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prEN 13232-3:2020 (E)**European foreword**

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For relationship with EU Directive 2016/797/EU, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

This series of standards “*Railway applications – Track – Switches and crossings for Vignole rails*” covers the design and quality of switches and crossings in flat bottomed rail. The list of Parts is as follows:

- *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 moveable 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. These use Parts 1 to 4 as a basis. Part 9 defines the geometric and non-geometric acceptance criteria for layout inspection.

1 Scope

This document defines the main wheel/track interaction criteria to be taken into account during the geometrical design of switches and crossings (S&C) layouts.

It specifies:

- characterization of wheel and track dimensions;
- geometric design principles for wheel guidance;
- design principles for wheel load transfer;
- 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. There are also simplified definitions of the safety and functional dimensions, which can be used in conjunction with the general principles as the basis for more in-depth assessment.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

prEN 13232-4:2020, *Railway applications – Track – Switches and crossings for Vignole rails – Part 4: Actuation, locking and detection*

EN 13715:2006+A1:2010, *Railway applications - Wheelsets and bogies - Wheels - Tread profile*

EN 15313:2016, *Railway applications - In-service wheelset operation requirements - In-service and off-vehicle wheelset maintenance*

EN 15273-1:2013+A1:2016, *Railway applications - Gauges - Part 1: General - Common rules for infrastructure and rolling stock*

EN 15273-2:2013+A1:2016, *Railway applications - Gauges - Part 2: Rolling stock gauge*

EN 15273-3:2013+A1:2016, *Railway applications - Gauges - Part 3: Structure gauges*

prEN 13232-3:2020 (E)**3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply. ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1**customer**

term used to define one party involved in using the EN as the technical basis for a transaction: the Operator or User of the equipment, or the Purchaser of the equipment on the User's behalf

3.2**supplier**

term used to define one party involved in using the EN as the technical basis for a transaction: the Body responsible for the use of the EN in response to the Customer's requirements

3.3**guiding force****Y**

force, acting parallel to the running surface, between the wheel and the relevant track component (usually a rail)

3.4**wheel load****Q**

force, acting perpendicular to the running surface, between the wheel on one hand and the relevant track component (rail)

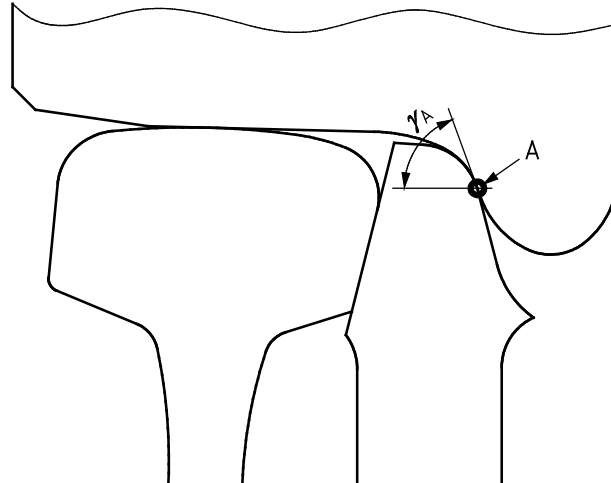
3.5**contact angle** **γ_A**

angle of the contact plane measured at the contact point A between the wheel and the track component. In the case of a two-point contact, the one nearest the wheel flange shall be considered (see Figure 1)

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**Key**

- γ_A contact angle
A contact point

Figure 1 — Contact angle
3.6
friction coefficient
 μ

friction coefficient encountered at the contact point where the contact angle is determined

3.7
flange sharpness
qR

parameter which characterises the flange angle of the wheel as a linear dimension. The measurement is taken at the active side of the flange as defined in Figure 2. It is the distance, parallel to the wheel axis, between the following two points:

