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Part 2: Prestressed monoblock sleepers

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This European Standard is one of the EN 13230 series “*Railway applications – Track – Concrete sleepers and bearers*”, which consist of the following parts:

- Part 1: General requirements;
- Part 2: Prestressed monoblock sleepers;
- Part 3: Twin-block reinforced sleepers;
- Part 4: Prestressed bearers for switches and crossings;
- Part 5: Special elements;
- Part 6: Design.

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## **Introduction**

This part of the EN 13230 series defines the specific requirements dedicated to prestressed monoblock sleepers.

These are additional requirements to EN 13230-1 that are necessary to have a complete standard dealing with prestressed monoblock sleepers.

## 1 Scope

This part of the EN 13230 series defines additional technical criteria and control procedures related to the manufacturing and testing of prestressed monoblock sleepers.

## 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 206, *Concrete - Specification, performance, production and conformity*

EN 13230-1:2016, *Railway applications – Track – Concrete sleepers and bearers – Part 1: General requirements*

prEN 13230-6:2015, *Railway applications – Track – Concrete sleepers and bearers – Part 6: Design*

FprEN 10138 (all parts), *Prestressing steels*

## 3 Terms, definitions and symbols

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 13230-1:2016 and the following apply.

#### 3.1.1

##### **Pre-tensioned monoblock sleeper**

sleeper manufactured using pre-tensioned tendons

#### 3.1.2

##### **post-tensioned monoblock sleeper**

sleeper manufactured using post-tensioned tendons

### 3.2 Symbols

For the purpose of this document, the symbols listed in Table 1 apply.

**Table 1 — Symbols**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit</b>
$Fr_0$	Positive initial reference test load for the rail seat section	kN
$Fr_r$	Positive test load which produces first crack formation at the bottom of the rail seat section	kN
$Fr_{0,05}$	Maximum test load for which a crack width of 0,05 mm at the bottom of rail seat section persists after removal of the load	kN
$Fr_{0,5}$	Maximum test load for which a crack width of 0,5 mm at the bottom of the rail seat section persists after removal of the load	kN
$Fr_B$	Maximum positive test load at the rail seat section which cannot be increased	kN
$Fr_u$	Lower test load for the rail seat section dynamic test; $Fr_u = 50$ kN	kN
$Fc_0$	Positive initial reference test load at the centre section of the sleeper	kN
$Fc_{0n}$	Negative initial reference test load at the centre section of the sleeper	kN
$Fc_r$	Positive test load which produces first crack formation at the centre of the sleeper	kN
$Fc_{rn}$	Negative test load which produces first crack formation at the centre of the sleeper	kN
$Fc_B$	Maximum positive test load at the centre section which cannot be increased	kN
$Fc_{Bn}$	Maximum negative test load at the centre section which cannot be increased	kN
$L_p$	Design distance between the centre line of the rail seat to the edge of the sleeper at the bottom	m
$L_r$	Design distance between the articulated supports centre lines for the test arrangement at the rail seat section	m
$L_c$	Design distance between centre lines of the rail seat	m
$M_{k,r,pos}$	Positive characteristic bending moment at rail seat, (see prEN 13230-6:2015)	kNm
$M_{k,c,neg}$	Negative characteristic bending moment at centre section, (see prEN 13230-6:2015)	kNm
$M_{k,c,pos}$	Positive characteristic bending moment at centre section, (see prEN 13230-6:2015)	kNm
$k_{1s}$	Static coefficient to be used for calculation of $Fr_{0,05}$ test load	-
$k_{2s}$	Static coefficient to be used for calculation of $Fr_{0,5}$ or $Fr_B$ test load	-
$k_{1d}$	Dynamic coefficient to be used for calculation of $Fr_{0,05}$ test load	-
$k_{2d}$	Dynamic coefficient to be used for calculation of $Fr_{0,5}$ or $Fr_B$ test load	-
$k_3$	Static coefficient to be used for calculation of $Fr_B$ at the end of fatigue test	-
$k_t$	Factor used for calculation of acceptance criteria for first crack formation in static tests	-



## 4 Product testing

### 4.1 General

This section defines the testing regime and rules for the acceptance of concrete sleepers.

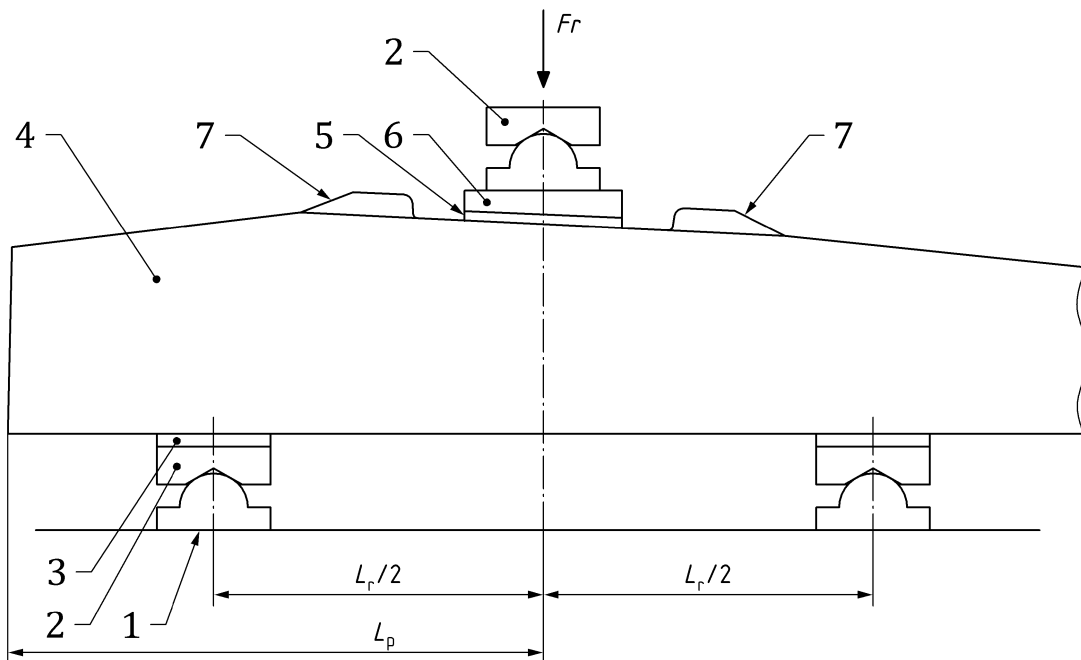
### 4.2 Test arrangements

#### 4.2.1 Rail seat section

The arrangement for the rail seat positive load test is shown in Figure 1, the value of  $L_r$  in relation to  $L_p$  is detailed in Table 2.

The load  $Fr$  is applied perpendicularly to the base of the sleeper.

The end of the sleeper opposite to the end being tested shall be unsupported.



#### Key

- 1 rigid support
- 2 articulated support (see Annex A for details)
- 3 resilient pad (see Annex A for details)
- 4 prestressed monoblock sleeper
- 5 standard rail pad as defined by the purchaser
- 6 tapered packing (see Annex A for details)
- 7 lateral stop and base plate, only when required by the purchaser

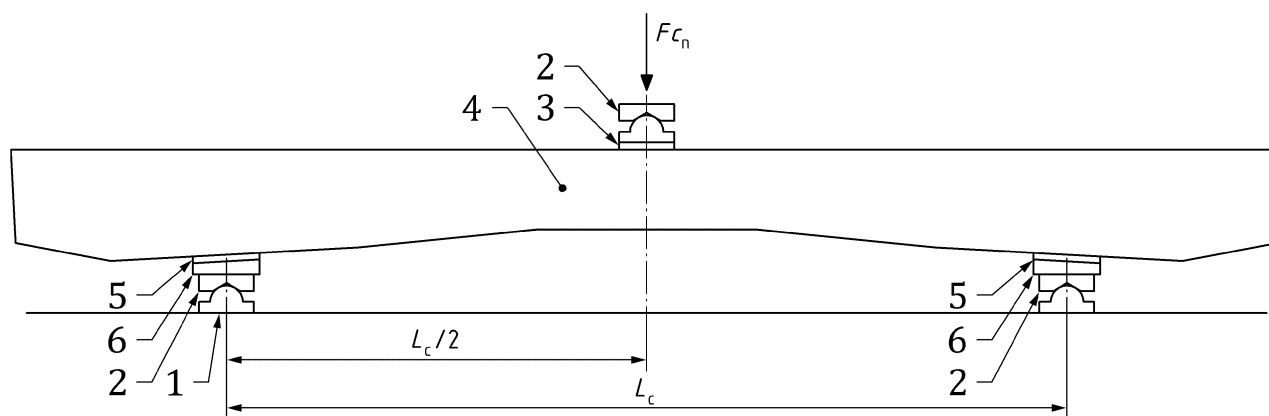
**Figure 1 — Test arrangement at the rail seat section for the positive load test**

**Table 2 — Value of  $L_r$  in relation to  $L_p$**

$L_p$ in m	$L_r$ in m
$L_p < 0,349$	0,3
$0,350 \leq L_p < 0,399$	0,4
$0,400 \leq L_p < 0,449$	0,5
$L_p \geq 0,450$	0,6

#### 4.2.2 Centre section

The arrangement for the negative centre load test is shown in Figure 2.

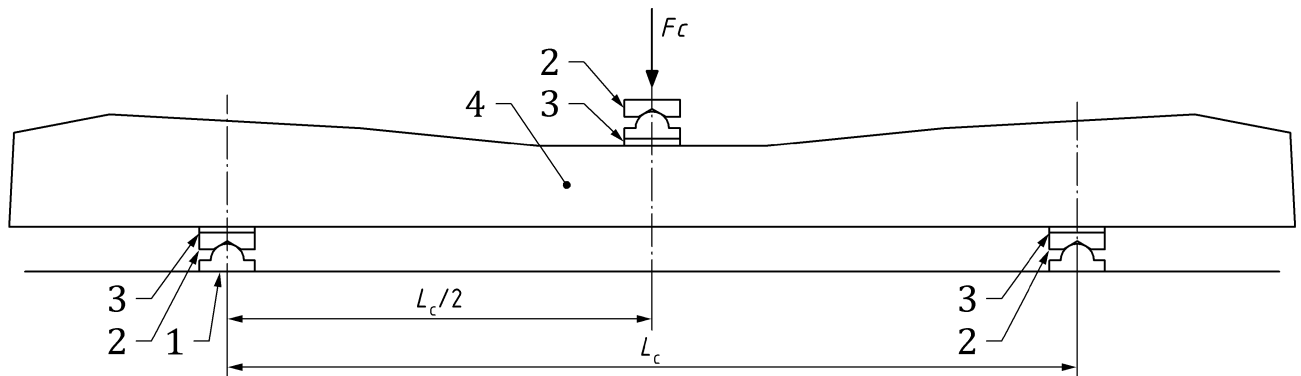


#### Key

- 1 rigid support
- 2 articulated support (see Annex A for details)
- 3 resilient pad (see Annex A for details)
- 4 prestressed monoblock sleeper
- 5 standard rail pad as defined by the purchaser
- 6 tapered packing (see Annex A for details)

**Figure 2 — Test arrangement at the centre section for the negative load test**

The test arrangement for the positive centre load test is shown in Figure 3.



