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Foreword

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1 Scope

CEN/TC 256/SC 1/WG 28 "Railway applications/Infrastructure/Track geometry quality" conducted a survey of the geometric quality of track across European railway networks. This was to get an understanding and overview of the track geometry across Europe in order to support the definition of track geometric quality classes for the writing of EN 13848-6.

This Technical Report describes the methodology used for the survey and gives the results.

2 Terms and definitions

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

2.1
track quality index
TQI
 value that characterises track geometry quality of a track section based on parameters and measuring methods compliant with the EN 13848 series

2.2
track quality class
TQC
 characterisation of track geometry quality as a function of speed and expressed as a range of *TQIs*

2.3
re-colouring
 algorithm which converts one signal into a different signal and which is used in the EN 13848 series to convert a chord measurement signal into a *D1* or *D2* measurement signal

3 Symbols and abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the following symbols and abbreviations apply.

Table 1 – Symbols and abbreviations

Symbol	Designation	Unit
AL	Alignment	mm
<i>D1</i>	Wavelength range $3\text{ m} < \lambda \leq 25\text{ m}$	m
<i>D2</i>	Wavelength range $25\text{ m} < \lambda \leq 70\text{ m}$	m
λ	Wavelength	m
LL	Longitudinal level	mm
<i>QN1</i>	50 % quality level according to EN 14363:2005	mm
<i>QN2</i>	90 % quality level according to EN 14363:2005	mm
<i>SD</i>	Standard deviation	mm
<i>TQI</i>	Track Quality Index	–
ETQS	European track quality survey	–
<i>TQC</i>	Track Quality Class	–
<i>V</i>	Speed	km/h

NOTE In this Technical Report, "AL" stands for "alignment" and is not to be confused with *AL* standing for "alert limit" as defined in EN 13848-5.