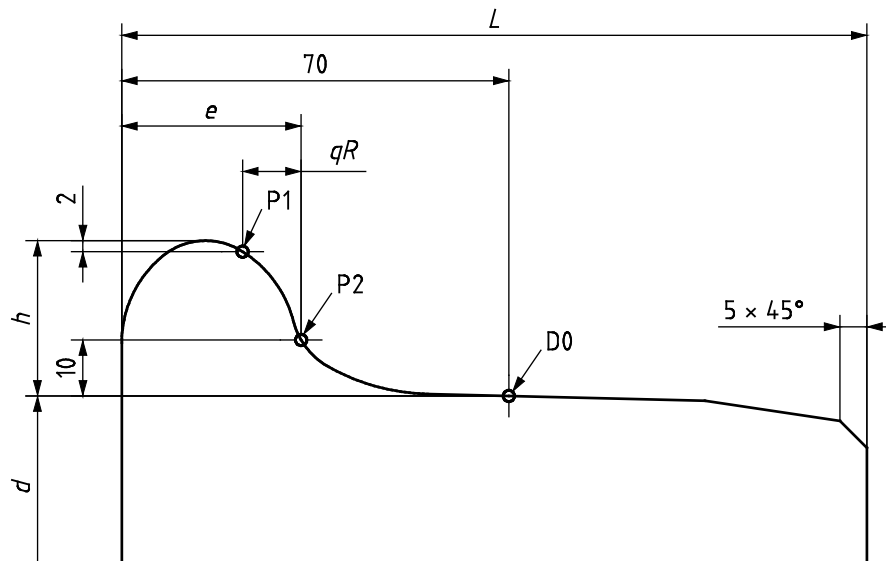
- reference point on the profile, at a distance from wheel axis of 10 mm more than the wheel radius;
- a reference point located at a distance 2 mm from the flange tip towards the wheel axis

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**Key**

d wheel diameter

 q_R flange sharpness

D0 position of wheel tread

L rim width

h flange height

Figure 2 — Wheel parameters
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3.8**flange height**parameter h in Figures 2 and 5

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3.9**wheel back-to-back**parameter a in Figures 2, 5 and 31

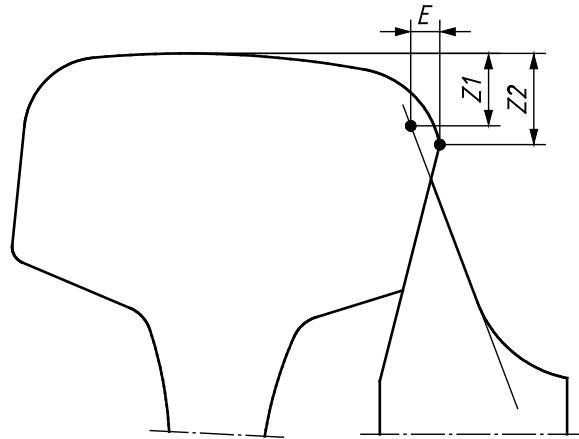
Note 1 to entry: An index max or min is given to this symbol according respectively to the maximum and minimum values that can occur during operation.

3.10**flange width**parameter b in Figures 2 and 5

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3.11**switch point retraction**

distance E , measured at the reference plane, between the reference line of switch and stock rail at the actual switch toe (see Figure 3)

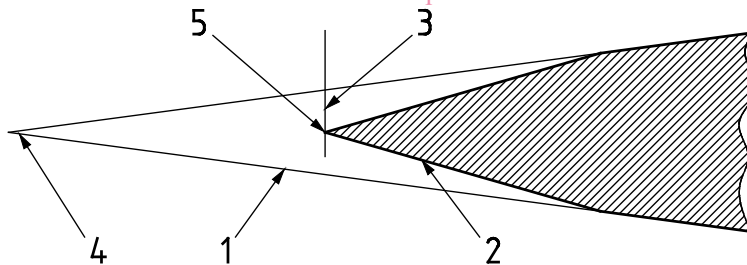
**Key**

- E Point retraction
- $Z1$ Switch rail machining reference plane (see EN 13232-5)
- $Z2$ Stock rail machining reference plane (see EN 13232-5)

Figure 3 — Switch point retraction**3.12****point retraction in fixed common crossing**

reference line in a fixed common crossing which can deviate from the theoretical geometry line

Note 1 to entry: From a certain distance to the crossing point, the reference line of the Vee can, depending on the design, be removed from this theoretical line away from the wheel flange in order to avoid contact between both elements. This situation is described in Figure 4.