**Key**

- 1 rigid support
- 2 articulated support (see Annex A for details)
- 3 resilient pad (see Annex A for details)
- 4 prestressed monoblock sleeper

**Figure 3 — Test arrangement at the centre section for the positive load test**

**4.3 Test procedures**

**4.3.1 Test loads**

$Fr_0$  is calculated from the geometry given in Figure 1 and values from Table 3 using Formula (1):

$$Fr_0 = \frac{4 M_{k,r,pos}}{L_r - 0,1} \text{ in kN} \quad (1)$$

**Table 3 — Value of  $Fr_0$  in relation to  $L_r$**

$L_r$ in m	0,3	0,4	0,5	0,6
$Fr_0$ in kN	$20 M_{k,r,pos}$	$13 M_{k,r,pos}$	$10 M_{k,r,pos}$	$8 M_{k,r,pos}$

$F_{c0}$  and  $F_{c0n}$  are calculated from the geometry given in Figures 2 and 3 using Formula (2) and Formula (3):

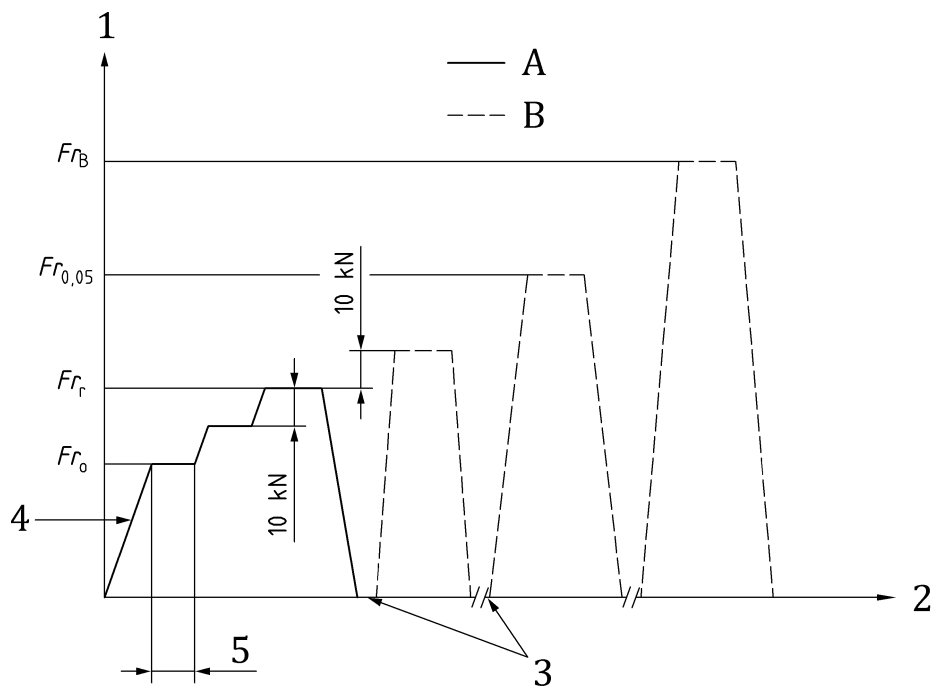
$$F_{c0} = \frac{4 M_{k,c,pos}}{L_c - 0,1} \text{ in kN} \quad (2)$$

$$F_{c0n} = \frac{4 M_{k,c,neg}}{L_c - 0,1} \text{ in kN} \quad (3)$$

### 4.3.2 Static test

#### 4.3.2.1 Rail seat section

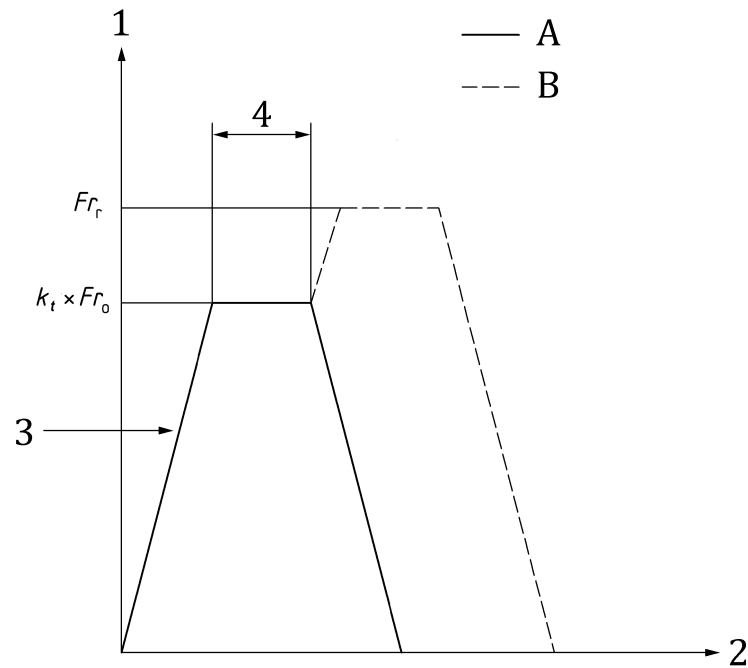
The static test procedure at the rail seat section for design approval test and routine test is shown in Figures 4 and 5.



#### Key

- 1 load
- 2 time
- 3 crack checking (maximum duration: 5 min)
- 4 120 kN/min maximum
- 5 from 10 s minimum to 5 min maximum
- A required part of test
- B optional part of test

**Figure 4 — Static test procedure at the rail seat section for positive design approval test**



**Key**

- 1 load
- 2 time
- 3 120 kN/min maximum
- 4 from 10 s minimum to 5 min maximum
- A required part of test
- B optional part of test

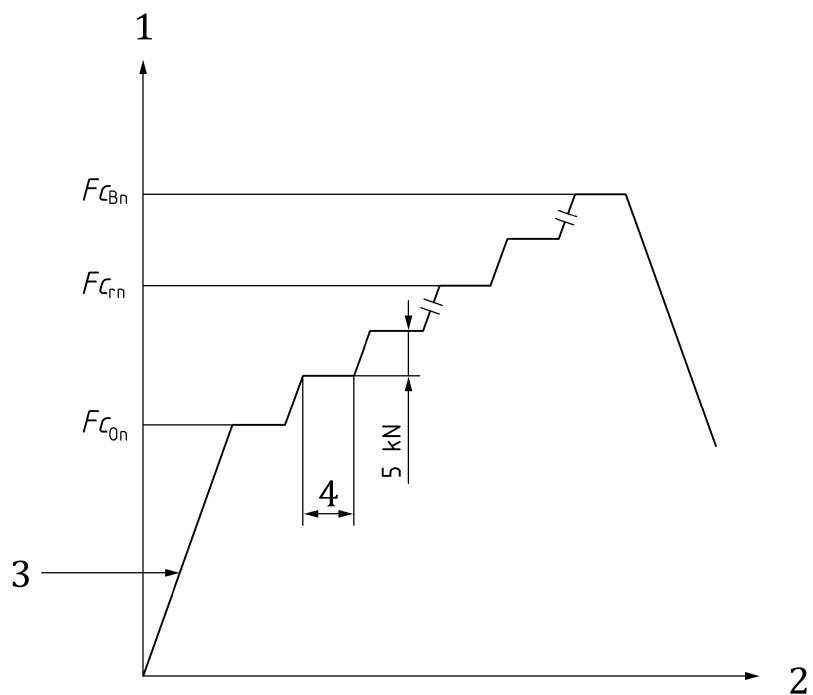
**Figure 5 — Static test procedure at the rail seat section for positive routine test**

