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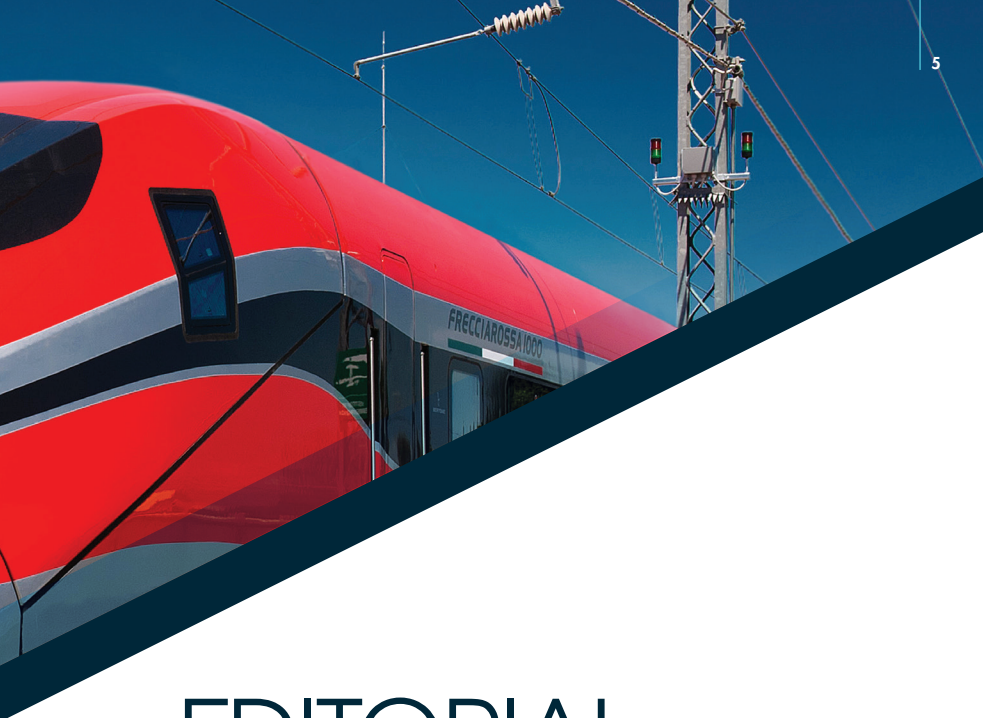
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EDITORIAL

Since 1999, Eurailtest has been providing railway test services and expert analyses worldwide. Its dynamic approach and ability to offer the best possible combination of skills and experience have enabled Eurailtest to evolve and become a key partner in its field. With the support of the SNCF-Voyageurs, SNCF-Réseau and RATP laboratories, Eurailtest has evolved as one of the leaders in the testing sector in order to meet the needs of its customers.

This catalogue provides you with all the information you need to improve your understanding of the world of railway testing. New updates will be added to the digital version accessible via our website. Whether you are a rolling stock, infrastructure or railway equipment manufacturer, an infrastructure manager, railway operator or engineering company, this catalogue offers a solution for all your testing needs. If you still require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. The entire Eurailtest team is ready to answer your questions and, of course, find solutions to all of your needs.

*Like more than 1500 customers have done,
you can trust us !*

FRANCK POISSON
Eurailtest Managing Director

WHO ARE WE?

A specialist in engineering and railway testing, Eurailtest is an independent Economic Interest Group **based in Paris** and works closely with **world-renowned** certification authorities.

Eurailtest coordinates some **dozen laboratories**, each of them boasting many years of experience in the heavy and urban light rail sectors.

For over **80 years**, our laboratories have performed tests geared towards ensuring the highest levels of safety and reliability for hundreds of technical solutions.

More than **400** engineers and technicians **specializing in railway testing** are on hand to offer you their skills and experience. Eurailtest is your one-stop shop for accessing this experience and know-how.

From **high speeds to urban light rail**, we are able to offer more than one hundred tests and other expert services covering all railway industry sectors. These are set out in this catalogue.

We also offer tailored services to meet specific requests not necessarily within the usual railway test field. One of our strengths is our ability to combine all our skills and test capabilities in an almost infinite number of ways.

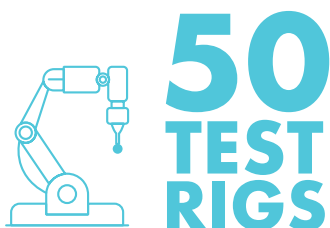
Eurailtest and its laboratories are constantly developing new test resources, including those that use **connected technologies** or standalone black box type measuring systems. **Virtual type approval** is the latest challenge we are meeting. **Digital simulation**, now central to our methods, has already been applied to several test campaigns.

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EURAILTEST IN FIGURES



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WHY CHOOSE EURAILTEST?

AS A MANUFACTURER

Are you looking to have your rolling stock type approved and therefore need to have tests carried out?

Eurailtest can act as your single partner to coordinate the entire test campaign with the operator, infrastructure manager and authorities responsible for railway safety. We will be happy to assist you in:

- Drafting test specifications
- Obtaining the necessary authority for conducting tests on the open line (depending on local regulations)
- Performing tests and issuing the test reports required for type approval
- Providing expert opinions

AS AN INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER, A MANUFACTURING CONSORTIUM OR A CIVIL ENGINEERING COMPANY

Do you need to establish the conformity of your infrastructure - new or renovated - for acceptance testing purposes?

Eurailtest can also assist you with your daily operations by providing a fleet of special vehicles dedicated to measurement and worksites.

ARE YOU AN ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER

Wanting to have tests performed on your components to demonstrate their compliance with the standards in force and validate the technical solutions you wish to market?

Thanks to its laboratories and engineers, Eurailtest can partner you in organizing all the tests required before you can market your products and innovations.

ARE YOU A RAILWAY OPERATOR, LOCAL AUTHORITY OR PTA

Faced with operating difficulties that affect your maintenance costs, safety or the comfort of your staff or users?

On the strength of 80 years of experience in transport network operation in complex environments, our experts can give you the benefit of their skills and knowledge.

Eurailtest can work on a case by case basis, providing real-time analysis of sensitive areas in your service and offering non-invasive solutions that do not disrupt your traffic. Eurailtest is there to help you optimize your transport and maintenance operations, offering consultancy, analytical and testing services.

OUR VALUES

- Customer satisfaction
- Technical excellence
- Professionalism
- Independence & neutrality

OUR EXTERNAL RECOGNITION

EURAILTEST LABORATORIES are recognized by the following external bodies:

COFRAC

More than a hundred tests are accredited by COFRAC, the French accreditation body. For a current list of our laboratories' accreditations, please visit www.cofrac.fr and type SNCF or RATP in the 'Search accredited bodies' field.

CERTIFER

We work closely and regularly with CERTIFER. Our test methods have been recognized by this certification body.

Our customers can therefore have every confidence in the results of our services, whether in the field of type approval or expert assessment.

EURAILTEST HOLDS ISO 9001 certification for its "consultancy, engineering and railway test" activities obtained from SGS, world leader in inspections, verifications, analyses and certifications. This certification was awarded in September 2011 and is recognition of the processes set in place to ensure the highest possible levels of service in an increasingly complex railway environment.

EURAILTEST HAS ALSO BEEN AWARDED RESEARCH TAX CREDIT APPROVAL by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research (allowing companies paying tax in France to claim tax credits for amounts paid to Eurailtest).



RECENT REFERENCES

... in France

Type approval tests on BOMBARDIER & HITACHI high speed train:
ZEFIRO
2019 - 2020

Type approval tests, routine tests and delivery of the BOMBARDIER
trains: Regio 2N, NAT and OMNEO Premium
2009 - 2020

Dynamic behaviour tests and EMC on the ALSTOM metro: MP14
2018 - 2019

Type approval tests on the ALSTOM Coradia Multifunctional regional
train: REGIOLIS
2012 - 2019

Type approval tests on the STADLER locomotive: EURODUAL
2017 - 2018

Type approval tests for the Nimes-Montpellier bypass infrastructure
and the SEA and BPL high speed line infrastructures
2016 - 2017

... and around the world

Testing of infrastructure for the London CROSSRAIL line
2017 - 2019 - United Kingdom

Type approval tests on STADLER trains: FLIRT and FLIRT LEX
2011 - 2012 / 2017 - 2019 - Switzerland & France

Type approval tests on ALSTOM high speed train and type
approval for the Morocco high speed line infrastructure
2016 - 2018 - Morocco

Type approval tests on SIEMENS high speed trains: VELARO D
and VELARO Eurostar
2014 - 2016 - Germany & France

HOW TO USE THIS CATALOGUE?

To help you quickly find the products and services you need, this catalogue is divided into two parts that correspond to our two core businesses:

Part 1

The first part of this catalogue lists and describes the **tests** performed by EURAILTEST tests for the **type approval** and **qualification of railway sub-systems**.

Tests are classified according to sub-system:

- Rolling Stock
- Infrastructure
- Railway Equipment

Part 2

Part 2 sets out the list of **tests, measurements** and **investigations** essential to guarantee the **safety, performance** and **comfort of your installations**.

It is organized according to subject area to help you locate the tests or services you are looking for:

- Mechanical
- Electrical
- Physico-chemical
- Acoustical
- Health, Safety & Environment



At the beginning of each section is a summary introducing the services provided.



These pages may be of interest to you.



Heavy rail



Urban light rail



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Type Approval / Qualification

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ROLLING STOCK



Rolling stock type approval is a complex process.

In addition to tests, our experts play an essential role in the completion of the type approval process.

From agreeing on the client's needs through to final test results, our experts are on hand at all stages to guide and advise.

- They help clients to establish the tests needed as part of the type approval process
- They assist them, where necessary, in drawing up test specifications designed in relation to specific vehicle characteristics and the standards in force
- They play a part in obtaining the necessary authorisations for conducting tests on the line
- They provide the necessary explanations on the results of the tests performed by our laboratories

RAILWAY DYNAMICS

Characterization of the dynamic behaviour of railway vehicles on the track for type approval or development purposes.

OBJECTIVES

- Establish the dynamic behaviour of new and modified rolling stock or rolling stock whose operating conditions have changed, in relation to a particular track, for all types of vehicle (up to 25t/axle) and at all speeds (up to 574.8 km/h)
- Develop and investigate methods for verifying railway dynamics on all European networks
- Optimize Testing of running behaviour through numerical simulation in railway dynamics

TEST RESOURCES

- Measuring axles for determining the Y, Q and X forces of vehicles under test (with remote transmission of measuring signals)
- Digital measuring chains for data acquisition and processing

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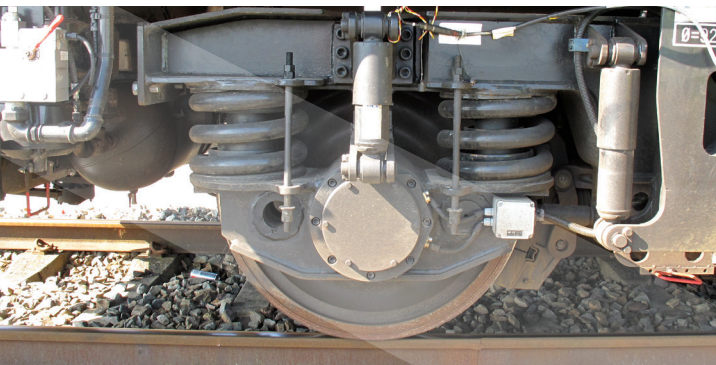
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| • COSEA | • VOSSLOH |

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC

STANDARDS

- Infrastructure TSI
- Loc and Pass TSI
- EN 14363 – Testing for the acceptance of running characteristics of railway vehicles - Testing of running behaviour and stationary tests
- EN 15687 – Testing for the acceptance of running characteristics of freight vehicles with static axle loads higher than 225 kN and up to 250 kN
- EN 15686 – Testing for the acceptance of running characteristics of railway vehicles with cant deficiency compensation system and/or vehicles intended to operate with higher cant deficiency than stated in EN 14363 (2005 - Annex G)
- UIC 518 OR – Testing and approval of railway vehicles from the point of view of their dynamic behaviour - Safety - Track fatigue - Ride quality
- UIC 432 OR – Wagons - Running speeds - Technical conditions to be observed



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DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF MEASURING AXLES

Measuring the wheel-rail contact forces using a specially equipped axle.

OBJECTIVES

- Conduct finite element analysis
- Develop a “measuring axle” sensor to establish wheel-rail contact forces
- Modify the original axle in order to measure the lateral and vertical forces exerted on the track
- Install strain gauges on the wheel centre to obtain the basic signals typical of wheel-rail contact forces and, by means of processing, of the lateral and vertical forces
- Study into mechanical adjustment of devices fitted at each end of the axle (e.g. return current, coder, etc.)

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- SIEMENS
- SNCF (world record 574.8 km/h in 2007)

TEST RESOURCES

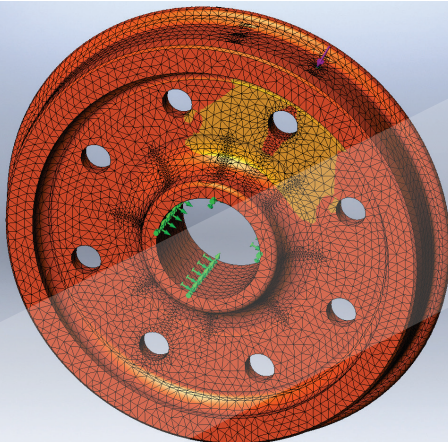
- Digital calculator for data acquisition and processing
- Calibration bench connected to reference gauges with the following characteristics:
 - Vertical axis: forces applied up to 200 kN
 - Lateral axis: up to 100 kN
 - Wheel diameter: 450 to 1,250 mm for a wide range of track gauges
- Multi-channel digital telemetry system for signal transmission

STANDARDS

- NF F00-702 – Dynamic interaction between vehicles and tracks
- NF EN 14363 – Railway applications
 - Tests for dynamic behaviour type approval of railway vehicles - Testing of running behaviour and stationary tests

See also pages

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CHARACTERIZATION OF WHEEL-RAIL CONTACT

Assessing the main wheel-rail contact parameters for international type approval and check rolling stock behaviour in relation to the risk of instability.

OBJECTIVES

- Measure wheel and rail profiles
- Establish wheel-rail contact parameters: equivalent conicity, real conicity, radial steering index, etc.

REFERENCES

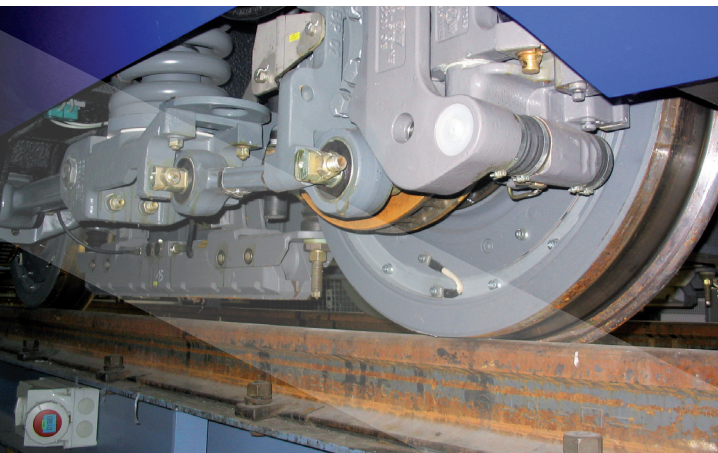
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- BOMBARDIER
- SNCF


TEST RESOURCES

- Gauge for spot measurement of wheel and rail profiles
- Calculation software for wheel-rail contact parameters

STANDARDS

- EN 14363 – Testing for the acceptance of running characteristics of railway vehicles - Testing of running behaviour and stationary tests
- EN 15302 – Method for determining the equivalent conicity
- UIC 518 OR – Testing and approval of railway vehicles from the point of view of their dynamic behaviour - Safety - Track fatigue - Ride quality
- UIC 519 OR – Method for determining the equivalent conicity



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ROLLING STOCK WEIGHING PROCEDURES

Characterizing vehicle loads for type approval or an expert assessment purposes in situ with or without lifting systems.

OBJECTIVES

- Determine the static load at each wheel, the centre of gravity and the unloading rate for all types of vehicle (for type approval, modification, renovation or expert assessment of a vehicle)
- Two types of weighing:
 - weighing in compliance with the NF F00-701 standard
 - weighing performed on maintenance, construction or vehicle maintenance sites on workshop tracks with or without vehicle lifting.

TEST RESOURCES

- Load cells (10,000 or 20,000 daN)
- Topographical viewfinder to ensure wheel levelling
- Weighing frame with lifting equipment
- Movable frame that can be installed on track to offset levelling defects of up to 15 mm.

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REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- CFD
- RATP
- SNCF
- VFLI

STANDARDS

- NF F00-701 – Measurement of static loads per wheel of vehicles - Weighing installations and weighing operations
- EN 14363 – Testing for the acceptance of running characteristics of railway vehicles - Testing of running behaviour and stationary tests
- EN 15663 – Definition of vehicle reference masses

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BRAKE TESTING ON THE OPEN LINE

Measuring the braking performance and associated forces for the type approval or development of all kinds of rolling stock.

OBJECTIVES

- Develop, validate and measure braking performance during:
 - tests carried out on a trainset, a convoy or a traction unit
 - slip brake tests on all kinds of rail vehicles
- Characterize wheel/rail adhesion under normal and downgraded conditions: emergency brake, service brake, holding brake, parking brake
- Determine key parameters: equivalent response time, jerk, corrected stopping distance, average equivalent deceleration
- Monitor related parameters: pressure in brake cylinders, brake component temperature, axle speed, test conditions (temperature, relative humidity)
- Characterize and qualify brake parts
- Measure forces applied to the wheels and discs

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- RATP
- SIEMENS
- STADLER
- ROUEN TRAMWAY (France)

TEST RESOURCES

- Tachometric measuring chain
- Doppler radar
- GPS
- Measuring system for various types of parameter: temperature (disc/wheel), acceleration, voltage and current (electric brake, track brake, etc.), pressure, etc.
- Brake activation device
- Track watering system
- Optimization of testing campaigns through numerical simulation of breaking performance

ACCREDITATIONS

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STANDARDS

- EN 13452-1 & 2 – Braking - Mass transit brake systems
 - Part 1: Performance requirements.
 - Part 2: Methods of test
- UIC 540 – Air brakes for freight trains and passenger trains
- UIC 541-03/04/05 – Brakes - Regulations concerning manufacture of the different brake parts
- UIC 544-1 – Braking power
- TSI: Rolling stock – Conventional rail, High speed, Freight wagons
- Network Technical Specifications
 - STM F014
- Loc and Pass TSI

 See also pages

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STATIC BRAKE TESTS

Contributing to the type approval process of a braking system by means of static tests

OBJECTIVES

- Validate brake control components (driver's brake valve, self-adjusting brake valve, etc.)
- Validate and measure the application forces generated by the braking system
- Measuring the holding capacity of the brake when the train is at standstill by establishing the friction coefficient or the adhesion (wheel/brake block or wheel/rail)

TEST RESOURCES

Measuring chain equipped with sensors for automatic compliance checks (measurements + functional analysis + validation)

STANDARDS

- UIC 540 – Air brakes for freight and passenger trains
- UIC 541-03/04/05 – Regulations concerning manufacture of the different brake parts
- TSI: Rolling stock - Conventional rail, high speeds, freight wagons

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WSP DEVICE CHARACTERIZATION

Gauging the efficiency of WSP devices for type approval or development purposes.

OBJECTIVES

- Characterize performance of wheel slide protection devices during emergency and service braking for various rail adhesion conditions (normal, downgraded, highly downgraded)
- Monitor and record the following parameters: axle speed, reference speed, brake cylinder pressure, brake component temperature, test conditions (temperature, relative humidity)

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REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- FRAMAFER
- RATP
- ROLANFER
- SNCF

TEST RESOURCES

- Brake activation device
- Pressure sensors
- Thermocouples
- Data acquisition and processing chain
- Tachometric measuring device associated with doppler radar
- System for reducing rail adhesion (by spraying water or oil onto the track)
- Current/torsion sensors

STANDARDS

- EN 15595+A1 – Railway applications - Braking - Wheel slide protection
- UIC 544-1 – Braking power
- UIC 541-05 – Brakes - Regulations concerning manufacture of the different brake parts - Wheel slide protection
- Loc and Pass TSI



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DROP SHUNT PHENOMENA

Checking the drop shunt capacity of rolling stock for type approval purposes.

OBJECTIVES

Monitor and record all the drop shunt characteristics of tractive and trailing stock

TEST RESOURCES

- Synchronization of data acquisition systems by GPS-CLOCK
- Specially equipped track section in Plouaret (Brittany, France)
- Data acquisition and processing chain

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- SIEMENS
- STADLER
- VOSSLOH

STANDARDS

OP 009912 (SAM S 004) – Drop shunt capacity of rolling stock and brake shoes

ACCREDITATIONS

Recognition by CERTIFER capability certification

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DROP SHUNT TEST RIG

Checking the influence of brake shoes on track circuit shunting.

OBJECTIVES

- Conduct reduced scale simulations of “wheel-brake shoe” braking
- Provide decision-making support for selecting the best friction material (for a given application)
- Help demonstrate the drop shunt capacity of the materials used to make the brake shoes installed on wagons
- Help optimize drop shunt tests on the open line for rolling stock equipped with brake shoes (other than wagons)
- Measure the effects of pollution of a brake shoe or material on a sample of wheel steel

REFERENCES

- ICER-RAIL
- FAIVELEY
- SNCF


STANDARDS

UIC B169/RP 33 – Effect of composite braking materials on track shunt

TEST RESOURCES

- Drop shunt test rig (including 2 samples of brake shoes rubbing on a disc)
- Tools for measuring engine speed, contact force and braking torque
- 2 thermocouples embedded in the wheel steel sample



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ROLLING STOCK ELECTRO-MAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY

Checking that electrical signals generated by the train are compatible with the signalling, telecommunications, sub-stations and overhead lines for type approval purposes.

OBJECTIVES

- Carry out dynamic tests, on trains or at standstill, during development or qualification of trains or components
- Establishing in real time the current:
 - generated by rolling stock
 - that can interfere with signalling
- Determine psophometric intensity
- Ensure coordination between traction units and fixed installations used for electric traction: power factor, power consumption, inrush current, peak voltage value, etc.

TEST RESOURCES

- Single-phase or DC power supply under, high potential
- QMR-7/QMR-X
- Digital data acquisition systems (up to 1 MHz)
- Voltage and current sensors, single-phase and DC (up to 20 kHz)

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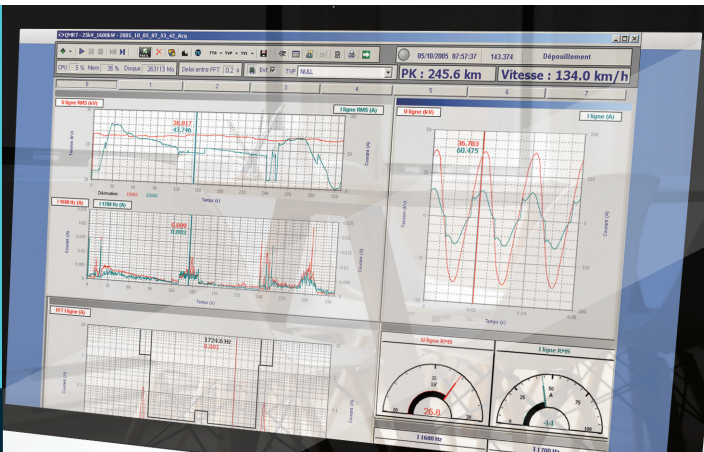
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- BOMBARDIER
- RATP
- SIEMENS
- STADLER

STANDARDS

- EN 50238 – Compatibility between rolling stock and train detection systems
- EN 50121-3-1 – Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 3-1: Rolling stock - Train and complete vehicle
- EN 50388 – Power supply and rolling stock - Technical criteria for the coordination between power supply (substation) and rolling stock to achieve interoperability
- OP 09911 (SAM S 003) (IN 2724) – Compatibility between signalling systems and rolling stock
- TS 50238-2 – Compatibility between rolling stock and train detection systems - Part 2: Compatibility with track circuits
- SAM-S-006 (Electromagnetic compatibility) and SAM-T-004 (Power supply and rolling stock)

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55, 59, 149



ELECTROMAGNETIC EMISSIONS

Checking, for type approval purposes, that rolling stock complies with EMC regulations.

OBJECTIVES

- Measure the electromagnetic field released by rolling stock into the outside environment (between 9 kHz and 1 GHz)
- Compare these levels with the limits set by standard EN 50121-3-1
- Ensure the train is electromagnetically compatible with the surrounding systems and other systems along the track to avoid interference (signalling, GSMR transmitter, radio, etc.)

TEST RESOURCES

- Spectrum analyser
- Measuring receiver
- Loop antenna
- Biconical antenna
- Log periodic antenna
- Specific measurement software for real-time analysis of results
- Specific measurement software for conducting tests while reducing the number of runs (optimized planning)

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REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- SNCF VOYAGEURS
- STADLER

STANDARDS

- EN 50121-3-1 – Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 3-1: Rolling stock - Train and complete vehicle



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ELECTROMAGNETIC EMISSIONS AND HUMAN EXPOSURE

Checking that electromagnetic fields generated by apparatus in rolling stock or the railway environment complies with human exposure regulation.

OBJECTIVES

- Assess electromagnetic field levels (0 to 20 kHz) in areas accessible to the public and workers, in rolling stock or on a railway or industrial site
- Compare these levels with the limits imposed for the public and workers
- Assist the operator in putting preventive provisions and precautionary measures in place should these limits be exceeded

TEST RESOURCES

- Magnetic field antennas
- Acquiris software for further investigation should any excesses be identified
- Recorded voltage of component characterized
- Three tests run simultaneously

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- SNCF Voyageurs maintenance centres
- STADLER

STANDARDS

- EN 50500 – Measurement procedures of magnetic field levels generated by electronic and electrical apparatus in the railway environment with respect to human exposure
- Recommendation 1999/519/EC of 07/1999, [European Council Recommendation], on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields
- Directive 2013/35/EU of 06/2013, [European Parliament Directive], on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (electromagnetic fields)

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ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE

Checking that electrical equipment exposed to electromagnetic interference works properly for type approval purposes.

OBJECTIVES

Ensure the proper functioning of on-board electrical equipment subject to electromagnetic interference

- Measure interference levels at the input and output of this equipment
- Protect electrical equipment with filters

TEST RESOURCES

- Anechoic chamber
- Solenoid
- Oscilloscope
- Spectrum analyzer
- Amperometric clamp (HF)
- Voltage probe
- Capacities, ferrites, filters, etc.

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- CONVERGIE
- SNCF

STANDARDS

EN 50121-4 – Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 4: Emission and immunity of the signalling and telecommunications apparatus



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CURRENT COLLECTION - PANTOGRAPH / OCL INTERACTION

Optimizing the vehicle-infrastructure combination and the quality of current collection while limiting wear in the contact wire and pantograph strips, for type approval and development purposes.

OBJECTIVES

- Characterize and optimize the aerodynamic behaviour of the pantograph (uplift test)
- Measure the lift force on the vertical axis of the pantograph strips, when not in contact with the overhead line
- Evaluate pantograph-OCL interaction, by measuring the arcs and the contact force between pantograph and OCL, in order to reduce incidents (e.g. dewiring)
- Measure the displacements and amplitudes of the pantograph and its components
- Measure raising and lowering time of the pantograph, as well as the time taken for the delivery of power to cease
- Determine the approach speed of the pantograph
- Pinpoint possible anomalies on the network
- Record additional parameters: air pressure on the pantograph, speed and distance, video monitoring of the pantograph, environmental conditions (temperature, humidity, wind speed)
- Measure contact wire uplift

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- DEUTSCHE BAHN
- RATP
- SIEMENS
- SNCF
- STADLER

TEST RESOURCES

Data acquisition and processing devices (real time)

- QMR-Cap: load cells, accelerometers, wire displacement sensors, arc detection sensors
- Videum (video camera)
- Thermo-Hygrometer
- Anemometer
- OCL mast detectors

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC

STANDARDS

- EN 50367 – Technical criteria for the interaction between pantograph and overhead line
- EN 50317 – Requirements and validation of measurements of the dynamic interaction between pantograph and overhead contact line
- EN 50119 – Fixed installations - Electric traction overhead contact line
- EN 50206 1 & 2 – Pantographs: characteristics and tests - Part 1: Pantographs for main line vehicles - Part 2: Pantographs for metros and light rail vehicles
- OP 09932 (SAM E 903) (IN 2781) – Current collection - Pantograph-OCL interaction
- OP 09944 (SAM E-009) – Crossing phase separation sections
- SAM X 001 – Technical requirements, recommendations and best practices based on the experience acquired
- TSI High Speed / Conventional Rail - Rolling Stock and Energy
- Order of 19 March 2012

DESIGN AND MEASUREMENT OF INSTRUMENTED PANTOGRAPHS

Contributing to the current collection type approval process by checking pantograph-OCL interaction.

OBJECTIVES

- Design and validate the instrumented pantograph
- Define instrumentation required for the test
- CAD modelling of the pantograph
- Design and develop specific sensors
- Calibrate the instrumented pantograph on the test bench

TEST RESOURCES

- 3D CAD software
- 3D printer
- Wind tunnel and calibration test bench
- Sensors and patented systems: force, displacement, accelerometer

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- CADEMCE
- SIEMENS
- SNCF
- STADLER

STANDARDS

- EN 50317 – Current collection systems - Requirements and validation of measurements of the dynamic interaction between pantograph and overhead contact line
- UIC 505-1 – Railway transport stock - Rolling stock construction gauge



 See also pages

30, 32, 33, 46, 47, 104



RIG FOR TESTING CURRENT COLLECTION OF VEHICLES AT STANDSTILL

Qualifying the current collection of trains at standstill for access to the French network.

OBJECTIVES

- Validate the contact strips of a pantograph of a train at standstill, during current collection, in order to ensure that the OCL does not heat up beyond the limits specified.
- Validate current collection at standstill under 1,500 V electrification
- Investigations in the static current collection field

TEST RESOURCES

- Test bench: current collection at standstill
- Real-time data acquisition and processing devices
- System measuring the temperature of the contact wire
- System measuring contact forces and voltage in the overhead line
- Ammeters

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC

REFERENCES

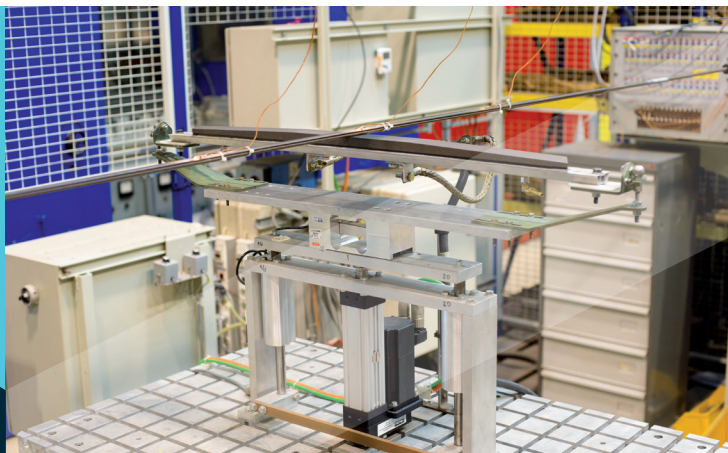
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- BOMBARDIER
- FAIVELEY
- MORGAN
- RATP
- SIEMENS

STANDARDS

- EN 50119 – Fixed installations
 - Electric traction overhead contact line
- TSI: conventional rail “Rolling stock” and “Energy”
- OP 09932 (SAM E 903) – Current collection - Pantograph-OCL interaction
- French order of 19 March 2012

 See also pages

30, 31, 33, 46, 47, 104



CURRENT COLLECTION QUALITY AT STANDSTILL

Monitoring the behaviour of the electrical equipment on conventional or high-speed lines and, where necessary, issuing remote warnings.

OBJECTIVES

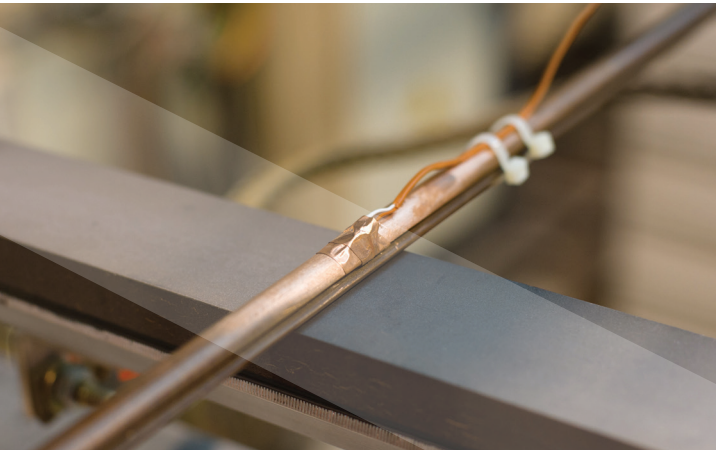
- Characterize the thermal (fracture) and electrodynamic behaviour of the electrical contact between the pantograph strip and the contact wire:
 - in nominal operation
 - under maximum operating current
 - in the presence of a fault current (e.g. short circuit)
- Simulate critical events in the pantograph-OCL environment in the following modes:
 - nominal
 - maximum operating current
 - fault current


TEST RESOURCES

- Design of mock-ups based on the particular specifications
- Power supply sources - direct current up to 40 kA and alternating current up to 15 kA
- Data acquisition chain for interpreting the values recorded

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- SNCF



 See also pages
30, 31, 32



TRACTION DRIVE PERFORMANCE

Contributing to the development or qualification of traction drive for all types of rail vehicle - electric or diesel.

OBJECTIVES

- Check traction drive performance criteria in relation to the TSI (energy consumption: acceleration and startability)
- Determine performance of a power unit: $F_j = f(V)$ curves during traction and electric braking
- Determine power and energy (active, reactive and apparent)
- Establish the power balance: performance, power factor, etc.
- Establish the energy balance
- Determine resistance to forward motion values

TEST RESOURCES

- Data acquisition and processing devices (based on QMR-7/QMR-X)
- Voltage and current sensors (single-phase and DC)
- Tachometric measuring device

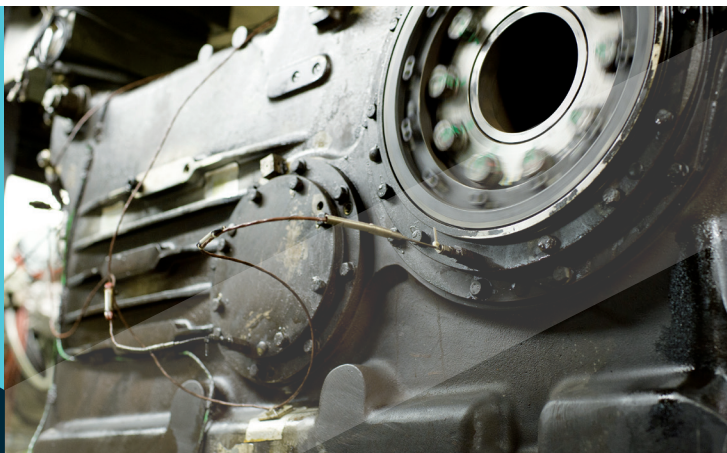
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- SIEMENS
- SNCF
- STADLER

STANDARDS

- EN 14067 – Aerodynamics - part 1: Symbols and units - part 2: Aerodynamics on open track
- SAM X 006 – Data necessary for matching rolling stock to routes, establishing hauled load limits and potential acceleration
- TSI: energy, rolling stock – Conventional rail, high speed

See also pages
75, 102, 119, 120





ON-BOARD AERODYNAMIC MEASUREMENTS

Characterizing railway aerodynamic phenomena for the type approval of rolling stock and infrastructure.

OBJECTIVES

- Characterize aerodynamic forces on the structure of the train
- Characterize resistance to pressure waves
- Characterize the aerodynamic parameters involved when a train goes through a tunnel through tests on board the train
- Conduct aero-acoustic measurements
- Monitor flying ballast
- Carry out computer simulations in order to determine specific eligibility criteria according to TSI (e.g. pressure loads)

TEST RESOURCES

- Multi-channel data acquisition device
- Absolute and differential pressure sensors
- 3D ultrasonic anemometer
- Prandtl probe
- System for counting ballast impacts under the car body (patented device)

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- INFRABEL
- SNCF-RÉSEAU
- SIEMENS

STANDARDS

- EN 14067 – Railway applications - Aerodynamics
- UIC 651 – Layout of driver's cabs in locomotives, railcars, multiple-unit trains and driving trailers
- UIC 660 – Measures to ensure the technical compatibility of high-speed trains
- Loc and Pass TSI



 See also page

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EXTERNAL NOISE FROM ROLLING STOCK AND LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES

Locate, characterize and simulate noise from rolling stock.

OBJECTIVES

- Characterize noise emitted by vehicles
- Characterize infrastructure (rail roughness and decay rate)
- Characterize rail traffic noise
- Investigate: locate and characterize noise sources (power and direction) on rolling stock, both stationary and in motion
- Simulate passing noise, rolling noise and traffic noise

TEST RESOURCES

- Measuring masts up to 15m high
- Multi-channel data acquisition system (45 measuring channels)
- Microphone metering system (Class 1)
- Sound level meter (Class 1)
- Measuring systems for rail and wheel roughness
- Sound intensity probe
- Portable analyser
- Standalone measuring station
- Simulation tools
- Software: dBTrait, dBFA

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC

REFERENCES

- ANSALDO BRED A
- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- RATP
- SNCF
- SNCF RÉSEAU
- SIEMENS
- STADLER
- TRANSPOLE

STANDARDS

- NF EN ISO 3095 – Acoustics - Measurement of noise emitted by railbound vehicles
- NF S31-088 – Measurement of railway traffic noise in view of its characterization
- French Order of 8 November 1999 – Railway infrastructure noise
- French Order of 19 March 2012 – Objectives, methods, safety indicators and safety and interoperability regulations applicable on the French rail network
- Loc and Pass TSI
- NF S31-007 – Measurement of noise emitted by accelerating road vehicles - Engineering method

See also pages

37, 89, 136, 137, 140



ON-BOARD ACOUSTICS

Qualifying, characterizing and simulating acoustics inside railway and road vehicles as well as premises.

OBJECTIVES

- Qualify rolling stock: Indoor noise during running, deceleration and stopping, reverberation time, signal audibility, speech intelligibility
- Evaluate speech intelligibility on board trains through the STIPA speech transmission index (determined by measurement of the modulation transfer function, impulse response and values of "speech level/noise level measured" or directly by pseudo-random sequences)
- Characterize rooms: room criteria, impulse response, speech intelligibility, wall transparency
- Investigate: vibroacoustics, psychoacoustic criteria, audibility of safety signals, acoustic characteristics of sources
- Simulate acoustics of premises: modelling and improvement
- Determine the threshold of audibility

TEST RESOURCES

- Sound level meters (Class 1)
- Multi-channel data acquisition device
- Sound level meter system (Class 1)
- Omnidirectional sources
- Artificial mouth
- Calculation software for psychoacoustic criteria

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- RATP
- SIEMENS
- SNCF

ACCREDITATIONS

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STANDARDS

- EN ISO 3381 – Acoustics - Measurement of noise inside rail vehicles
- EN ISO 3382-2 – Acoustics - Measurement of room acoustic parameters - Part 2: Reverberation time in ordinary rooms
- NF S31-088 – Acoustics - Measurement of railway traffic noise for its characterization
- EN ISO 60268-16 – