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1 Scope

This document describes a test procedure for the determination of resistance to repeated loading by – amongst others – applying out-of-phase load cycles which generate forces in two directions, representative of those caused by traffic on railway track, taking into account the effect of two consecutive axles of passing railway vehicles.

The document applies to surface mounted rail on sleepers, bearers and slab track.

The test procedure applies to a complete fastening assembly.

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.

ISO 22074-1, *Railway infrastructure — Rail fastening systems — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 22074-2, *Railway infrastructure — Rail fastening systems — Part 2: Test method for longitudinal rail restraint*

ISO 22074-4:2022, *Railway infrastructure — Rail fastening systems — Part 4: Test methods for resistance to repeated loading*

ISO 22074-7, *Railway infrastructure — Rail fastening systems — Part 7: Test method for clamping force and uplift stiffness*

ISO 22074-8:2022, *Railway infrastructure — Rail fastening systems — Part 8: Test method for vertical stiffness*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 22074-1 apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Symbols

| Symbol | Description | First appearance |
|-----------|---|---------------------|
| h_N | height of loading position for normal rail, in mm; | 6.2 |
| h_T | height of loading position for test rail, in mm; | 6.2 |
| P_0 | clamping force, in kN; | 8.3 |
| F | maximum axial load on the rail without non-elastic displacement occurring, in kN; | 8.4 |
| F_{SA1} | the lower limit of force for determining the static stiffness, in kN; | 8.5 |