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It is not necessary to require further assessment of vehicles which have been already assessed under the conditions of previous standards in this field. Test results achieved under the conditions of the previous standards remain valid and can be used for the extension of acceptance of a vehicle or vehicle design according to this standard.

Prior to the first issue of this standard, national procedures were applied for vehicle acceptance, for example in Germany or UK. The underlying principles that were applied in these earlier standards are also incorporated in this standard. The fundamentals have not been changed but the formulation of the requirements has been made consistent. Therefore it is considered that also vehicles that were previously approved utilizing these earlier requirements have an equal status compared to vehicles that are approved according to this standard. This applies to the infrastructure and operating conditions that were considered in the earlier approval. This includes also a use as reference vehicle for extension of acceptance.

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## Introduction

Acceptable running characteristics of a railway vehicle (hereafter called vehicle) are essential for a safe and economic operation of a railway system. They are related to:

- the vehicle,
- the operating conditions,
- the characteristics of the infrastructure (track layout design and track quality) and
- the contact conditions of the wheel/rail interface.

The objective is to quantify the vehicle's performance under known representative conditions of operation and infrastructure.

This standard describes methods to assess the vehicle performance in the following areas:

- safety against derailment on twisted track (see 6.1);
- running safety under longitudinal compressive forces in s-shaped curves (see 6.2);
- evaluation of the torsional coefficient (see 6.3);
- determination of displacement characteristics (see 6.4);
- loading of the diverging branch of a switch (see 6.5);
- running safety in curved crossings (see 6.6);
- running safety, track loading and ride characteristics (see Clause 7).

The vehicle performance is assessed in two stages. Usually in the first stage the basic characteristics and low speed behaviour are investigated before first runs on the line under controlled operating conditions. In the second stage the running behaviour is assessed. The assessment of a vehicle according to the elements listed above can be performed either by physical testing, numerical simulation, calculation or comparison with a known solution (dispensation). Details about the requirements relating to the choice of the appropriate assessment method are given in this document.

The operational envelope (speed and cant deficiency) that the vehicle has been assessed for needs to be documented.

The establishment of this document was based on existing rules, practices and procedures. The following principles were applied:

- the railway system requires comprehensive technical rules in order to ensure an acceptable interaction of vehicle and track;
- the performance of new railway vehicles has to be evaluated and assessed before putting them into service;
- it is of particular importance that the existing level of safety and reliability is not compromised even when changes in design or operating conditions are demanded, e.g. by the introduction of higher speeds, higher vertical wheel forces, modification of the suspension, etc.
- it is possible to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this standard by comparison of relevant parameters or by simulation if changes are made to the design or to the operating conditions;
- as the combination of all the target test conditions described is not always achievable, the compliance against the missing target test conditions can be demonstrated by other means.

Requirements on running safety under longitudinal compressive forces in S-shaped curves of certain vehicles are given in EN 15839, while EN 16235 specifies a method to get dispensation from on-track

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testing for vehicles equipped with established and standardized running gear, if certain conditions are fulfilled.

The informative Annexes A, B, C, D, E, F; Q, S, T and U contain requirements that have to be fulfilled when the annex is applied.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard defines the process for assessment of the running characteristics of railway vehicles for the European network of standard gauge tracks (nominally 1 435 mm).

In addition to the assessment of the running characteristics of vehicles for acceptance processes, this standard also defines quantities and dependencies that are not directly used for acceptance purposes. This information is for example intended for the validation of simulation models. It can also be used to define operating conditions outside the reference conditions to be used for the approval.

The assessment of running characteristics applies to vehicles which:

- are newly developed;
- have had relevant design modifications; or
- have changes in their operating conditions.

The assessment process is based on specified target test conditions (see 3.1) given in this document.

Experience over many years has demonstrated that vehicles complying with this standard can be operated safely on infrastructure with conditions more severe than the target test conditions, if the current general operating rules are applied. As an example it is generally current practice to restrict cant deficiency in curves below a certain radius. It may be necessary to adapt these operating rules, if a deterioration of the infrastructure conditions is observed. These operating rules are defined on a national basis. The procedure to evaluate these operating rules is out of the scope of this standard.

NOTE 1 There are margins included in the specified limit values and the statistical evaluation. They cannot be quantified, but they explain why vehicles can also be operated at full speed and cant deficiency in many cases outside of the target test conditions.

This standard also enables the demonstration of compliance against the target test conditions for the case that their combination is not achievable during tests. It is also possible to carry out the assessment of a vehicle for limited test conditions such as test zones 1 and 2 or reduced speed or reduced cant deficiency. In this case the approval of the vehicle shall be restricted accordingly.

NOTE 2 National regulations sometimes allow the increase or decrease of the values for speed, curve radius and cant deficiency for local operation based on safety considerations taking into account the local characteristics of the infrastructure (track layout, track structure, track geometrical quality and contact conditions). These local characteristics can be different from those included in the assessment for the vehicle acceptance.

NOTE 3 The methods of this standard can also be applied to gather information about the compatibility between the vehicle and infrastructure with conditions more severe than the target test conditions. The results of such investigations can be used to determine safe operating rules for such infrastructure conditions.

Where testing the vehicle demonstrates that the performance of a vehicle complies with the requirements of this standard when operating at maximum speed and maximum cant deficiency under infrastructure conditions that are more severe than the target test conditions, the obtained results are accepted and there is no need to carry out additional tests to fulfil the requirements defined in this standard.

This standard addresses four aspects:

### 1) Vehicles

The assessment of the running characteristics applies principally to all railway vehicles. The document contains acceptance criteria for all types of vehicles with nominal static vertical wheelset forces up to 225 kN (of the highest loaded wheelset of the vehicle in the assessed load configuration specified in 5.3.2). In addition for freight vehicles with nominal static vertical wheelset forces up to 250 kN the

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acceptance criteria are defined. The acceptance criteria given in this document apply to vehicles designed to operate on standard gauge tracks.

**2) Infrastructure**

In the acceptance process the range of curve radii is defined, for which the vehicle is assessed. A vehicle accepted according to the requirements of this standard is able to be operated on all standard gauge tracks complying with EN 13803-1 and EN 13803-2.

EN 14363 also gives guidance about the handling of geometric track quality associated with the assessment.

**3) Conditions of the wheel rail interface**

This standard contains requirements relating to the necessary range of equivalent conicity to be included in the assessment as target test conditions.

In some national systems, either parts or all, equivalent conicities are significantly higher than the target test conditions of this standard. These cases are outside the scope of this standard. Nevertheless the methodology defined in this standard for the proof of running stability can also be used for higher equivalent conicities.

NOTE 4 In these cases running safety is demonstrated by application of existing national requirements for high equivalent conicities during stability testing. Experience shows, that it is not necessary to include the maximum occurring values of equivalent conicity in such national requirements.

**4) Operating conditions**

The document requires the specification of the combination of admissible speed and admissible cant deficiency as well as the loading conditions for each type of vehicle.

NOTE 5 Recommended values of cant deficiencies for broad international approval are given in informative Annex H.

This standard is not directly applicable to:

- railways with different track layout, e.g. tramways, metros and underground railways;
- railways with non-standard gauge tracks;

but assessment can be conducted by analogy with this document, e.g. the test procedures described in this standard can be applied also to vehicles operated in networks with other track gauges (e.g. 1 524 mm and 1 668 mm). The related limit values and test conditions could be different. They are specified nationally taking into account track design and operating conditions.

The strength of the vehicle and mounted parts, passengers and train crew vibration exposure, comfort, load security and effects of cross wind are out of the scope of this standard.

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