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1 Scope

The European standard specifies the requirements for the end coupler for train sets compliant with the technical specification for Interoperability High Speed Rolling stock.

It defines the minimum interface requirements in order to allow automatic coupling (mechanical and pneumatical) of two interoperable train sets of different types.

The herein specified interfaces of the end coupler enable the rescue of a train set in an event of a breakdown by another interoperable trainset of different type, without the need to use an intermediate coupler adapter, accessories or component.

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.

ISO 2768-1, *General tolerances — Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

automatic coupler

latch-type automatic coupler allowing the mechanical, pneumatic and in some cases electrical connection between two train units or train sets without manual assistance, also known as “Scharfenberg system type 10” automatic coupler

3.2

coupler head

part of couplers, consisting of coupler head casing with gathering elements, coupler lock, uncoupling device, air pipe couplers and an appropriate interface towards the rear part of the coupler

3.3

main reservoir pipe

pipe containing air pressure at a value which is sufficient to supply subsystems including the brake system

[EN 14478:2005]

3.4

brake pipe

pipe containing and conveying air, enabling train brake control

[EN 14478:2005]

3.5

uncoupling pipe

pipe containing and conveying air, enabling uncoupling of the coupler locks

4 Product requirements

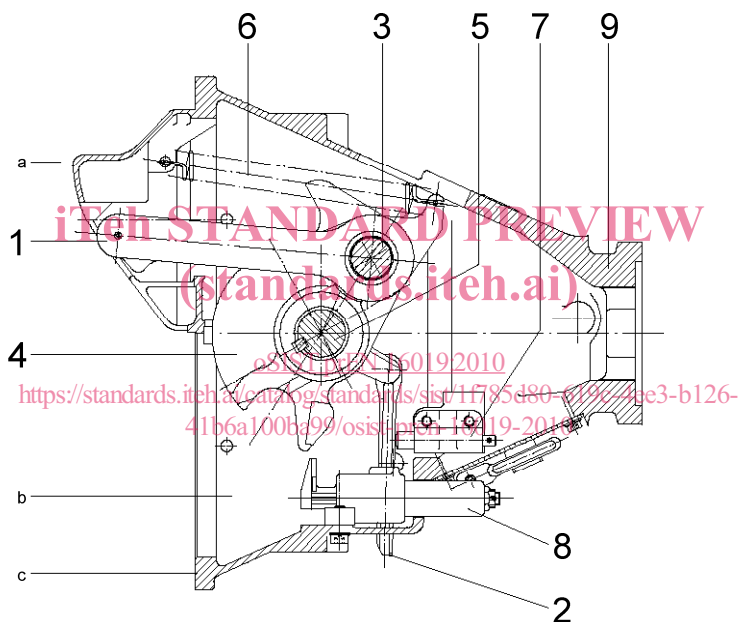
4.1 General requirements

The stroke requirements and the coupler length shall be taken into consideration.

4.1.1 Automatic coupler head characteristics

The coupler head (see Figure 1) of the automatic coupler shall be equipped with a pivoting coupler lock, enabling the mechanical connection of two vehicles. The coupler lock consists of the following parts: hooked plate, coupling link, central pivot, tension springs, spring bearing, and ratchet with stem guide. In order to ensure a maximum gathering range, both vertically and horizontally, the coupler head shall be provided with male cone, female cone and gathering horn, such that the couplers can be aligned and centred also in curves and in case of vertical mismatch. The coupler head dimensions shall be according to Annex A.

Tolerances for dimensions shall be according to ISO 2768-1, tolerance class mH, unless otherwise specified in this standard.



Spring bearing and stem guide may be a combined element.

Key

a	male cone	2	ratchet	6	tension spring
b	female cone	3	coupling link pin	7	spring bearing
c	coupler face	4	hooked plate	8	stem guide
1	coupling link	5	central pivot	9	coupler head casing

Figure 1 — Principle arrangement of coupler head

When coupled, the coupler lock elements are subjected to tensile load and form a parallelogram ensuring an equilibrium of forces and an equal load distribution onto both coupling links. The equilibrium of forces prevents involuntary unlocking of the coupler locks and reduces wear.

Compressive loads are transmitted through the flat coupler faces of the coupler heads.

The automatic coupler shall be designed to withstand the following loads without permanent deformation:

- maximum tensile load = 1 000 kN;
- maximum compressive load = 1 500 kN.

These values are for normal operating conditions. If the coupler is used only for rescue conditions, lower values are allowed.

When coupled, the coupler locks ensure a nearly slack-free connection between the automatic couplers. The coupler lock play is the distance between the coupler faces of two coupled coupler heads. Coupler lock play shall not exceed 0,8 mm per coupler lock.

4.1.2 Coupling system positions

The coupling system has three operating positions:

4.1.2.1 Ready-to-couple position

In the ready-to-couple position, the coupling link shall be retracted and lie close to the edge of the male cone and the ratchet shall hold the hooked plate. In this position, the ratchet shall project over the side of the coupler head casing and shall be engaged with the catch of the stem guide. In the ready-to-couple position, the tension springs are loaded. See Figure 2.

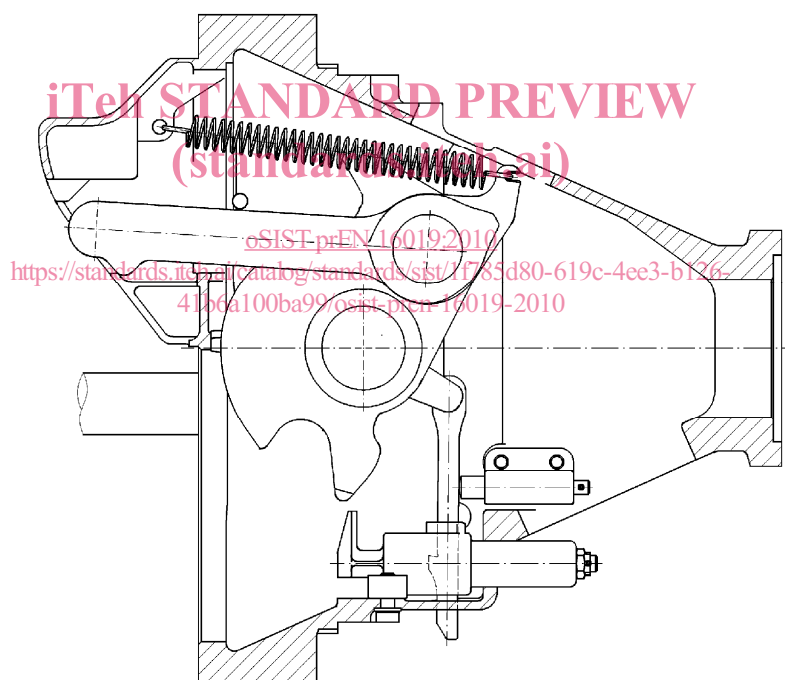


Figure 2 — Ready-to-couple position

4.1.2.2 Coupled position

As the coupler faces mate, the male cones entering the female cones shall press the stems backwards, in order for the ratchets to be released. After the ratchets have been released, the tension springs shall turn the hooked plates counterclockwise until they reach the stops in the coupler head casings. In the coupled position, the coupler locks are engaged. See Figure 3.

