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# Foreword

This document (EN 13145:2001+A1:2011) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 256 "Railway applications", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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#### 1 Scope

This European Standard defines wood species, quality requirements, origin, manufacturing conditions, forms, dimensions and tolerances as well as the durability and preservation of wood sleepers and bearers for use in railway tracks. It does not cover specific finishing processes that may be required by the customer. It does not apply to other track timbers.

### 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).

- EN 252 Field test method for determining the relative protective effectiveness of a wood preservative in ground contact
- EN 335-1 Durability of wood and wood-based products Definition of hazard classes of biological attack Part 1: General
- EN 350-2 Durability of wood and wood-based products Natural durability of solid wood Part 2: Guide to natural durability and treatability of selected wood species of importance in Europe
- EN 351-1 Durability of wood and wood-based products Preservative-treated solid wood Part 1: Classification of preservative penetration and retention
- EN 599-1 Durability of wood and wood-based 4products 1-2 Performance of wood preservatives as determined by biological tests # Part 10 Specification according to hazard class e52ee8bf5ff5/sist-en-13145-2004a1-2012
- EN 844-3:1995 Round and sawn timber Terminology Part 3: General terms relating to sawn timber
- EN 844-7:1997 Round and sawn timber Terminology Part 7: Terms relating to the anatomical structure of timber
- EN 844-9:1997 Round and sawn timber Terminology Part 9: Terms relating to features of sawn timber
- EN 844-10:1998 Round and sawn timber Terminology Part 10: Terms relating to stain and fungal attack
- EN 844-11:1998 Round and sawn timber Terminology Part 11: Terms relating to degrade by insects

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following terms and definitions apply:

#### 3.1

#### wood sleeper

wood beam which supports running rails, check rails and where appropriate conductor rails at right angles to its axis. Usually the beam supports two running rails to form one track

#### 3.2

#### wood bearer

wood beam, similar to a sleeper but generally longer, used to support running rails, check rails and where appropriate conductor rails, crossings and operating mechanisms in switches and crossings

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#### 3.3

heartwood

inner zone of wood that, in the growing tree, has ceased to contain living cells or to conduct sap [EN 844-7:1997]

#### 3.4

sapwood

outer zone of wood that, in the growing tree, contains living cells and conducts sap [EN 844-7:1997]

#### 3.5

#### included sapwood

presence in the heartwood of a complete or incomplete ring having the colour and the properties of sapwood [EN 844-9:1997]

#### 3.6

#### red heart in beech

red or brown stain affecting the central portion of beech wood, sharply defined [EN 844-10:1998]

#### 3.7

#### grey, purple heart

grey or purple discoloration of the heartwood due to fungal attack

#### 3.8

#### grain

general direction or arrangement of fibres [EN 844-7:1997] **iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW** 

#### 3.9

edge grain timber converted so that the growth rings meet the upper face of the sleeper or bearer at an angle greater than 45° when measured at the centre of the upper face (see figure 1)



Figure 1 - Edge grain

The line a-b is a tangent to the growth ring where it meets the upper face of the sleeper or bearer. The angle is measured at c

#### 3.10

#### annual ring

growth ring corresponding to an annual period of growth [EN 844-7:1997]

#### 3.11

#### wane

original rounded surface of a log, with or without bark, on any face or edge of sawn timber (see figure 2) [EN 844-3:1995]



Figure 2 - Wane

#### 3.12

#### chairing area

for sleepers, the chairing area is the area on the upper surface covering a length of 250 mm on both sides of the centre of each rail to be mounted

For bearers, the chairing area covers the whole length with the exception of 250 mm at each end.