Loading in the routine test may be continued to first crack to determine  $Fr_r$  and provide information on the margin between  $Fr_0$  and  $Fr_r$ . This is not part of the pass/fail criteria.

Value of  $k_t$  is adjusted according to the age of sleeper at the time of testing.

**4.3.2.2 Centre section**

The static test procedure at the centre section for negative design approval test is shown in Figure 6.

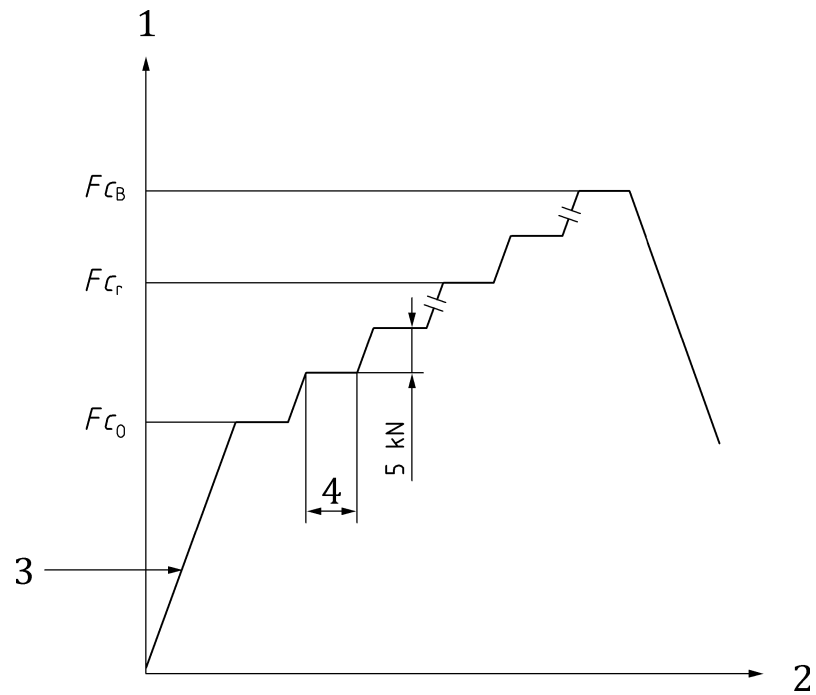


**Key**

- 1 load
- 2 time
- 3 120 kN/min maximum
- 4 from 10 s minimum to 5 min maximum

**Figure 6 — Static procedure at the centre section for negative design approval test**

The test procedure at the centre section for positive design approval test is shown in Figure 7.



**Key**

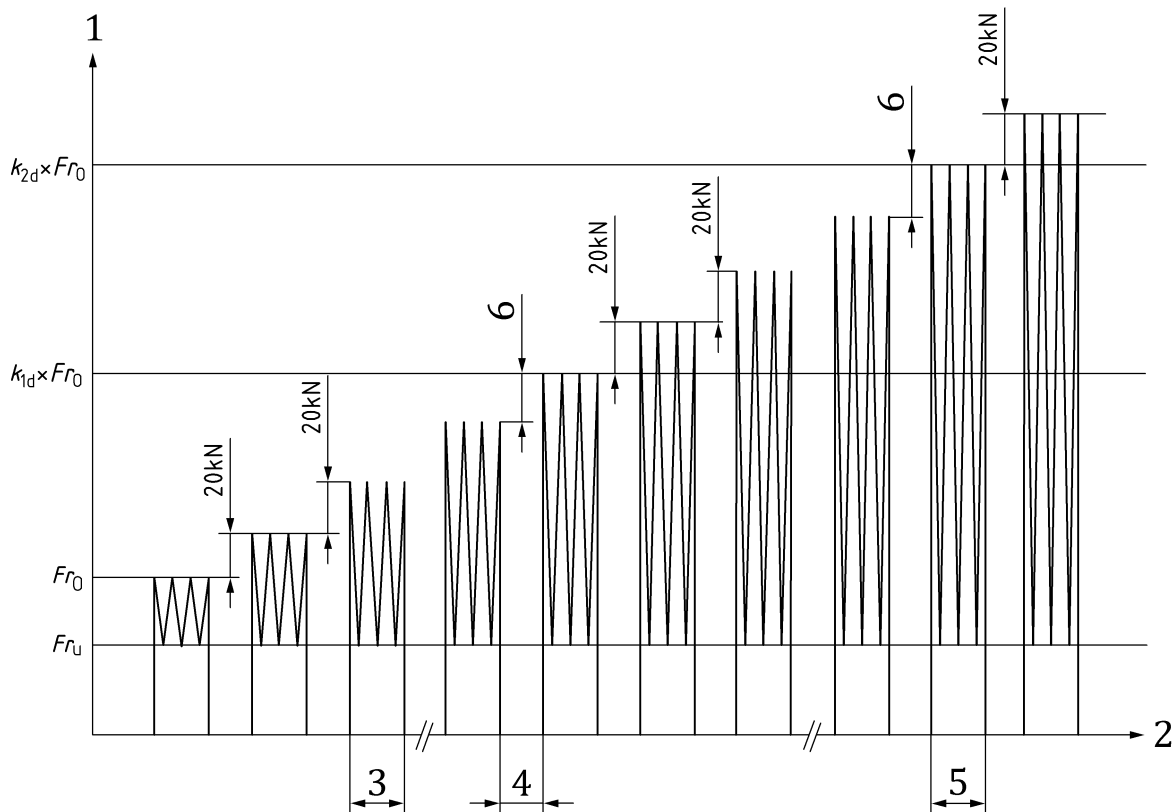
- 1 load
- 2 time
- 3 120 kN/min maximum
- 4 from 10 s minimum to 5 min maximum

**Figure 7 — Static procedure at the centre section for positive design approval test**

A centre routine test is not required.

