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Foreword

This document (EN 13232-3:2003+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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- *Part 1 : Definitions*
- *Part 2 : Requirements for geometric design*
- *Part 3 : Requirements for wheel/rail interaction*
- *Part 4 : Actuation, locking and detection*
- *Part 5 : Switches*
- *Part 6 : Fixed common and obtuse crossings*
- *Part 7 : Crossings with movable parts*
- *Part 8 : Expansion devices*
- *Part 9 : Layouts*

Part 1 contains terminology used throughout all parts of this series. Parts 2 to 4 contain basic design guides and are applicable to all switch and crossing assemblies. Parts 5 to 8 deal with particular types of equipment, including their tolerances. Part 9 defines the functional and geometric dimensions and tolerances for layout assemblies. These use Parts 1 to 4 as a basis.

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1 Scope

This part of this European Standard specifies:

- characterisation of wheel and track dimensions;
- geometric design principles for wheel guidance;
- design principles for wheel load transfer;
- deciding whether movable crossings are needed.

These are illustrated by their application to turnout components:

- switches;
- crossings;
- check rails.

but the principles apply equally to more complex layouts.

2 Normative references

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3.1 General

The motion of wheels and transfer of wheel loads is a complex subject, involving the accumulation of extensive data and an understanding of dynamic effects.

By making certain assumptions it is feasible to define rules which are simple yet rigorous enough for design of all types of switches and crossings. Some of these rules assume a 2-axle bogie or vehicle. The need for other special requirements such as those posed by 3-axle or other vehicles must be stated by the Customer.

3.2 Wheel and track dimensions

This clause deals with the key dimensions needed for the analysis of the interaction between wheels and the track, either for guidance calculations or load transfer calculations.

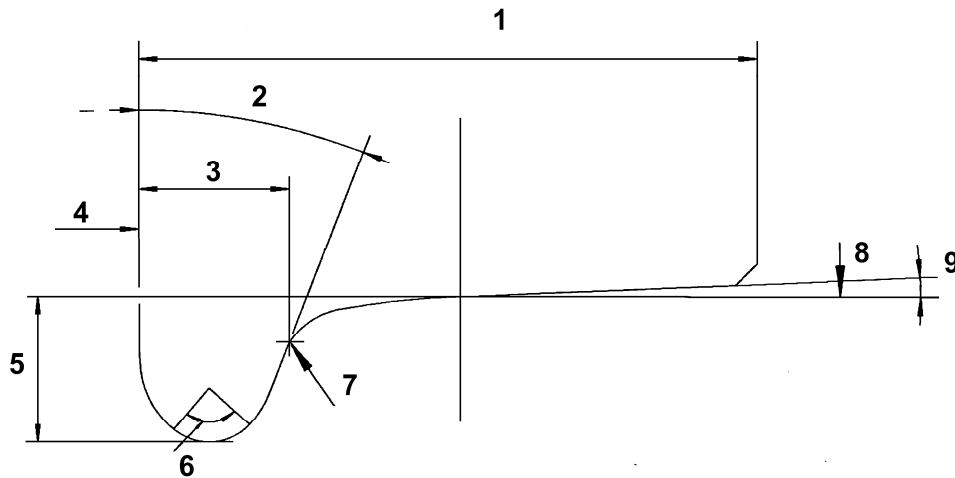
Wheel and track dimensions are defined below.

3.3 Wheel profiles

Sufficient dimensions of the cross-section or profile of a wheel are required for switch and crossing design. As a minimum, a dimensioned profile drawing shall be provided by the customer, with the following key dimensions as defined in Figure 1:

- flange width, height and flange angle;
- tyre width and tread angle;
- wheel diameter or radius.