**Key**

- 1 Theoretical reference line
- 2 Actual reference line
- 3 Point retraction
- 4 Mathematical point (MP)
- 5 Actual point (RP)

Figure 4 — Point retraction in fixed common crossing

Note 2 to entry: The value of the point retraction is measured at the actual point (RP).

prEN 13232-3:2020 (E)**3.13****false flange**

flange on the overhanging portion of a wheel tread caused by wear on the wheel tread in the area where the wheel and the rail normally make contact (see Figure 7 item 1)

4 Inputs**4.1 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 shall be stated by the Customer.

4.2 Wheel and track parameters**4.2.1 Introduction**

This clause deals with the key parameters 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.

4.2.2 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 5:

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

4.2.3 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 2 or 5);
- axle spacing;
- number of axles;
- clearance of middle axles, if applicable;
- bogie spacing and minimum curve radius for vehicles.

4.2.4 Rail and track

The key parameters related to the track geometry which are used in calculations for wheelset guidance are shown in Figure 6 and listed below:

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

and the following shall be provided by the Customer:

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

4.2.5 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. The following areas of wear shall be considered:

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

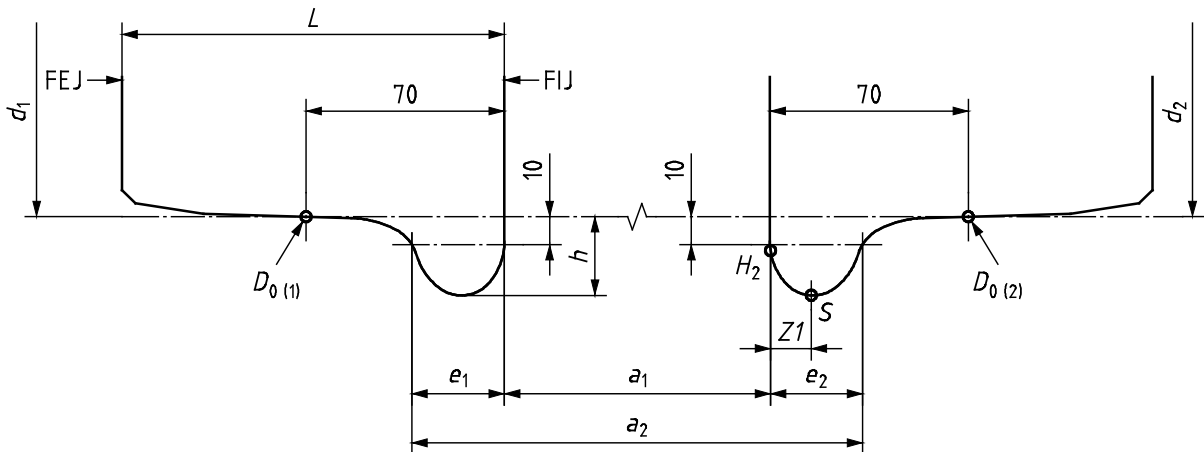
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Locations of typical lateral wheel and track wear are shown in Figure 7. These shall be taken into account when designing flangeway gaps. See Clause 5.

Vertical wear, examples of which are also illustrated in Figure 7, is more relevant to wheel load transfer. See Clause 6.

A false flange of 2 mm shall be allowed for in the design.