### 4.3.3 Dynamic test

The dynamic test procedure at the rail seat section is shown in Figure 8 and Figure 9.

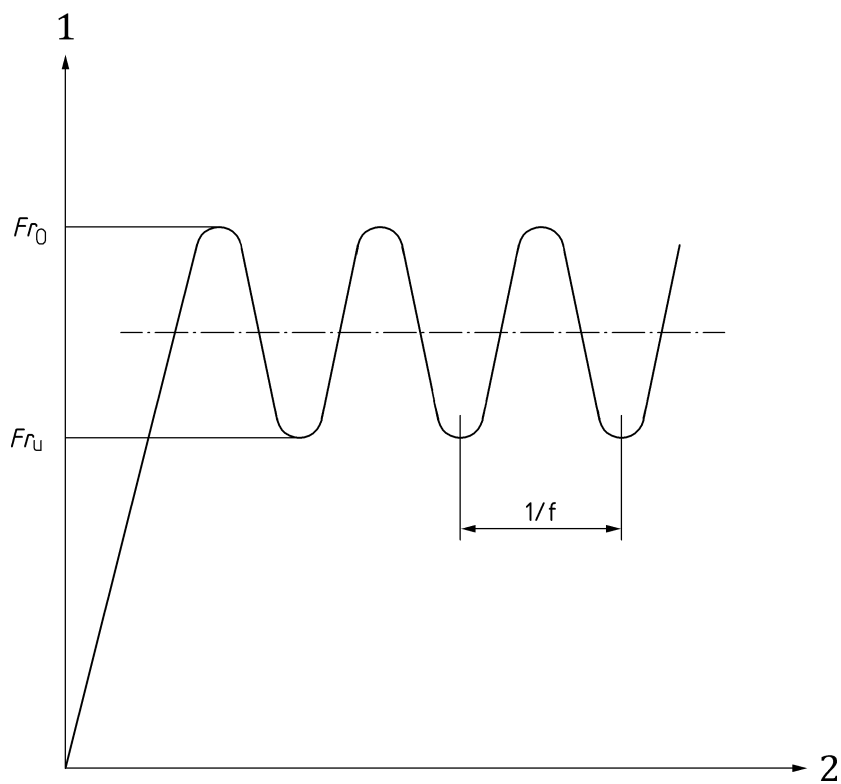


#### Key

- 1 load
- 2 time
- 3 5 000 load cycles
- 4 maximum examination time 5 min
- 5 frequency ( $f$ ) between 2 Hz and 10 Hz (identical frequency maintained during duration of test)
- 6 load step before  $k_{1d} \times Fr_0$  and  $k_{2d} \times Fr_0$  smaller than 20 kN

**Figure 8 — Dynamic test procedure at the rail seat section**



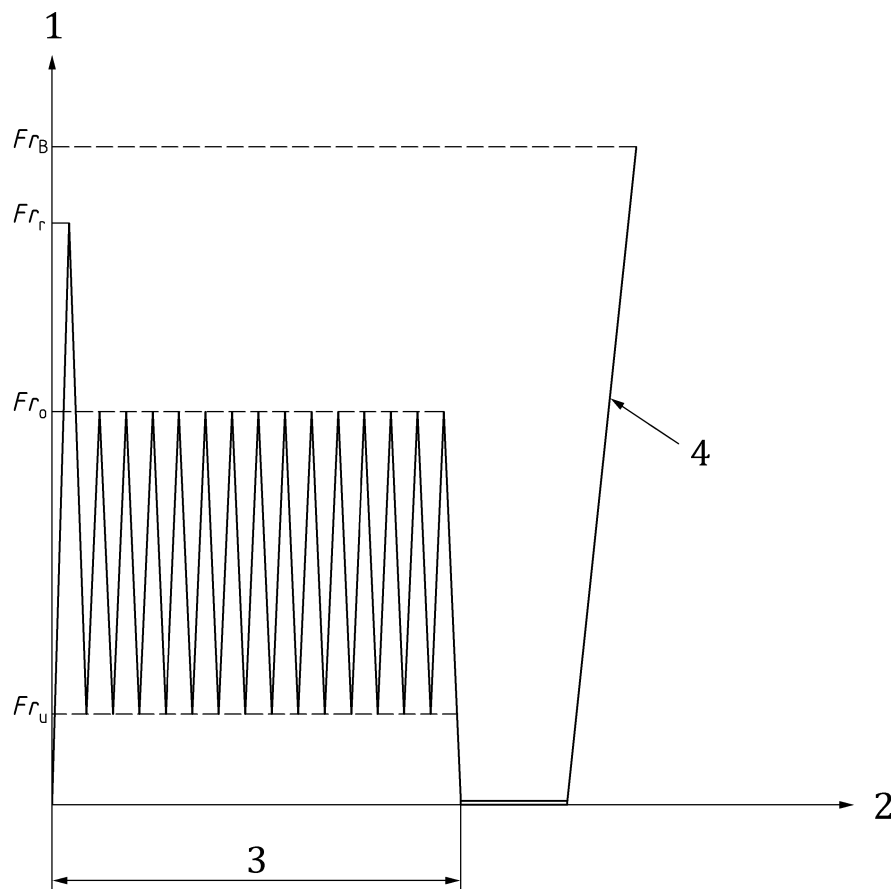


**Key**  
1 load  
2 time

**Figure 9 — Dynamic load application for dynamic test**

#### 4.3.4 Fatigue test

The fatigue test procedure at the rail seat section is shown in Figures 10 and 11.