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**Key**

1	Tyre width	6	Danger zone
2	Flange angle	7	Contact point
3	Flange width	8	Wheel diameter
4	Wheel back to back	9	Tread angle
5	Flange depth		

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Figure 1 — Key wheel dimensions (in addition to profile details)

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3.4 Wheelsets

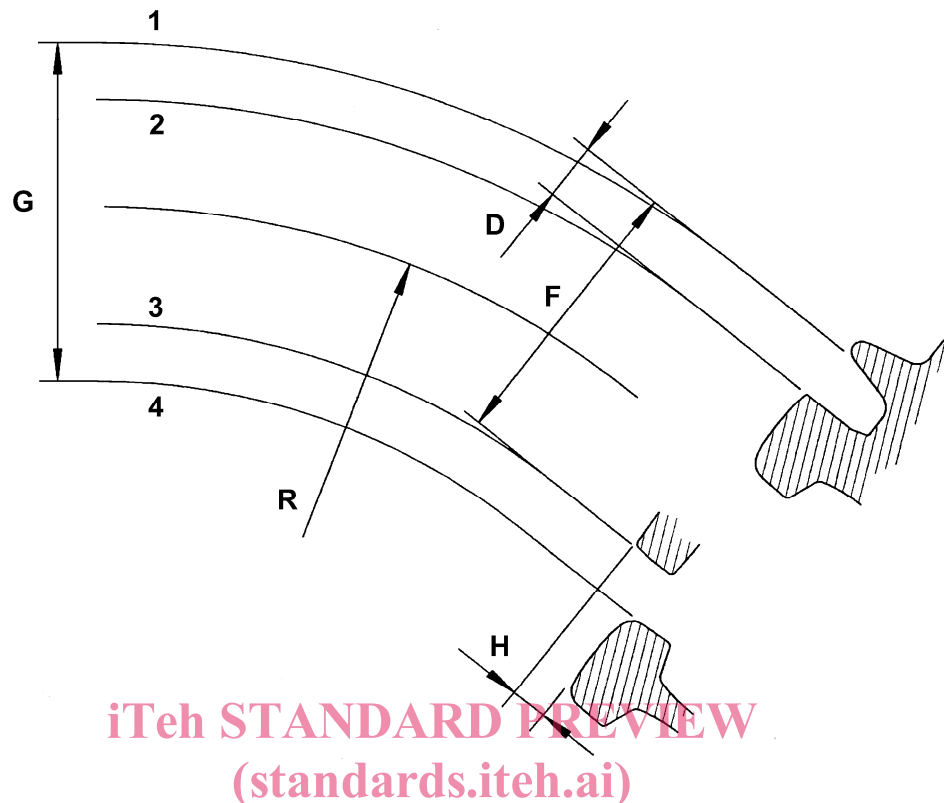
Additional parameters related to the wheelsets are required for calculations for wheelset guidance. The Customer shall provide the following parameter values:

- wheel back-to-back (see Figure 1);
- axle spacing;
- number of axles;
- clearance of middle axles, if applicable;
- bogie spacing and minimum curve radius for vehicles.

3.5 Rail and track

The key parameters related to the track geometry which are used in calculations for wheelset guidance are shown in Figure 2 and listed below:

- centreline radius (R);
- track gauge (G);
- dimension for nose protection (check gauge) (F);
- wing flangeway (D).

**Key**

- 1 Highside
- 2 Wing
- 3 Check
- 4 Lowside

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Figure 2 — Key track dimensions

and the following shall be provided by the Customer:

- maximum permissible check rail height above running table (H).

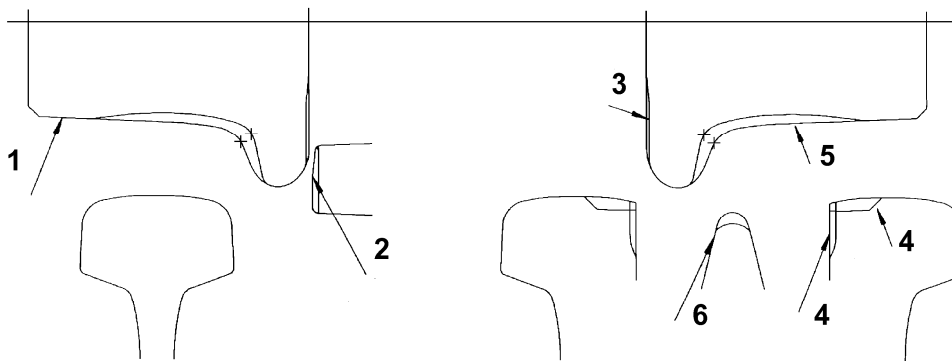
3.6 Tolerances and wear

It is necessary to consider tolerances and wear in order to design correctly. These are alternatively referred to as manufacturing tolerances and service tolerances.