#### 3.13

#### rot

decomposition of wood by fungi or other micro-organisms resulting in softening, progressive loss of mass and strength, and often a change of texture and colour [EN 844-10:1998]

#### 3.14

#### knot

portion of a branch embedded in the wood [EN 844-9:1997] RD PREVIEW

#### 3.15

sound knot

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knot showing no indication of rot [EN 844-9:1997]

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# 3.16 intergrown knot

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knot that, on the surface considered, is intergrown with the surrounding wood for more than 3/4 of its crosssectional perimeter [EN 844-9:1997]

#### 3.17

#### dead knot

knot that, on the surface considered, is intergrown with the surrounding wood for less than 1/4 of its cross sectional perimeter [EN 844-9:1997]

#### 3.18

#### loose knot

dead knot that is not held firmly in place [EN 844-9:1997]

#### 3.19

#### unsound knot

knot affected by rot [EN 844-9:1997]

#### 3.20

#### indent

recess caused by mechanical removal of an unsound knot down to the sound part of the timber

#### 3.21

#### bark pocket

bark that is partly or wholly enclosed in the wood [EN 844-9:1997]

# 3.22

fissure longitudinal separation of fibres [EN 844-9:1997]

#### 3.23

#### split

fissure that extends from one surface to another [EN 844-9:1997]

#### 3.24

#### frost crack

radial fissure caused by frost action on the standing tree that extends from the sapwood to the pith and for a certain distance longitudinally [EN 844-9:1997]

NOTE: Frost crack is accompanied by darkening of the adjacent wood and deviation of the annual rings.

### 3.25

check

short, narrow and shallow fissure [EN 844-9:1997]

NOTE: Caused by drying.

#### 3.26

end shake fissure showing on the end surface [EN 844-9:1997]

NOTE: For sawn timber, possibly extending to a face or edge./ IF, W

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#### heart shake

radial end shake originating at the pith [EN 844-9:1997] SIST EN 13145:2004+A1:2012

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#### ring shake

fissure following the line of a growth ring [EN 844-9:1997]

### 3.29

spring

lengthwise curvature of a piece of timber normal to the edge (see figure 3) [EN 844-3:1995]





top view

Figure 3 - Spring

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# 3.30

bow

lengthwise curvature of a piece of timber normal to the face (see figure 4) [EN 844-3:1995]



side view



#### 3.31 cup

curvature of a piece of timber across the width of the face (see figure 5) [EN 844-3:1995]



Figure 5 - Cup

3.32 twist lengthwise spiral distortion of a piece of timber (see figure 6) [EN 844-3:1995]/ [F] W

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Figure 6 - Twist

#### 3.33

resin pocket

lens-shaped cavity in timber containing, or that has contained, a resin [EN 844-9:1997]

#### 3.34

#### gum vein

vein in timber containing, or that has contained, a resinous substance

#### 3.35

#### bore hole

hole or tunnel in timber caused by insects [EN 844-11:1998]

### 3.36

#### pith

zone within the first growth ring that consists chiefly of soft tissue [EN 844-7:1997]

#### 3.37

creosote

oil distilled from coal tar

### 3.38

#### tropical hardwood

hardwood grown in the tropics and all other southern hemisphere forests

# 4 Species

The requirements of this European Standard relate to the following recommended wood species (see table 1).

Botanical name	Common name (for guidance only)			
European hardwoods				
Quercus robur	European oak			
Quercus petraea				
Quercus pubescens				
Fagus sylvatica	Beech			
European softwoods				
Pinus sylvestris	Scots pine			
Pinus pinaster (Pinus maritima)	Maritime pine			
Pinus pinea	Stone pine			
Pinus nigra	Corsican/Austrian pine			
Pseudotsuga menziesii AND	Douglas fir			
Larix Sp. <sup>1)</sup> (standa)	r <sub>Carch</sub> iteh.ai)			
Tropical hardwoods SIST EN 13145-2004+A1-2012				
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Shorea laevis, Shorea sp. div.	Bangkirai, Selangan Batu, Balau kumus			
Dicorynia guianensis	Basralocus			
Eucalyptus marginata	Jarrah			
Eucalyptus diversicolor	Karri			
Ocotea rodiaei, Lauraceae family	Greenheart			
Mora Excelsa	Mora			
<sup>1)</sup> Different species of a kind				

Table 1 - List of wood species

### 5 Forms, dimensions and tolerances

### 5.1 Forms

#### 5.1.1 Sleepers

Sleepers shall have a nominally rectangular cross section in one of the forms as shown in figure 7. The customer shall specify which form he accepts.