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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 12856-1:2014), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- this document has been updated in accordance with addition of the new ISO 12856-2 (product testing) and ISO 12856-3 (general requirements).

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Railway applications — Polymeric composite sleepers, bearers and transoms —

Part 1: Material characteristics

1 Scope

This document specifies the characteristics of polymeric composite and reinforced polymeric composite materials in the manufacture of polymeric composite railway sleepers. It is applicable to sleepers, bearers and transoms to be installed in all tracks (both heavy and urban rail) with or without ballast.

NOTE In this document, the term “sleeper” refers to “sleeper, bearer and transom”.

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.

ISO 4582, *Plastics — Determination of changes in colour and variations in properties after exposure to glass-filtered solar radiation, natural weathering or laboratory radiation sources*

ISO 4892-2:2013, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*

ISO 4892-4, *Plastics — Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources — Part 4: Open-flame carbon-arc lamps*

ISO 12856-2:2020, *Railway applications — Polymeric composite sleepers, bearers and transoms — Part 2: Product testing*

ISO 12856-3, *Railway applications — Polymeric composite sleepers bearers and transoms — Part 3: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12856-3 apply.

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

4 Material characteristics

4.1 Resistance

4.1.1 Chemical compatibility

The material of the polymeric composite sleepers shall be resistant against all chemicals that can regularly contaminate the sleepers in conventional railway traffic, e.g. oils/grease/hydrocarbons (media dripping from railway vehicles) and possibly de-icing salts and herbicides/fungicides from weed control on the railway track.

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The manufacturer shall prove the resistance to chemical media in suitable form, if necessary, through studies and demonstration of transferable knowledge from other application cases.

If the purchaser requests high resistance to specific chemicals (e.g. for use in loading and unloading areas of chemical factories, oil and chemical transshipment ports), the purchaser shall define requirements and the sleeper manufacturer shall prove these requirements/the resistance if necessary.

The purchaser may specify tests if the manufacturer's proof is not satisfactory or plausible according to the generally recognized state of scientific and technical knowledge.

4.1.2 Environmental resistance

4.1.2.1 Weathering resistance

The load bearing capacities of the sleeper until the end of its service life shall remain sufficient for service regardless of weathering effects. The requirements for the weathering resistance of the materials shall be agreed on between the interested parties.

The weathering resistance shall be demonstrated either:

- by a documented and substantially proven experience; or
- by assessing the changes of properties in accordance with ISO 4582:
 - after an exposure to xenon-arc lamps in accordance with ISO 4892-2:2013, Method A, Cycle 1;
 - and/or after an exposure to carbon-arc lamps in accordance with ISO 4892-4.

4.1.2.2 Resistance to water

The sleepers shall be highly resistant to water absorption, precipitation of water (rain, snow, dew, fog etc.). The purchaser may limit the possible water absorption when reasonably necessary.

The manufacturer may prove the basic non-water absorbing capacity of the material in suitable form, if necessary, through studies and demonstration of transferable knowledge from other application cases.

The purchaser may specify tests if the manufacturer's proof is not satisfactory or plausible according to the generally recognized state of scientific and technical knowledge.

4.1.2.3 Frost in connection with water

The sleepers shall be designed so that any penetrating and freezing water produces no frost damage to the sleepers.

The manufacturer may prove the basic non-water absorbing capacity of the material in suitable form, if necessary, through studies and demonstration of transferable knowledge from other application cases.

The purchaser may specify tests if the manufacturer's proof is not satisfactory or plausible according to the generally recognized state of scientific and technical knowledge.

4.1.2.4 Temperature resistance

4.1.2.4.1 Deformation

The material of the sleepers shall be selected in a way that sleepers subject to normally occurring long term temperature cycles do not deform to any extent (bend, rotate, twist), or do not soften or solidify too much in order to meet the specific values required by the infrastructure operator in ISO 12856-2:2020, Clause 4.