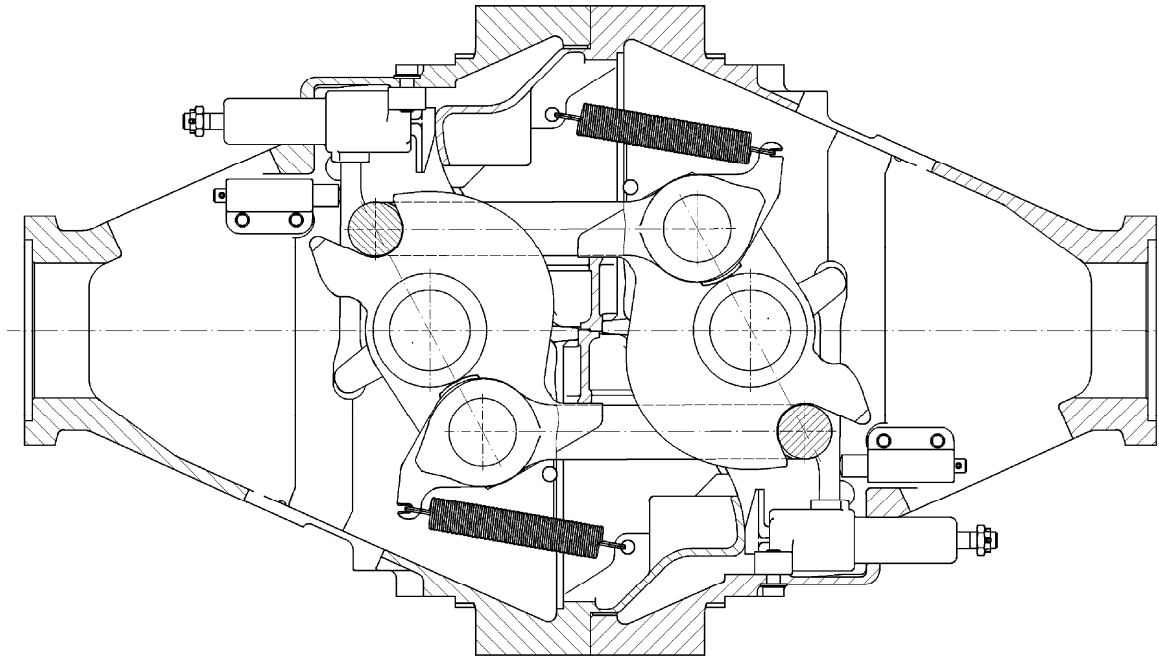


Figure 3 — Coupled position

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4.1.2.3 Uncoupled position

In order to uncouple, an appropriate uncouple device shall turn the coupler locks clockwise against the force applied by the tension springs. In this position, the ratchets shall retain the hooked plates by engaging with the mobile stem. As the couplers move apart, the locking system comes back to the ready-to-couple position. The ratchets shall retract into the coupler head casing when they engage with the stem guides. See Figure 4.

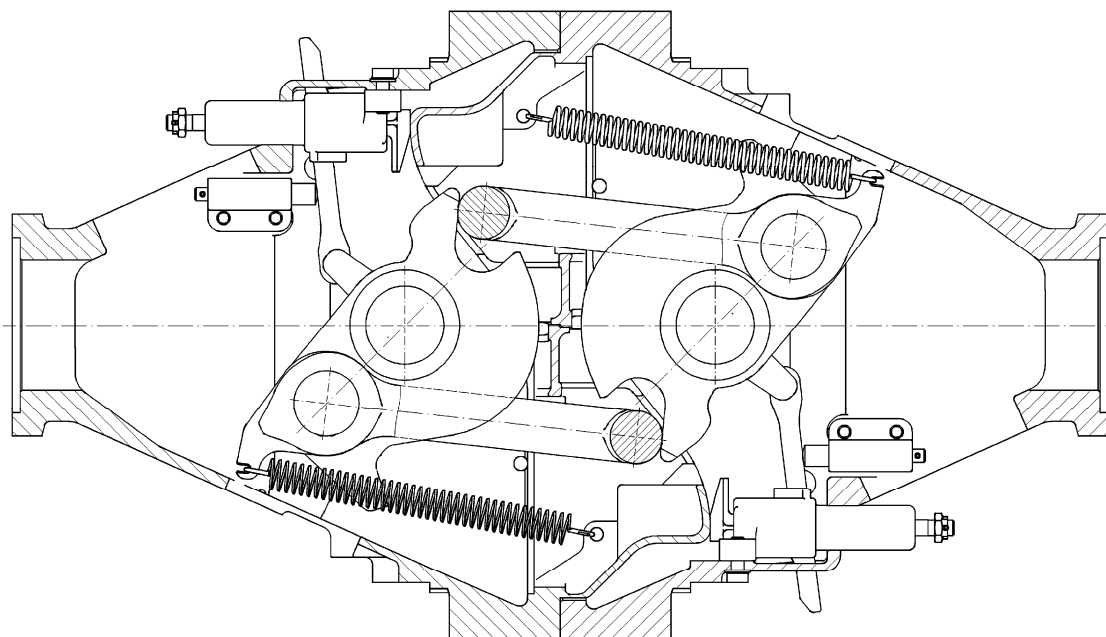


Figure 4 — Uncoupled position

4.2 Coupling requirements

4.2.1 Mechanical coupling

The mechanical coupling procedure between two automatic couplers shall be automatic.

The automatic coupler shall be designed to ensure that coupling is possible when the vertical and horizontal mismatch is inside the gathering range shown in Figure 5, i.e. when the centre of the opposite coupler is mismatched up to the chain dotted edge of central point M of the coupler in the drawing. If the coupler faces are in an angular position relative to each other, the prolongation of the opposite coupler shall hit inside the framed surface.