If the Customer provides worn wheel profiles or amounts of wear, then these should be used. Otherwise the assumptions made by the Supplier shall form the basis for design, and these shall be stated. Examples of key areas of wear are:

- back of wheel flanges;
- front of wheel flanges;
- false flanges;
- flange angle.

Locations of typical lateral wheel and track wear are shown in Figure 3. These must be taken into account when designing flangeway gaps. See clause 4.



Key

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 False flange | 4 Wing wear |
| 2 Guard or check rail wear | 5 Wheel wear (front) |
| 3 Wheel wear (back) | 6 Vee wear |

Figure 3 — Locations of wheel and rail wear

Vertical wear, examples of which are also illustrated in Figure 3, is more relevant to wheel load transfer. See clause 5.

False flanges are to be avoided as they will increase wear as well as the rate of damage to switches and crossings.

3.7 Contact zone

For switch and crossing design, there are issues which shall be verified during design. These are as follows.

3.7.1 Contact profile

The relative radii of wheel and rail shall be taken into account.

3.7.2 Contact danger zone

The wheel profile supplied by the Customer shall indicate the danger zone for guidance contact, which is that part of the wheel flange which falls on the flange radius and which therefore exceeds the angle for safe guidance. The switch and crossing Supplier shall ensure that guidance contact does not take place within this zone for both new and worn wheels, except where it is agreed that flange-running is a normal operating regime.

The danger zone is illustrated in Figure 1.

3.7.3 Flangeway depth

The depth of the flangeway shall be sufficient to prevent flanges from running on the floor of the flangeway except if otherwise required by the Customer. This shall be verified considering the increased depth of flange of a maximum worn wheel and with the shallow flangeway of a maximum worn running surface of a rail.

4 Guidance principles

The guidance of a wheelset through switches and crossings concerns mainly the lateral or horizontal dimensions of wheel, axle, and track. Note that, in Figures 5, 6 and 7, the wheels are shown in a simplified form as ellipses at the gauge reference plane.

4.1 Guard and check Rails

Guard and check rails are rails which bear on the face of the wheel (usually the back face) to provide guidance without load bearing.

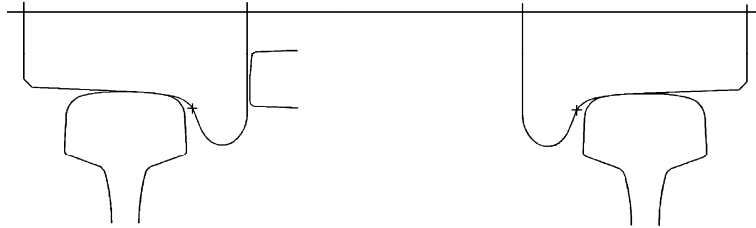


Figure 4a) — Check Rail (normally active)

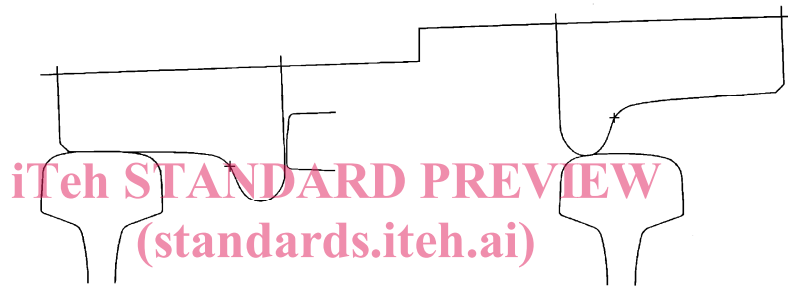


Figure 4b) — Guard Rail (normally passive)

Figure 4 — Active v passive guarding

Operation of guard and check rails depends on whether they are intended to be passive or active. Passive guard rails come into operation after incipient derailment and are intended to rerail wheels once they have begun to climb the opposite running rail.

Active check rails are intended to make contact with the back of the wheel flange under normal conditions of operation in order to protect the opposite running rail. See Figure 4.

4.2 Wheelset guidance

In order to determine wheelset guidance, it is necessary to make an assumption of the way in which the wheelset is constrained to move. The assumption is shown in Figure 5. When the wheelset, bogie or vehicle is superimposed upon the track, it moves along a trajectory which is skewed relative to the track running edges.