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## Introduction

This document is the first of a series of three standards that comprise the European Standard covering gauges:

- part 1 covers general principles, phenomena shared by the infrastructure and by the rolling stock, reference profiles and their associated rules;
- part 2 gives the rules for dimensioning the vehicles according to their specific characteristics for the relevant gauge and for the related calculation method;
- part 3 gives the rules for dimensioning the infrastructure in order to allow vehicles built according to the relevant gauge taking into account the specific constraints to operate within it.

This standard defines the gauge as an agreement between infrastructure and rolling stock.

The aim of this standard is to define the space to be cleared and maintained to allow the running of rolling stock, and the rules for calculation and verification intended for sizing the rolling stock to run on one or several infrastructures without interference risk.

This standard defines the responsibilities of the following parties:

- for the infrastructure:
  - gauge clearance;
  - maintenance;
  - infrastructure monitoring.
- for the rolling stock:
  - compliance of the operating rolling stock with the gauge concerned;
  - maintenance of this compliance over time.

This standard includes a catalogue of various railway gauges implemented in Europe, some of which are required to ensure the interoperability, while others are related to more specific applications. This catalogue is not exhaustive and the standard does not preclude the possibility of applying or defining other gauges not included in the catalogue for the specific needs of certain networks.

**EN 15273-1:2013+A1:2016 (E)****1 Scope**

This European Standard is applicable to authorities involved in railway operation and may also be applied for light vehicles (e.g. trams, metros, etc. running on two rails) and their associated infrastructure, but not for systems such as rail-guided buses.

It allows rolling stock and infrastructures to be dimensioned and their compliance to be checked relative to applicable gauging rules.

For rolling stock and infrastructure, this standard is applicable to new designs, to modifications and to the checking of vehicles and infrastructures already in use.

This document EN 15273-1 covers:

- the general principles;
- the various elements and phenomena affecting the determination of gauges;
- the various calculation methods applicable to the elements shared by the infrastructure and by the rolling stock;
- the sharing rules for elements taken into account in calculations specific to the infrastructure and to the rolling stock;
- a catalogue of European gauges.

This document does not cover:

- conditions to be met to ensure safety of passengers on platforms and of persons required to walk along the tracks;
- conditions to be met by the fixed equipment maintenance machines in active position;
- the space to be cleared for the running track of rubber-tyred metros and other vehicles;
- rules applicable to extraordinary transportation, however some formulae may be used;
- rules applicable to the design of the overhead contact line system;
- rules applicable to the design of the current collection system on a third rail;
- simulation methods for the running of vehicles, however, it does not confirm the validity of existing simulations;
- verification rules of wagon loadings;
- coding methods for combined transportation;
- infrastructure gauges for very small curve radii (e.g.  $R < 150$  m for gauge G1).

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