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## Foreword

This document (EN 13232-1:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 256, "Railway applications", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by February 2004, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by February 2004.

This series of standards "Railway Applications – Track – Switches and Crossings" covers the design and quality of switches and crossings in flat bottomed rail. The list of Parts is as follows :

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- *Part 5 : Switches*
- *Part 6 : Fixed common and obtuse crossings*
- *Part 7 : Crossings with moveable parts*
- *Part 8 : Expansion devices*
- *Part 9 : Layouts*

Part 1 contains terminology used throughout all parts of this series. Parts 2 to 4 contain basic design guides and are applicable to all switch and crossing assemblies. Parts 5 to 8 deal with particular types of equipment including their tolerances. These use Parts 1 to 4 as a basis. Part 9 defines the functional and geometric dimensions and tolerances for layout assembly.

The following terms are used within to define the parties involved in using the EN as the technical basis for a transaction :

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard provides an accepted "terminology" for switch and crossing work. With the assistance of diagrams, the various components are given definitions, and these specific names are regarded as obligatory.

The definitions cover the constituent parts and design geometry of switch and crossing work, and include the movement of switches. Additional terminology of a more specific nature will be defined in the relevant part of the series.

The present definitions set out the terms most generally used for the geometrical form and the construction of switches and crossings, omitting those of too special a nature.

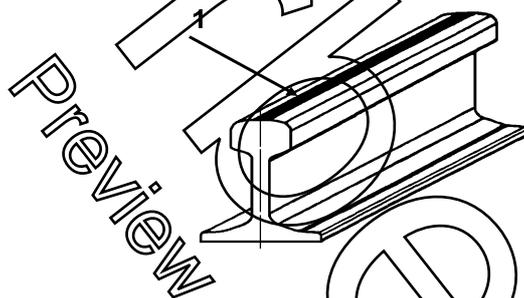
## 2 General definitions

### 2.1 contact area

those parts of the rail ensuring the support and/or guidance, inside or outside, of a wheel. See Figure 5.

### 2.2 running table

upper surface of the head of a rail. See Figure 1.



#### Key

- 1 Running table

Figure 1

### 2.3 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. See Figure 2.

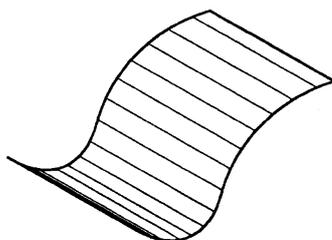
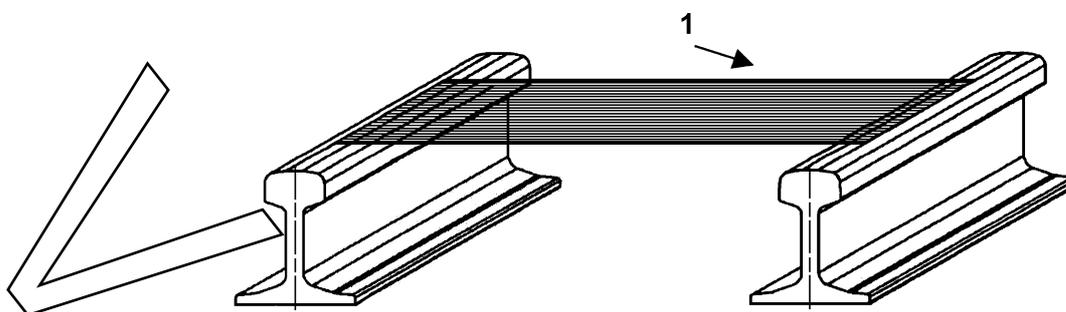


Figure 2

## 2.4 running plane

flat plane tangential to the running surface at the considered point. See Figure 3.