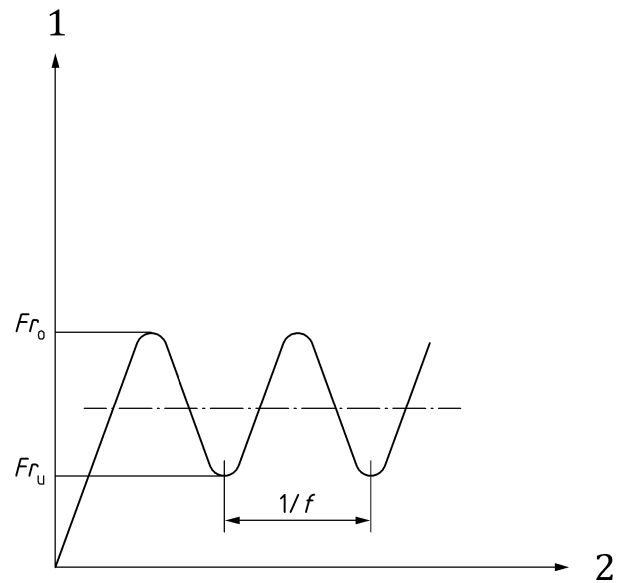


**Key**

- 1 load
- 2 time
- 3 frequency ( $f$ ) between 2 Hz and 10 Hz (identical frequency maintained during duration of test) for 2 million cycles
- 4 increase of load at 120 kN/min

NOTE First cycle as in Figure 4.

**Figure 10 — Fatigue test procedure at the rail seat section**



**Key**

- 1 load
- 2 time

**Figure 11 — Dynamic load application for fatigue test**

## 4.4 Acceptance criteria

### 4.4.1 General

The tests are managed according to the requirements of FprEN 13230-1:2015, Clause 7. The crack width is measured following the rules of FprEN 13230-1:2015, 7.2.

### 4.4.2 Static test

#### 4.4.2.1 General

The acceptance criteria for the static test are as follows.

#### 4.4.2.2 Rail seat section

The acceptance criterion is:

$$Fr_r > k_t \times Fr_0$$

If the non-mandatory part of the test is carried out, then:

$$Fr_{0,05} > k_{1s} \times Fr_0$$

$$Fr_B > k_{2s} \times Fr_0$$

#### 4.4.2.3 Centre section

The acceptance criterion is:

$$Fc_{rn} > k_t \times Fc_{0n}$$

If the non-mandatory test for positive bending moment at the centre section is required, the purchaser shall specify the acceptance criteria.

#### 4.4.3 Dynamic test

The acceptance criteria for the dynamic test at the rail seat section are as follows:

- a)  $Fr_{0,05} > k_{1d} \times Fr_0$ ;
- b)  $Fr_B > k_{2d} \times Fr_0$  or  $Fr_{0,5} > k_{2d} \times Fr_0$  (according to the requirements of the purchaser).

#### 4.4.4 Fatigue test

The acceptance criteria for the fatigue test at the rail seat section after  $2 \times 10^6$  cycles are as follows:

- a) crack width is  $\leq 0,1$  mm when loaded at  $Fr_0$ ;
- b) crack width is  $\leq 0,05$  mm when unloaded;
- c)  $Fr_B > k_3 \times Fr_0$ .

When load at the rail seat section is continuously increased at a rate of 120 kN/min from unloaded condition until failure  $Fr_B$ , coefficient  $k_3$  shall be provided by the purchaser.

### 4.5 Design approval tests

#### 4.5.1 General

The design approval tests to be carried out on the sleeper and concrete comprise the tests already defined in this standard.

All test results shall meet the acceptance criteria.

Each sleeper shall be used for one test only.

#### 4.5.2 Bending moments evaluation

##### 4.5.2.1 General

These tests are carried out in accordance with the test arrangements in 4.2 and the test procedures in 4.3.

##### 4.5.2.2 Static tests

- a) rail seat section: on six sleepers (one rail seat per sleeper), for the positive bending moment;
- b) centre section: three sleepers for the negative bending moment;  
three sleepers for the positive bending moment (optional test carried out at the request of the purchaser).

##### 4.5.2.3 Dynamic test

- Rail seat section: on six sleepers (one rail seat per sleeper), for the positive bending moment.

##### 4.5.2.4 Fatigue test (optional test carried out at the request of the purchaser)

- Rail seat section: one rail seat for the positive bending moment.

### **4.5.3 Concrete**

The properties of the concrete shall be established in accordance with EN 206.

### **4.5.4 Product inspection**

Product inspection shall be carried out on all sleepers required for design approval tests including dimensions and tolerances in accordance with EN 13230-1:2016, Table 1, and the surface finish of the sleeper in accordance with EN 13230-1:2016, 6.3.

### **4.5.5 Fastening system**

Test shall be carried out in accordance with the European standards on fastenings systems as referenced in EN 13230-1 or as required by the purchaser (see EN 13230-1:2016, 7.5).

## **4.6 Routine tests**

### **4.6.1 General**

The routine tests are carried out in order to find any variation in the quality of the concrete sleeper, leading to an unacceptable quality level.

The number of samples and rates of tests shall be given in the quality plan for the manufacturing unit.

The routine tests to be carried out on the product and concrete are defined in this standard.

### **4.6.2 Static rail seat positive load test**

This test shall be carried out in accordance with the test arrangement shown in Figure 1 and the test procedures in 4.3.

### **4.6.3 Concrete**

The tests shall be carried out according to EN 13230-1:2016, 7.4.

## **5 Manufacturing rules**

Before starting production, the supplier shall complete a production file for manufacturing data, which shall be submitted in confidence to the purchaser and shall include the following:

- a) water/cement ratio and tolerance;
- b) weight of each component of concrete plus tolerance;
- c) grading curves for each aggregate of the concrete plus tolerance;
- d) properties of concrete after 7 days and after 28 days;
- e) maximum relaxation for prestressing tendons after 1 000 h according to FprEN 10138 (all parts);
- f) description of the prestressing system including prestressing force and tolerance on each tendon;
- g) methods of concrete vibration;
- h) curing time and temperature cycle;
- i) minimum concrete compressive strength before releasing prestressing tendons;
- j) method used for releasing prestressing force;
- k) stacking rules after manufacturing.

