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**EN 13848-1:2003+A1:2008 (E)****Foreword**

This document (EN 13848-1:2003+A1:2008) 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by January 2009 and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by January 2009.

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This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

Annex A and B are informative.

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## Introduction

This European Standard defines the minimum requirements for the principal track geometric parameters that characterise track geometry quality. Other parameters, for example, acceleration and rail characteristics, also have an important role in contributing towards ride quality. Refer to annexes A and B for further information on these parameters.

It comprises two informative annexes (annex A and annex B).

This European Standard is one of the series EN 13848 "Railway applications/Track - Track geometry quality" as listed below:

- *Part 1 : Characterization of track geometry*
- *Part 2 : Measuring devices - Track recording vehicles*
- **[A1]** *Part 3 : Measuring systems — Track construction and maintenance machines*
- *Part 4 : Measuring systems — Manual and lightweight devices*
- *Part 5 : Geometric quality levels **[A1]***

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**EN 13848-1:2003+A1:2008 (E)****1 Scope**

<sup>A1</sup> This European Standard specifies the requirements for the homologation of track geometry quality parameters as measured by various measuring devices fitted on track recording vehicles. <sup>A1</sup> These measuring devices are described in <sup>A1</sup> Part 2 <sup>A1</sup> of the standard. This European Standard applies to all track geometry parameters including track gauge, longitudinal level, alignment, cross level (cant / superelevation) and twist. It defines each parameter and specifies the requirements for measurement, the analysis methods and the presentation of results. <sup>A1</sup> Parts 3 and 4 give a description of measuring devices complying partially with this Part 1 according to the specificities of respectively track construction and maintenance machines, and manual and lightweight devices. <sup>A1</sup>

**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).

<sup>A1</sup> EN 13848-2, *Railway applications — Track — Track geometry quality — Part 2: Measuring systems — Track recording vehicles* <sup>A1</sup>

ENV 13005:1999, *Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement*

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**3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms****3.1 Terms and definitions**

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For the purposes of this European Standard, the following terms and definitions apply (refer also to the terms and definitions described in clause 4 of this part).

**3.1.1****track geometry quality**

assessment of excursions from the mean or designed geometrical characteristics of specified parameters in the vertical and lateral planes which give rise to safety concerns or have a correlation with ride quality

**3.1.2****gauge face**

inside face of the running rail head

**3.1.3****running table**

upper surface of the head of the rail

**3.1.4****running surface**

curved surface defined by the longitudinal displacement of a straight line perpendicular to the centre-line of the track and tangential to both running tables

**3.1.5****running plane**

plane tangential to the running surface at the point of measurement



**3.1.6****uncertainty**

refer to the definition in ENV 13005:1999

**3.1.7****measured value**

refer to the definition in ENV 13005:1999

**3.1.8****resolution**

smallest change in the value of a quantity to be measured which produces a detectable change in the indication of the measuring instrument

**3.1.9****wavelength range**

space domain taken by the parameters' components

**3.1.10****sampling distance**

travelled distance between any two consecutive measurement points on the same rail

**3.1.11****range of measurement**

specific domain described by its limits

**3.2 Symbols and abbreviated terms**

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Table 1 — Symbols

| No. | Symbol       | Designation   | Unit |
|-----|--------------|---|------|
| 1   | $G$          | Track gauge   | mm   |
| 2   | $Z_p$        | Limit of the range below the running surface within which the gauge is measured. $Z_p$ is always 14 mm. $\langle A_1 \rangle$     | mm   |
| 3   | $Z_{p'1}$    | Deviation in the direction of consecutive running table levels on left hand rail. Used in the measurement of Longitudinal Level.  | mm   |
| 4   | $Z_{p'2}$    | Deviation in the direction of consecutive running table levels on right hand rail. Used in the measurement of Longitudinal Level. | mm   |
| 5   | $y_p$        | Distance between point P and a reference line. Used in the measurement of Alignment   | mm   |
| 6   | $P$          | Gauge face contact point  |      |
| 7   | $D1, D2, D3$ | Wavelength ranges   | m    |
| 8   | $\lambda$    | Wavelength  | m    |
| 9   | $V1$         | Amplitude from the zero line. Used in the measurement of Twist  | mm/m |
| 10  | $V2$         | Amplitude from the mean value. Used in the measurement of Twist   | mm/m |
| 11  | $\ell$       | Twist base-length   | m    |
| 12  | $X, Y, Z$    | Axes of a track co-ordinate system  |      |

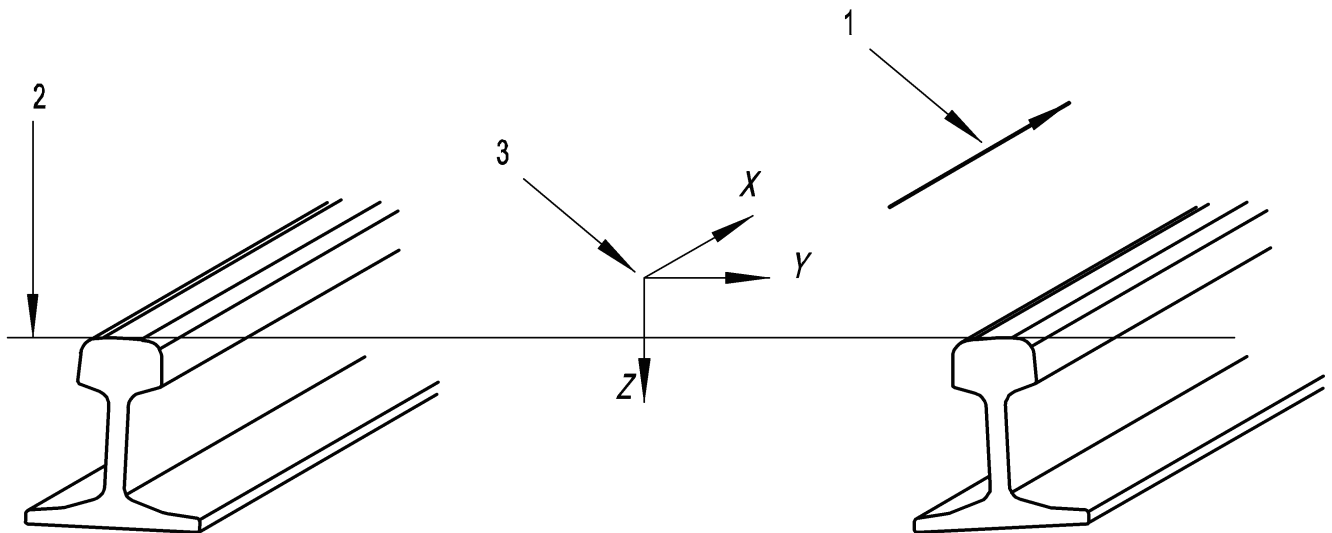
## 4 Principal track geometric parameters

### 4.1 Description of the track co-ordinate system

The track geometry quality is described by means of a relative rectangular co-ordinate system centred to the track with clockwise rotation (refer to Figure 1) :

- X-axis : axis represented as an extension of the track towards the direction of running
- Y-axis : axis parallel to the running surface
- Z-axis : axis perpendicular to the running surface and pointing downwards

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### Key

- 1 running direction
- 2 running surface
- 3 track co-ordinate system

Figure 1 — Relationship between the axes of the track co-ordinate system

## 4.2 Track gauge

### 4.2.1 A1 Definition

Track gauge,  $G$ , is the smallest distance between lines perpendicular to the running surface intersecting each rail head profile at point  $P$  in a range from 0 to  $Z_p$  below the running surface.  $Z_p$  is always 14 mm.

In the situation of new unworn rail head the point  $P$  will be at the limit  $Z_p$  below the railhead, see Figure 2.