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## European foreword

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The main changes in this revision of EN 13481-2:2002 are as follows:

- a) new categories of fastening systems have been introduced (Clause 2, Table 1);
- b) the ranges of test loads have been extended to cover the new categories of fastening system (5.4, Table 2 and 5.5, Table 3);
- c) advice on the attenuation of noise and vibration has been added in a new annex (Annex B).

This European Standard is one of the series EN 13481 "Railway applications – Track – Performance requirements for fastening systems" which consists of the following parts:

- Part 1: Definitions
- Part 2: Fastening systems for concrete sleepers
- Part 3: Fastening systems for wood sleepers
- Part 4: Fastening systems for steel sleepers
- Part 5: Fastening systems for slab track with rail on the surface or rail embedded in a channel
- Part 7: Special fastening systems for switches and crossings and check rails

NOTE Part 6 does not exist in this series.

These European Standards are supported by the test methods in the series EN 13146 "Railway applications – Track – Test methods for fastening systems".

For relationship with EU Directive 2008/57/EC, see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

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## **Introduction**

A series of tests is used to assess the suitability of fastening systems for use in railway track.

In this European Standard a requirement for longitudinal rail restraint is included to control rail creep and pull apart in the event of a broken rail. Measurement of torsional resistance is included for use in assessing the risk of track buckling. Classes for attenuation of dynamic loading are included for use when it is necessary to protect sleepers from vehicle induced impacts. The laboratory test for the effect of repeated loading is specified to assess the potential long term performance of the fastening in track. The test for clamping force is only suitable for laboratory use.

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## 1 Scope

**A1** This European Standard is applicable to fastening systems in Categories A–E as specified in EN 13481-1:2012, 3.1, for use on concrete sleepers in ballasted track with maximum axle loads, and minimum curve radii as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1 — Fastening category criteria**

Category	Maximum design axle load kN	Minimum curve radius m
A	130	40
B	180	80
C	260	150
D	260	400
E	350	150

NOTE The maximum axle load for Categories A and B does not apply to maintenance vehicles.

The requirements apply to:

- fastening systems which act on the foot and/or web of the rail including direct fastening systems and indirect fastening systems;
- fastening systems with dynamic stiffness,  $k_{LFA}$ , not less than 50 MN/m;
- fastening systems for rail sections included in EN 13674-1 (excluding 49E4) or EN 13674-4.

This standard is not applicable to fastening systems for other rail sections, rigid fastening systems or special fastening systems used at bolted joints or glued joints.

This standard should only be used for type approval of complete fastening systems. **A1**

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 13146-1:2012, *Railway applications — Track — Test methods for fastening systems — Part 1: Determination of longitudinal rail restraint*

EN 13146-2:2012, *Railway applications — Track — Test methods for fastening systems — Part 2: Determination of torsional resistance*

EN 13146-3:2012, *Railway applications — Track — Test methods for fastening systems — Part 3: Determination of attenuation of impact loads*

EN 13146-4:2012, *Railway applications — Track — Test methods for fastening systems — Part 4: Effect of repeated loading*

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