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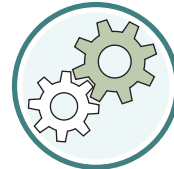
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European foreword

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- The most significant technical change is the introduction of a measurement procedure for the characterization of the wheel acoustic roughness.
- Slight improvements of the section related to the characterization of the acoustic rail roughness have also been implemented.

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1 Scope

1.1 This document specifies a direct measurement method for characterizing the surface roughness of the rail and wheel associated with rolling noise (“acoustic roughness”), in the form of a one-third octave band spectrum.

This document describes a method for:

- a) selecting measuring positions along a track or selecting wheels of a vehicle;
- b) selecting lateral positions for measurements;
- c) the data acquisition procedure;
- d) measurement data processing in order to estimate a set of one-third octave band roughness spectra;
- e) presentation of this estimate for comparison with limits of acoustic roughness;
- f) comparison with a given upper limit in terms of a one-third octave band wavelength spectrum;
- g) the measuring system requirements.

1.2 It is applicable to the:

- a) compliance testing of reference track sections in relation to the acceptance test for noise emitted by railway vehicles;
- b) performance testing of track sections in relation to noise emitted by railway vehicles;
- c) acceptance of the running surface condition only in the case where the acoustic roughness is the acceptance criterion;
- d) assessment of the wheel surface condition as an input for the acoustic acceptance of brake blocks;
- e) assessment of the wheel and rail roughness as input to the calculation of combined wheel rail roughness;
- f) diagnosis of wheel-rail noise issues for specific tracks or wheels;
- g) assessment of the wheel and rail roughness as input to rolling noise modelling;
- h) assessment of the wheel and rail roughness as input to noise source separation methods.

1.3 It is not applicable to the:

- a) measurement of roughness (rail roughness, wheel roughness or combined roughness) using an indirect method;
- b) analysis of the effect of wheel-rail interaction, such as a “contact filter”;
- c) approval of rail and wheel reprofiling, including rail grinding operations, except for those where the acoustic roughness is specifically the approval criterion (and not the grinding quality criteria as provided in e.g. EN 13231-3);

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d) characterization of track and wheel geometry except where associated with noise generation.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 61260-1:2014, *Electroacoustics – Octave-band and fractional-octave-band filters – Part 1: Specifications (IEC 61260-1:2014)*

EN ISO 266:1997, *Acoustics – Preferred frequencies (ISO 266:1997)*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1 acoustic roughness

$r(x)$

variation in the height of the running surface associated with rolling noise excitation expressed as a function of distance x along the running surface

3.2 acoustic roughness spectrum

$\tilde{r}(\lambda)$

amplitude of the acoustic roughness expressed as a function of the wavelength λ

3.3 acoustic roughness level

L_r

level expressed in decibels, given by the following formula:

$$L_r = 10 \cdot \log_{10} \left(\frac{r_{RMS}^2}{r_0^2} \right) \quad (1)$$

where

- L_r is the acoustic roughness level in dB;
- r_{RMS} is the root mean square roughness in μm ;
- r_0 is the reference roughness; $r_0 = 1 \mu\text{m}$.

Note 1 to entry This definition applies to values measured either in the form of a one-third octave band wavelength spectrum, or for a specific wavelength band.

3.4

combined effective roughness

roughness function that excites rolling noise

Note 1 to entry: The combined effective roughness is the RMS of the rail and wheel roughness spectra. It becomes the combined effective roughness when the effect of the contact patch filter is included.

3.5

direct roughness measurement method

acoustic roughness measurement method for which the sensor measures the running surface roughness so that either the rail or the wheel roughness is measured independently of any effect of wheel-rail interaction

3.6

indirect roughness measurement method

acoustic roughness measurement method that measures a quantity that is the result of wheel-rail interaction, such as noise, rail or axle box vibration, whereby the original excitation by the combined effective wheel and rail roughness is inferred

3.7

test section

specific section of track associated with a particular set of measurements

3.8

RMS

root mean square average which is required in the standard where averaging of spectra is required

Note 1 to entry: This is defined for each spectral band as:

$$RMS = \sqrt{\frac{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_N^2}{N}} \quad (2)$$

where:

a is a spectral amplitude; and

N is the number of spectral band value from which the average is being calculated.

Note 2 to entry: In terms of levels, this is equivalent to:

$$L_{average} = 10 \log_{10} \left(\frac{10^{L_1/10} + 10^{L_2/10} + \dots + 10^{L_N/10}}{N} \right) \quad (3)$$

3.9

running surface

part of the wheel tread or of the rail head, along which the wheel-rail contact passes during rolling

Note 1 to entry: In the case of the rail this is the bright band of the surface of the rail head that contains all the running positions of the wheel-rail contact, associated with current traffic.