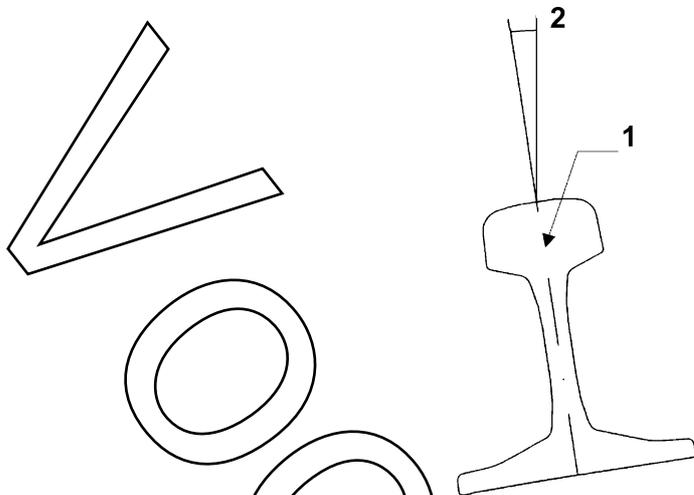
### Key

1 Running plane

Figure 3

**2.5  
rail inclination**

angle measured as a tangent (e.g. 1 in 20) between the normal to the running surface and the y-y axis of the rail.  
See Figure 4.



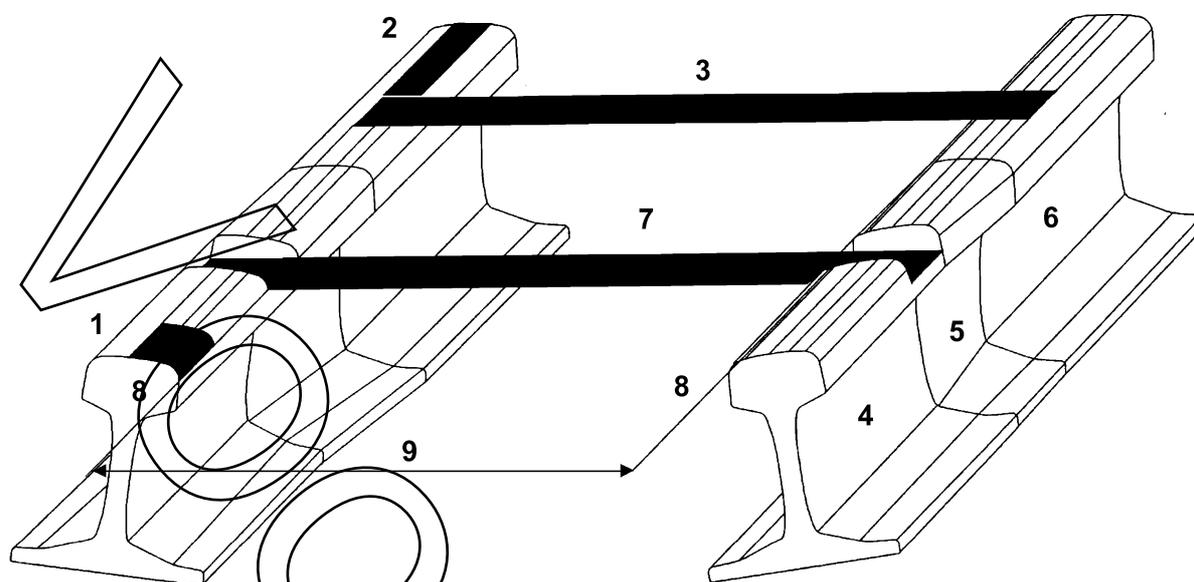
**Key**

- 1 y-y axis
- 2 Rail inclination

Figure 4

## 2.6 inclined track

where the axes of the two running rails are inclined inwards towards each other. See Figure 5.



### Key

- |   |                |   |                       |
|---|----------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1 | Contact area   | 6 | Vertical track        |
| 2 | Running table  | 7 | Gauge reference plane |
| 3 | Running plane  | 8 | Running edge          |
| 4 | Inclined track | 9 | Gauge                 |
| 5 | Rail twist     |   |                       |

Figure 5

## 2.7 vertical track

where the axes of the two running rails are parallel, that is, have a rail inclination of zero

## 2.8 rail twist

change in inclination of the rail (e.g. from 1 in 20 to vertical). See Figure 5.

## 2.9 gauge reference plane

plane parallel to and below the running surface at a dimension "z". This dimension "z" is generally 14 mm. This plane is used for all design work, machining, and measurements. See Figures 5 and 6.

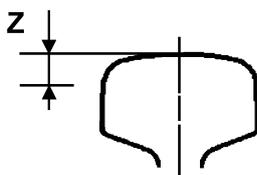


Figure 6

**2.10**  
**running edge**

intersection of the gauge reference plane with the inside of the rail head. See Figure 5.