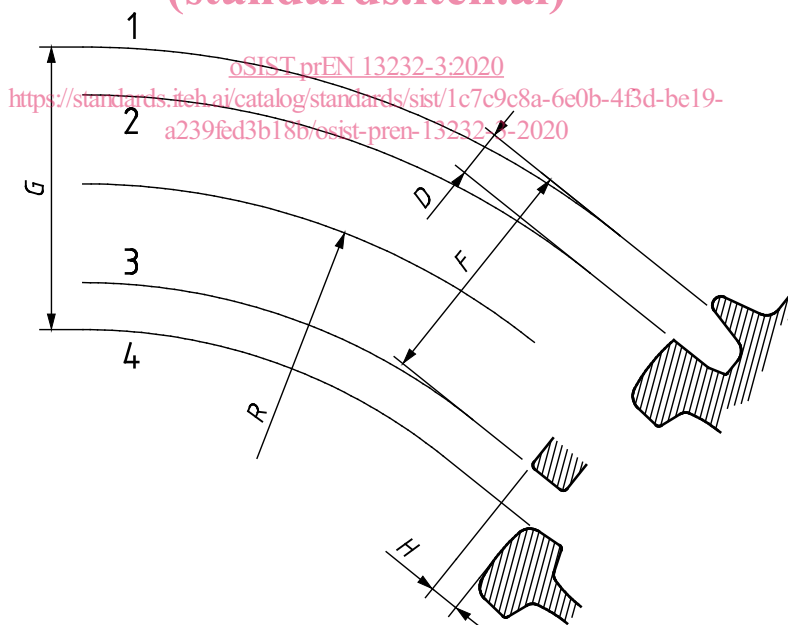
Vertical wear to the rail head occurs but is not shown in the figure.



Key

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|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| a ₁ | back-to-back dimension | L | rim width |
| a ₂ | front-to-front dimension | Z1 | internal zone of flange |
| D ₀ | position of wheel tread (1) wheel 1 (2) wheel 2 | FEJ | external face of rim |
| e ₁ , e ₂ | flange thicknesses | FIJ | internal face of rim |
| h | flange height | S | flange tip |
| H ₂ | transition point | d ₁ , d ₂ | wheel diameters |

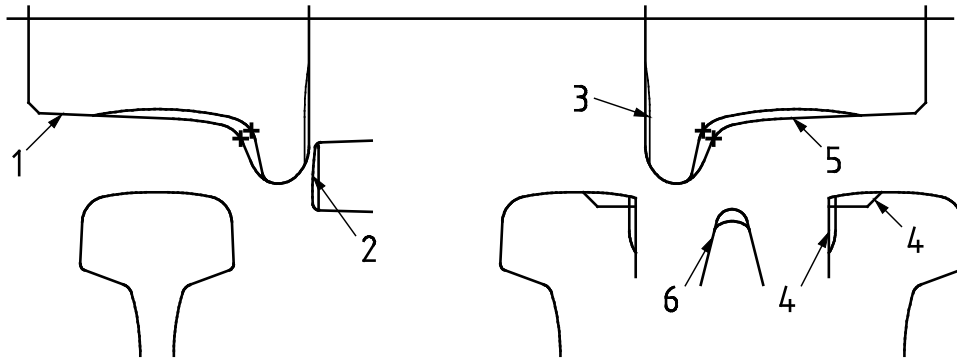
Figure 5 — Key wheel dimensions (in addition to profile details)
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Key

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|---|---------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Highside rail | D | crossing flangeway |
| 2 | Wing | R | track radius |
| 3 | Check rail | F | dimension for nose protection |
| 4 | Lowside rail | H | height of check rail |

Figure 6 — Key track dimensions

**Key**

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

Figure 7 — Locations of wheel and rail wear**4.3 Contact zone****4.3.1 Introduction**

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

4.3.2 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 Figures 16 and 17.

4.3.3 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.

4.3.4 Flangeway width

Flangeway width is governed by a number of vehicle and track parameters as described in the following sections.

5 Guidance principles**5.1 General**

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 9, 10, 11 and 12, the wheels are shown in a simplified form as ellipses at the gauge reference plane.