The sample sleepers submitted for design tests shall comply with the manufacturing data.

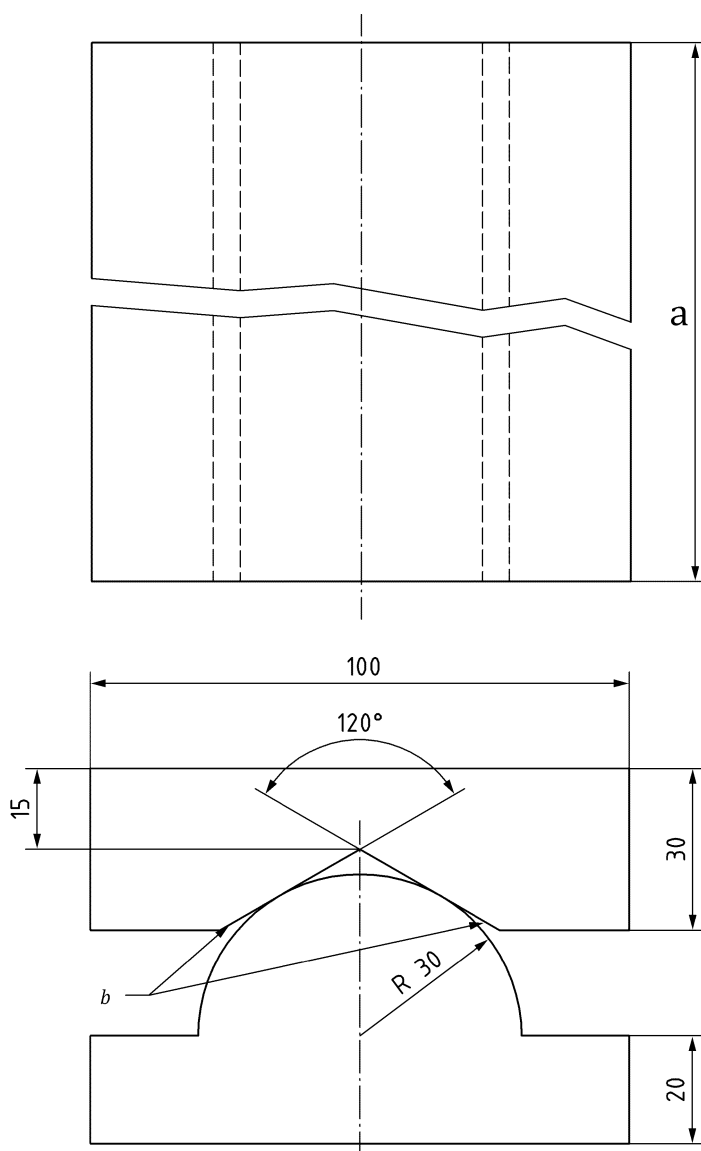
## Annex A (normative)

### Detailed drawings of the test arrangements

#### A.1 Articulated support

This shall be as shown in Figure A.1.

Dimensions in millimetres



#### Key

Steel: minimum hardness Brinell:  $HBW > 240$

General tolerances:  $\pm 0,1$  mm

a minimum length = bottom width of the concrete sleeper at the rail seat + 20 mm

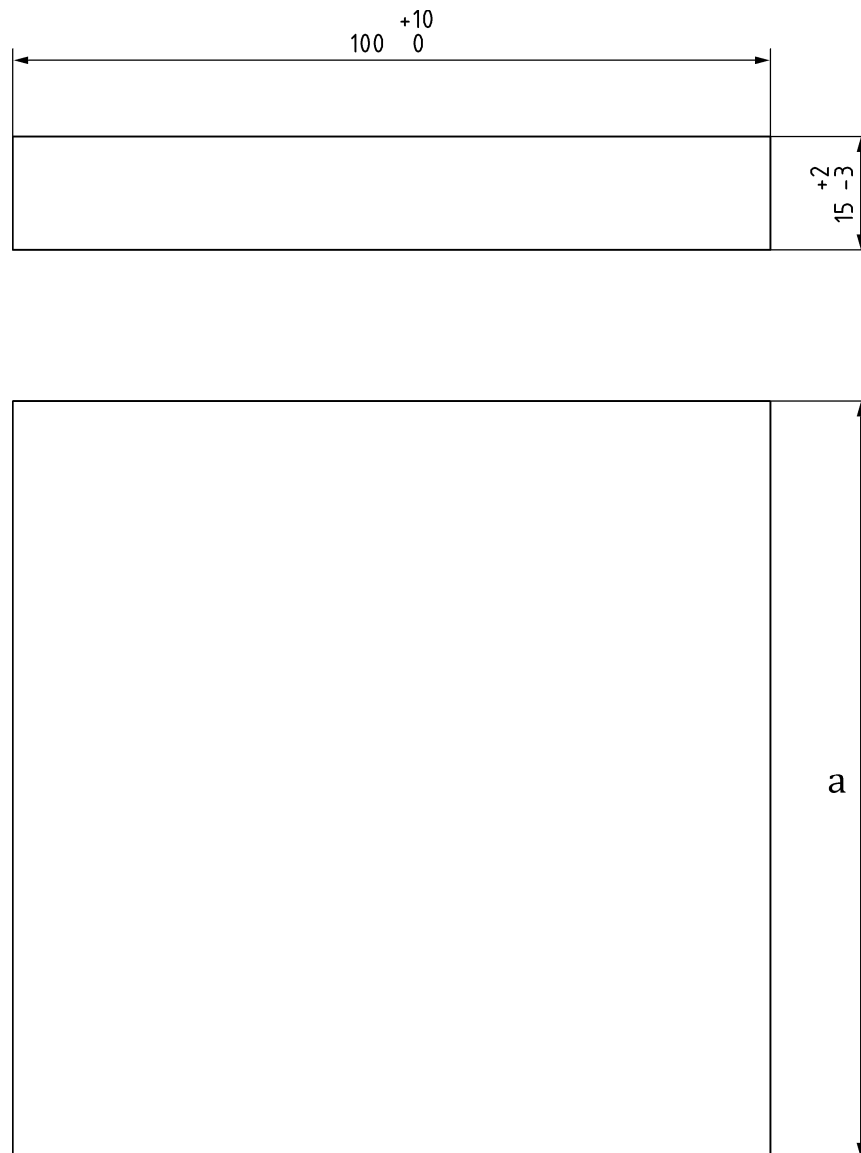
b high pressure lubricant

**Figure A.1 — Articulated support**

## A.2 Resilient pad

This shall be as shown in Figure A.2.