**2.11**  
**track gauge**

distance between the corresponding running edges of the two rails. See Figure 5.

**2.12**  
**centre-line of track**

line midway between the running edges on straight track, and half normal gauge inside the running edge of the larger radius rail in curved track. See Figures 5 and 7.

**2.13**  
**high-side rail**

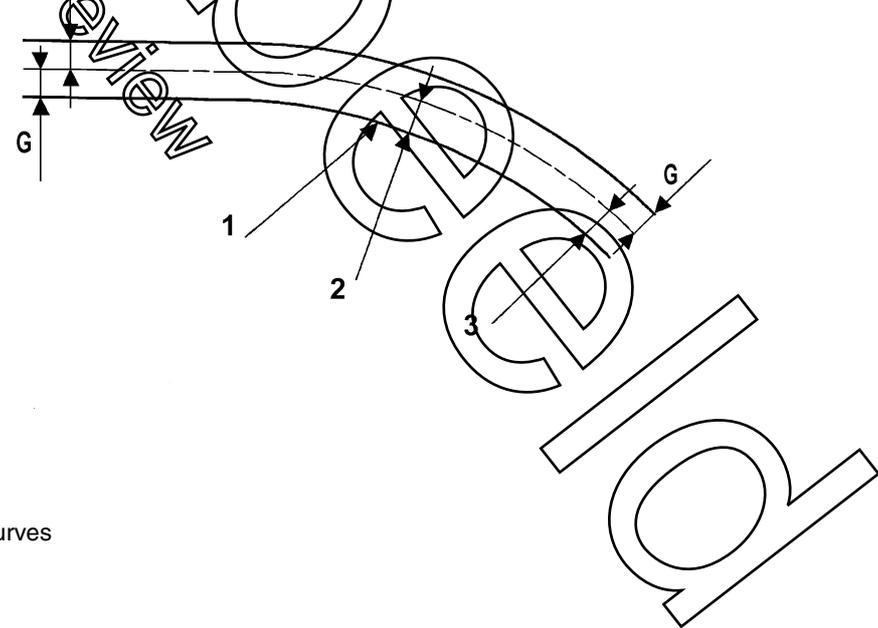
on curved track, the rail with the larger radius, i.e. centre-line radius plus half of track gauge

**2.14**  
**low-side rail**

on curved track, the rail with the smaller radius

**2.15**  
**gauge widening**

intended increase in gauge. The radius of the low-side rail is decreased, and the distance between the centre-line of track and the low-side rail is increased, by the amount of gauge widening. See Figure 7.



**Key**

- 1 Gauge widening on sharp curves
- 2  $717.5 + \text{Gauge widening}$
- 3  $717.5 + \text{Gauge widening}$
- G = gauge / 2

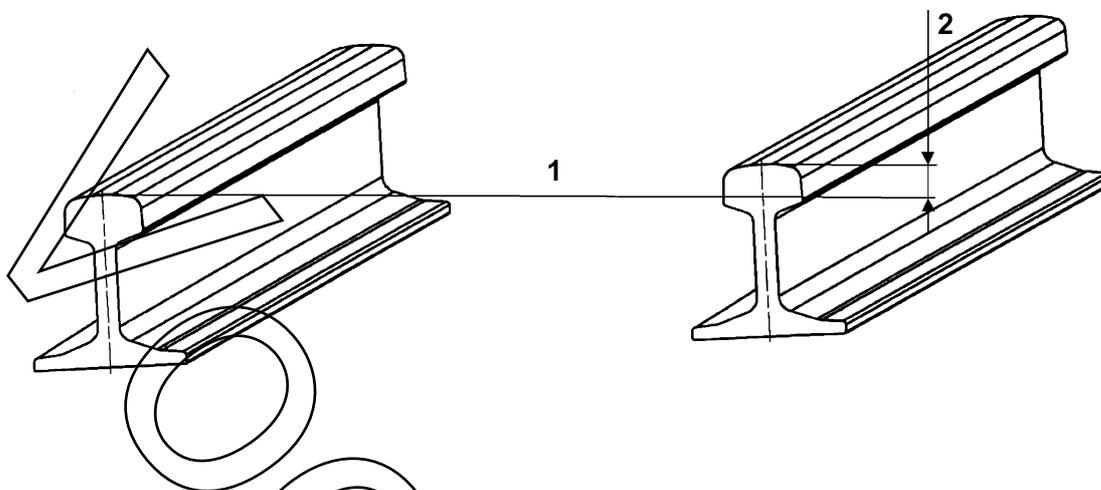
**Figure 7**

**2.16**  
**sleeper or bearer spacing**

distance along the rails between the centre-lines of adjacent sleepers or bearers

**2.17****cant (superelevation)**

difference in height, relative to the horizontal, of the two rails of one track at a particular location, measured at the centrelines of the heads of the rails. See Figure 8.

**Key**

- 1 Horizontal
- 2 Cant (superelevation)

Figure 8

**2.18****equilibrium cant**

cant for which at a particular stated speed the resultant of the load of vehicle and the centrifugal force is perpendicular to the running plane

**2.19****cant deficiency**

difference between the applied cant on the track and the equilibrium cant for the vehicle at the particular stated speed

**3 Definitions of classification terms****3.1****switch and crossing work**

trackwork ensuring the support and guidance of a vehicle along any given route among various diverging or intersecting tracks. The term (switch and crossing work) is amplified to include certain items having other functions (for example, expansion devices).

NOTE: Switches are in some circumstances described as points - either word is considered acceptable. (English version only).

All sketches represent the running edges. All turnouts are viewed from the switch toe (see 6.2.7).

**3.2  
turnout**

layout permitting the passage of rolling stock between two tracks and one common track. See Figure 9.

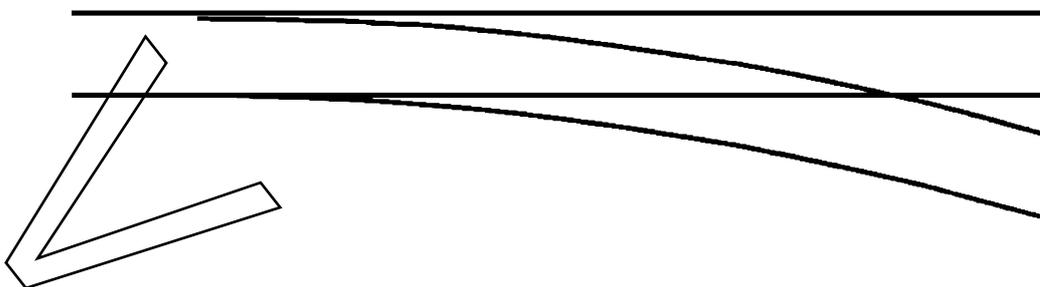


Figure 9

**3.3  
diamond crossing**

layout permitting the passage of rolling stock on intersecting tracks. See Figure 10.

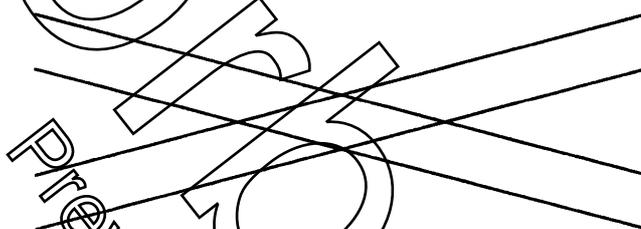


Figure 10

**3.4  
interlaced track**

layout permitting the passage of rolling stock between two tracks either of different gauge or not, to a common section with 4 rails. See Figure 11.

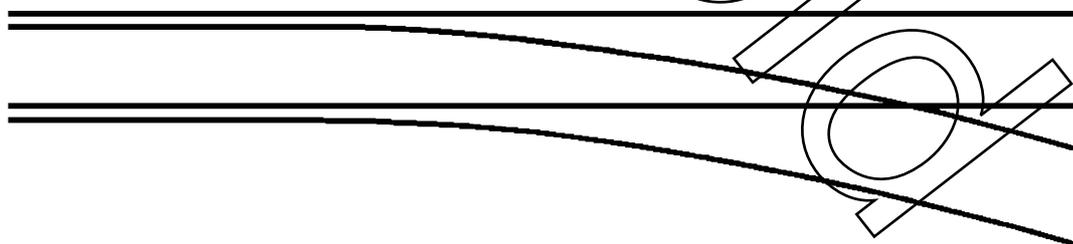


Figure 11

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