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## Foreword

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In this revision of EN 13481-1:2002 the main changes are as follows:

- a) A range of categories of fastening systems have been included in 3.1;
- b) the definition of embedded rail (3.12) has been extended;
- c) definitions of low and high frequency dynamic stiffness have been added (3.25).

This European Standard is one of the series EN 13481 "*Railway applications – Track – Performance requirements for fastening systems*" which consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Definitions*
- *Part 2: Fastening systems for concrete sleepers*
- *Part 3: Fastening systems for wood sleepers*
- *Part 4: Fastening systems for steel sleepers*
- *Part 5: Fastening systems for slab track with rail on the surface or rail embedded in a channel*
- *Part 7: Special fastening systems for switches and crossings and check rails*

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the definitions of the terms used in the EN 13146 series and in the EN 13481 series.

## 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 13146-1:2012, *Railway applications – Track – Test methods for fastening systems – Part 1: Determination of longitudinal rail restraint*

EN 13146-2:2012, *Railway applications – Track – Test methods for fastening systems – Part 2: Determination of torsional resistance*

EN 13146-3:2012, *Railway applications – Track – Test methods for fastening systems – Part 3: Determination of attenuation of impact loads*

EN 13146-4:2012, *Railway applications – Track – Test methods for fastening systems – Part 4: Effect of repeated loading*

EN 13146-5:2012, *Railway applications – Track – Test methods for fastening systems – Part 5: Determination of electrical resistance*

EN 13146-6:2012, *Railway applications – Track – Test methods for fastening systems – Part 6: Effect of severe environmental conditions*

EN 13146-7:2012, *Railway applications – Track – Test methods for fastening systems – Part 7: Determination of clamping force*

EN 13146-8:2012, *Railway applications – Track – Test methods for fastening systems – Part 8: In service testing*

EN 13146-9:2009+A1:2011, *Railway applications – Track – Test methods for fastening systems – Part 9: Determination of stiffness*

EN 13232-1, *Railway applications – Track – Switches and crossings – Part 1: Definitions*

EN 13481 (all parts), *Railway applications – Track – Performance requirements for fastening systems*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **categories of fastening system**

typical types of fastening system related to speed and axle load of trains on tracks, for which they are designed, and the rail section used

### 3.1.1

#### **category A fastening system**

fastening system designed for urban light rail and some industrial tracks, with a typical axle load of 100 kN, a typical curve radius of 80 m, a typical maximum speed of 100 km/h, a typical rail section of 40E1 and a typical sleeper or support spacing of 800 mm

Note 1 to entry: Rail sections are specified in the EN 13674 series.

### 3.1.2

#### **category B fastening system**

fastening system designed for urban light rail and some industrial tracks, with a typical axle load of 160 kN, a typical curve radius of 100 m, a typical maximum speed of 140 km/h, a typical rail section of 54E1 and a typical sleeper or support spacing of 600 mm

Note 1 to entry: Rail sections are specified in the EN 13674 series.

### 3.1.3

#### **category C fastening system**

fastening system designed for conventional main line railways, with a typical axle load of 225 kN, a typical curve radius of 400 m, a typical maximum speed of 250 km/h, a typical rail section of 60E1 and a typical sleeper or support spacing of 600 mm

Note 1 to entry: Rail sections are specified in the EN 13674 series.

### 3.1.4

#### **category D fastening system**

fastening system designed for lines with large radius curves, often used for high speed trains and having a typical axle load of 180 kN, a typical curve radius of 800 m, a typical rail section of 60E1, a typical sleeper or support spacing of 600 mm and any typical maximum speed

Note 1 to entry: Rail sections are specified in the EN 13674 series.

### 3.1.5

#### **category E fastening system**

fastening system designed for mixed traffic line carrying heavy freight trains, with a typical axle load of 300 kN, a typical curve radius of 150 m, a typical maximum speed of 200 km/h, a typical rail section of 60E1 and a typical sleeper or support spacing of 600 mm

Note 1 to entry: Rail sections are specified in the EN 13674 series.

