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value calculation**

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## Introduction

This document describes methodologies for calculation of braking performance, such as stopping distance, deceleration, power and energy for railway rolling stock. The calculations can be used at any stage of the assessment process (design, manufacture, testing, verification, investigation, etc.) of railway rolling stock.

The objective of this document is to enable the railway industry and operators to work with common calculation methods.

This document is published in two separate parts (ISO 20138-1 and ISO 20138-2), which will complement each other and can be used separately, depending on the requirements of the user.

The first part of the standard describes a common calculation method for railway applications applicable to all countries. It describes the general algorithms/formulae using mean value inputs to perform calculations of brake equipment and braking performance, in terms of stopping and slowing distances and safety for parking brake, for all types of trainsets and single vehicles. In addition, the algorithms provide a means of comparing the results of other braking performance calculation methods.

The second part of the standard details the step by step calculation methodology utilizing instantaneous values of brake force provided by each operational brake equipment type throughout the stopping/slowing time.

The two separate parts of the standard relate to each other but can be used separately, depending on the requirements of the user.

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# Railway applications — Calculation of braking performance (stopping, slowing and stationary braking) —

## Part 1: General algorithms utilizing mean value calculation

### 1 Scope

This document specifies methodologies for calculation of braking performance for railway rolling stock and is applicable to all countries.

This document describes the general algorithms/formulae using mean value inputs to perform calculations of brake equipment and braking performance in terms of stopping/slowing distances, stationary braking, power and energy for all types of rolling stock, either as single vehicles or train formations, with respect to the braking distance.

The calculations can be used at any stage of the assessment process (design, manufacture, testing, verification, investigation, etc.) of railway rolling stock. This document does not set out the specific acceptance criteria (pass/fail).

This document is not intended to be used as a design guide for selection of brake systems and does not specify performance requirements. This document does not provide a method to calculate the extension of stopping distances when the level of available adhesion is exceeded (wheel slide activity).

This document contains examples of the calculation of brake forces for different brake equipment types and calculation of stopping distance and stationary braking relevant to a single vehicle or a train.

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### 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 20138-2<sup>1)</sup>, *Railway applications — Calculation of braking performance (stopping, slowing and stationary braking) — Part 2: General algorithms utilizing step by step calculation*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

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

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##### **train**

operational formation consisting of one or more units

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