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Foreword

This document (EN 15437-2:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 256 "Railway applications", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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EN 15437 "*Railway applications - Axlebox condition monitoring - Interface and design requirements*" is comprised of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Track side equipment and rolling stock axlebox;*
- *Part 2: Performance and design requirements of on-board systems for temperature monitoring* (the present document).

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Introduction

Failed wheelset bearings on rolling stock create a hazard to the safe operation of the railway. If a bearing fails while 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.

This part of EN 15437 covers the monitoring of axlebox bearing temperature by on-board monitoring systems. According to the application, these may be considered to be basic systems or advanced systems.

In most cases, rolling stock axleboxes continue to be monitored by trackside Hot AxleBox Detectors [HABD] which is the subject of Part 1 of EN 15437. The monitoring system is fitted on the rolling stock and is able to function autonomously from trackside monitoring systems which are ground-based.

In contrast to trackside monitoring systems, the detection characteristic may be adapted to the particular vehicle design, such that the alarm levels employed are configured depending on the bearing properties, sensor arrangement, vehicle type, network characteristics, etc.

The use of on-board monitoring may also provide a solution for overcoming constraints related to bogie design or other aspects of vehicle design or operation which may prevent effective monitoring by means of the trackside monitoring systems.

Other devices which apply functionally equivalent alternatives (for example based on the principle of vibration monitoring) may be available and normalized elsewhere, such as in other parts of this series of European Standards.

1 Scope

This European Standard defines the minimum performance requirements of on-board monitoring systems for axlebox condition monitoring by means of temperature measurements.

This European Standard refers to temperature monitoring of the axlebox. However, the design may be such that the rolling bearing itself is monitored directly.

The requirements of this European Standard are intended to apply equally to basic monitoring systems for monitoring the axlebox temperature through to more technically complex systems that may employ a combination of mechatronics.

To ensure the compatibility of monitoring systems and the effective monitoring functions, this European Standard defines the requirements in the following areas:

- equipment and characteristics;
- monitoring performance;
- operation and interface.

This part of EN 15437 does not include:

- systems that do not give an indication to the driver;
- how an on-board monitoring system is structured and how it measures the temperature and identifies axlebox position. This is considered part of equipment design and not part of the functional requirements set out in this standard;
- operational requirements for acting on the information reported by the on-board monitoring system;
- operational requirements for conflict of information between trackside monitoring systems and on-board monitoring systems;
- maintenance requirements for on-board temperature monitoring systems.

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 50121-2, *Railway applications — Electromagnetic compatibility — Part 2: Emission of the whole railway system to the outside world*

EN 50125-1, *Railway applications — Environmental conditions for equipment — Part 1: Equipment on board rolling stock*

EN 50126-1, *Railway applications — The specification and demonstration of Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety (RAMS) — Part 1: Basic requirements and generic process*

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