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— Part 1-1: Equipment and Application - Flange Lubrication;

— Part 1-2: Equipment and Application - Top of Rail materials;

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Introduction

Friction management using solid or fluid (oil, grease, etc.) substances at the wheel-rail interface is a complex subject and includes:

— lubrication of the wheel flange / rail gauge corner interface, commonly referred to as “flange or rail lubrication”;

— lubrication of the back of flange/ check rail interface, commonly referred to as “check rail lubrication”;

— altering the level of friction at the interface between the top of rail and the wheel tread, commonly referred to as “top of rail friction management”;

— applying materials to the wheel rail contact to increase (improve/ enhance/ recover) adhesion.

This document sets out the requirements for the equipment and application of the top of rail wheel/rail friction management. It describes systems fitted on board trains and on the track, as both systems may need to be deployed to achieve effective friction management of the wheel-rail interface.

Managing the wheel-rail interface effectively will reduce wear of both wheel and rail. When friction is managed effectively, noise levels, wear levels and the risk of flange climbing are reduced. Conversely, where not managed effectively, assets may require replacement prematurely before reaching their full economic potential.

There needs to be control in the application of top of rail materials such that there is:

— no loss of traction or braking performance;

— no adverse effect on signalling systems or track circuits;

— understanding of the increased risk of fire;

— no harmful environmental effects;

— no incompatibility between the different lubricants/ materials in use, particularly, between solid and fluid systems.

1 Scope

This document is limited to specifying the requirements when applying material to the active interface between the wheel tread and the crown of the rail and includes trainborne and track side equipment.

This document only covers the equipment and application of material to the active interface.

This document defines:

— the characteristics that systems of top of rail equipment for wheel-rail interface shall achieve, together with applicable inspection and test methods to be carried out for verification;

— all relevant terminology which is specific to the application of top of rail materials of the wheel-rail interface.

This document only applies to the mainline railway.

NOTE This document can also be used for other railways, e.g. urban rail.

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.

EN 13749, *Railway applications - Wheelsets and bogies - Method of specifying the structural requirements of bogie frames*

CEN/TS 15427-2-2, *Railway applications - Wheel/Rail friction management - Part 2-2: Properties and Characteristics - Top of Rail materials*

EN 50125-1, *Railway applications - Environmental conditions for equipment - Part 1: Rolling stock and on-board equipment*

EN 50121 (series), *Railway applications - Electromagnetic compatibility*

EN 50238-1, *Railway applications - Compatibility between rolling stock and train detection systems - Part 1: General*

EN 61373, *Railway application - Rolling stock equipment - Shock and vibration tests*

EN 62621, *Railway applications - Fixed installations - Electric traction - Specific requirements for composite insulators used for overhead contact line systems*

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/