Dimensions in millimetres



### Key

static secant stiffness measured between 0,3 MPa and 2 MPa:  $1 \leq C \leq 4 \text{ N/mm}^3$

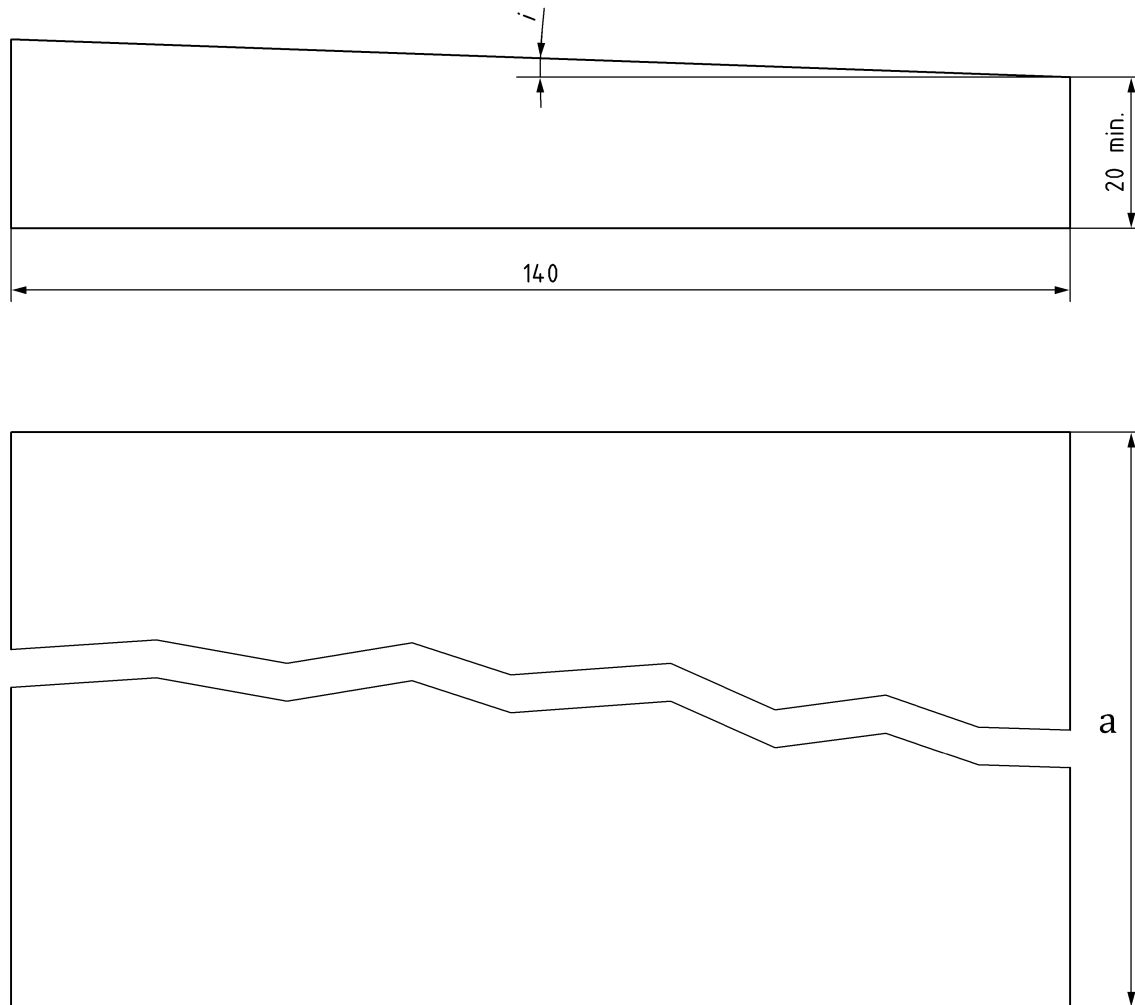
a minimum length = bottom width of the concrete sleeper at the rail seat + 20 mm

**Figure A.2 — Resilient pad**

### A.3 Tapered packing

This shall be as shown in Figure A.3.

Dimensions in millimetres



**Key**

Steel: Minimum hardness Brinell: HBW > 240

General tolerances:  $\pm 0,1$  mm

$i$ : inclination of rail seat – see EN 13230-1:2016

$a$  minimum length = length of the standard rail pad + 20 mm

**Figure A.3 — Tapered packing**



**Annex ZA**  
(informative)

**Relationship between this European Standard and the Essential Requirements of EU Directive 2008/57/EC**

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<sup>1)</sup> This Directive 2008/57/EC adopted on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008 is a recast of the previous Directives 96/48/EC 'Interoperability of the trans-European high-speed rail system' and 2001/16/EC 'Interoperability of the trans-European conventional rail system' and revisions thereof by 2004/50/EC 'Corrigendum to Directive 2004/50/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 amending Council Directive 96/48/EC on the interoperability of the trans-European high-speed rail system and Directive 2001/16/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of the trans-European conventional rail system'

**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard, the Commission Regulation N° 1299/2014 of 18 November 2014 on the technical specifications for interoperability relating to the ‘infrastructure’ subsystem of the rail system in the European Union (published in the Official Journal L 356, 12.12.2014, p.1) and Directive 2008/57/EC**

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