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Foreword

This document (EN 15437-1:2009) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 256 "Railway applications", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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Introduction

Failed axle bearings on rolling stock create a hazard to the safe operation of the railway. If an axle bearing fails whilst rolling stock is in-service there is the potential for a catastrophic event. A catastrophic event may result in fatalities, severe damage to rolling stock and/or the infrastructure and a risk that rolling stock may derail and/or a fire may develop.

One indication that a bearing is about to fail is a rise in the heat generated by the bearing. Bearings that are about to fail may therefore be detected by monitoring their temperature to identify an unacceptable rise.

World-wide experience shows that one way of managing the risk is by installing trackside Hot AxleBox Detectors (HABDs) to monitor the in-service temperature of rolling stock axleboxes.

The sensors of a trackside HABD measure the thermal radiation emitted from the axleboxes of in-service rolling stock. The level of thermal radiation is influenced by the emissivity of the axlebox surface, which is influenced by the material, design, surface finish and operational conditions (dust, rain, etc). Even though operational conditions are continually changing the surface emissivity of the axlebox, long term experience indicates that such changing conditions can be tolerated.

This part of EN 15437 covers the monitoring of axlebox temperature by trackside HABD. It was developed by Working Group 35 "Hot Box Detection" of CEN Technical Committee 256 Railway Applications. It defines the minimum requirements for the interface between a trackside HABD and rolling stock, to ensure that the system works. It is important to note that Clause 1, Scope, sets out the minimum requirements for the interface.

The requirements set out in this document are based on long term existing rules, practices and procedures developed and currently in use by European member railway undertaking's (RUs) and infrastructure managers (IMs).

The following principles have been applied:

- a) The railway system requires technical rules in order to ensure an acceptable interface between rolling stock and trackside HABD.
- b) In view of the increasing significance of international traffic, the standardisation of this interface is required.
- c) It is of particular importance that the existing level of safety and reliability is not compromised.
- d) The Cartesian co-ordinate system is used to define dimensions and positions, that is X is longitudinal, Y is lateral and Z is vertical.

Some rolling stock, according to their performance or design, is fitted with on-board equipment to monitor axle bearings for potential overheating. However, in most cases, axle bearings continue to be monitored by trackside Hot Axle Bearing Detectors which is the subject of this standard.

Part 2 of EN 15437, which is currently being developed, covers on-board temperature monitoring of axle bearings.

Alternative technology is available, or being developed, to monitor the condition of axle bearings, using vibration sensors, thermocouples, etc. and may in the future be addressed by additional parts to this standard.

1 Scope

This part of EN15437 defines the minimum characteristics for the interface between a trackside Hot Axlebox Detector (HABD) and Rolling Stock (RST) that comply with the European Directives for Interoperability to ensure that the minimum functional requirement of the interface is achieved.

The minimum requirements of the interface apply to:

- a) Rolling stock conforming to standard European railway gauge, that is 1435mm;
- b) Rolling stock axles fitted with outboard bearings;

NOTE The design of rolling stock axles fitted with inboard bearings should respect the requirements set out in Note 2 of 5.2.

- c) Rolling stock with a maximum operational speed of up to and including 250 km/h;

NOTE 1 That is conventional rail and class 2 high speed rail rolling stock as defined in the rolling stock TSIs.

NOTE 2 Interoperable rolling stock designed for speeds above 250km/h (class 1 high speed rolling stock) are mandated to have on-board equipment for axlebox condition monitoring. The requirements for on-board equipment are described in part 2 of this standard which is currently under development.

NOTE 3 Interoperable rolling stock designed for speeds above 250km/h (class 1 high speed rolling stock) are outside the scope of this Part of the standard. However, if class 1 high speed trains are required to be monitored by HABDs their target area should comply with the requirements specified in this standard, except where stated otherwise.

- d) Trackside HABDs that are required to monitor conventional rail and class 2 high speed rail rolling stock.

The rolling stock requirements of the interface are described in Clause 5 and for the HABD requirements of the interface are described in Clause 6.

The scope of this part (part 1) of the standard does not include:

- Hot Wheel (Hot Disc) Detectors (HWDs). However, HWD are often installed in combination with trackside HABD to provide a dual monitoring system. This standard does not prevent the use of such a combination;
- how a HABD measures the temperature and identifies axle box position. This is part of an individual equipment design and not part of the functional requirements of this standard;
- operational requirements for acting on the information reported by the HABD system;
- maintenance requirements for HABD systems.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are required for the application 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 15273-3, *Railway applications — Gauges — Part 3: Obstacles gauges*

EN 50121-3-1, *Railway applications — Electromagnetic compatibility — Part 3-1: Rolling stock — Train and complete vehicle*

EN 50121-4, *Railway applications — Electromagnetic compatibility — Part 4: Emission and immunity of the signalling and telecommunications apparatus*

EN 50125-3, *Railway applications — Environmental conditions for equipment — Part 3: Equipment for signalling and telecommunications*

EN 60950-1, *Information technology equipment — Safety — Part 1: General requirements (IEC 60950-1:2005, modified)*

ISO 14837-1, *Mechanical vibration — Ground-borne noise and vibration arising from rail systems — Part 1: General guidance*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1 axle bearing
bearing or bearing assembly on a rail vehicle axle that transmits a proportion of the weight of the rail vehicle directly to the wheelset

NOTE For the purpose of this definition bearings associated with the mounting of traction motors or traction drives are excluded.

3.1.1 inboard axle bearing
axle bearings that are positioned on the wheelset axle between the wheels of the wheelset

3.1.2 outboard axle bearing
axle bearings that are positioned on the wheelset axle ends outside of the space between the wheels of the wheelset

3.2 axlebox
structure, including for example cartridge bearing adaptor, which houses, or is in contact with, the axle journal bearing and provides an interface with the bogie and/or suspension arrangement

3.3 hot axlebox detector (HABD)
trackside system that includes:

- sensors that measure the thermal radiation emitted from a defined area on each axlebox of a passing rail vehicle;
- data processing that calculates a temperature for each axlebox from these measured data;
- data processing that identifies signs that an axlebox is (or axleboxes are) overheated;
- communication link to transmit and receive data

3.4 target zone
defined area on the underside of an axlebox that is designed to have its temperature monitored by a HABD

3.5 target area
plan view dimensions, that is in the XY plane, of the target zone

3.6 axlebox temperature
temperature of the target zone as calculated by a HABD

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