## 3.2

### **ballasted track**

track in which the sleepers are supported in ballast

## 3.3

### **slab track**

track in which the structure supporting the rails and transmitting the track forces into the sub-base consists of a slab supported directly on a formation without ballast

Note 1 to entry: The slab may be an asphalt or reinforced concrete pavement laid *in situ*, precast concrete units or a combination of precast concrete and *in situ* concrete or asphalt.

## 3.4

### **sleeper**

beam, which may be composite in construction, which supports running rails, guard rails and check rails at right angles to its axis

Note 1 to entry: Normally the beam supports two running rails to form one track.

**3.5**

**bearer**

beam, which may be composite in construction, which supports running rails, guard rails and check rails which may not be at right angles to its axis

Note 1 to entry: The beam may support up to six running rails and other components used in switches and crossings.

**3.6**

**baseplate**

non-elastic component which supports the rail and is secured to the supporting structure

**3.7**

**baseplate pad**

non-metallic pad placed between baseplate and sleeper

**3.8**

**rail pad**

non-metallic pad placed between rail and baseplate or rail and sleeper, bearer or slab

**3.9**

**anti-creep rail pad**

rail pad which provides increased longitudinal rail restraint

**3.10**

**active area of a rail pad**

area of the pad surface that is in contact with a rail

**3.11**

**running rail**

rail which supports the wheels of vehicles moving along the track

**3.12**

**embedded rail**

rail which is contained within a channel, filled with inert material, up to the running surface and which is at approximately at the same level as the surrounding surface

Note 1 to entry: A flange way is maintained alongside the gauge face of the rail and the rail is secured by adhesion of the surrounding material or by mechanical fastenings.

**3.13**

**check rail**

rail laid close to the gauge face of a running rail which takes part in lateral guidance of the wheel and prevents derailment in small radius curved track and switches and crossings

**3.14**

**guard rail**

rail, laid parallel to a running rail, which is intended to control the lateral movement of derailed wheels

**3.15**

**running surface**

curved surface defined by the longitudinal displacement of a straight line perpendicular to the centre line of the track and tangential to both running tables

[SOURCE: EN 13848-1:2003+A1:2008]



### 3.16

#### **fastening system**

assembly of components which secures a rail to the supporting structure and retains it in the required position whilst permitting any necessary vertical, lateral and longitudinal movement

Note 1 to entry: Such an assembly includes components to distribute the loads from the rail into the supporting structure, and where necessary to prevent wear of the contact surfaces on the supporting structure and to electrically insulate the rail from the supporting structure.

### 3.17

#### **direct fastening system**

assembly in which a rail is directly secured to the supporting structure with or without a baseplate

### 3.18

#### **indirect fastening system**

assembly in which a rail is secured to a baseplate independently of the fastening of the baseplate to the supporting structure

### 3.19

#### **web support fastening system**

assembly in which the principal means of securing the rail to its support is by action on the web of the rail and under the head of the rail

### 3.20

#### **rigid fastening system**

assembly which is designed to clamp the rail tightly to the sleeper and does not incorporate a resilient component apart from any rail pad

Note 1 to entry: A fully compressed spring washer is not a resilient component.

### 3.21

#### **reference fastening system**

assembly which complies with this series and has a record of satisfactory performance in the user's track

### 3.22

#### **clamping force**

vertical force applied to the upper surface of one rail foot by the fastening assembly clips

### 3.23

#### **static stiffness**

force per unit deflection measured under a uniaxial static force

### 3.24

#### **vertical stiffness**

force per unit vertical deflection measured normal to the running surface between specified minimum and maximum applied loads

### 3.25

#### **dynamic stiffness**

force per unit deflection measured under a cyclic uniaxial force

#### **3.25.1**

##### **low frequency dynamic stiffness**

stiffness measured within the frequency range 3 Hz to 30 Hz

#### **3.25.2**

##### **high frequency dynamic stiffness**

stiffness measured within the frequency range 20 Hz to 450 Hz

**3.26**

**transfer stiffness**

frequency dependent ratio of the force on the blocked output side of a vibration isolator to the displacement on the input side during simple harmonic vibration in the range 25 Hz to 400 Hz

**3.27**

**vibration attenuation**

reduction in transmission of vibration from running and check rails into the supporting structure

**3.28**

**noise attenuation**

reduction in emission of audible vibration into the surroundings

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