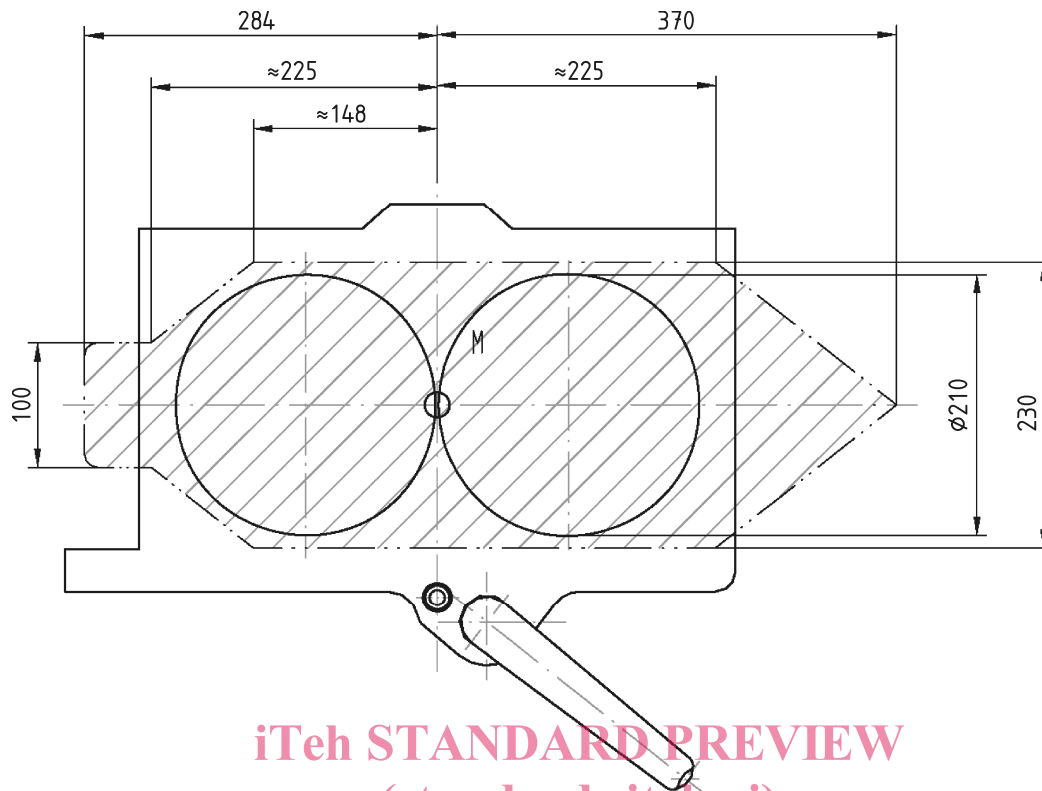
The coupling operation shall be conducted securely from a minimum speed of 0,6 km/h.

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Dimensions in millimetres



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Figure 5 — Minimum gathering range of the type 10 coupler

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4.2.2 Pneumatic coupling

The air pipes (brake pipe, main reservoir pipe and uncouple pipe) shall be connected automatically by means of the air pipe couplers in the course of the mechanical coupling operation (see Figure A.1).

The air pipe coupler of the brake pipe is located in the coupler face (see Annex A) and shall ensure reliable sealing of the brake pipe in coupled condition. A valve controlled by the central pivot shall open the brake pipe upon coupling and close it upon uncoupling. As the central pivot will not turn in case of coupler rupture, the brake pipe shall remain open and commence an automatic train stopping.

The air pipe coupler of the main reservoir pipe is located in the coupler face (see Annex A) and shall ensure reliable sealing of the main reservoir pipe in coupled condition. When uncoupled, the main reservoir pipe shall be closed. When coupling, the air pipe couplers shall open.

The air pipe coupler of the uncoupling pipe is located in the coupler face (see Annex A). The uncoupling pipe only conveys compressed air during the uncouple operation.

The dimensions of the air pipe connection interfaces are defined in Annex C.

4.3 Operating conditions

The automatic coupler, when coupled with another automatic coupler, shall be capable of negotiating a 150 m radius curve as well as S-curves with an intermediate straight of at least 6 m without interference to other vehicle elements. The car builder shall demonstrate that this requirement is met.