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

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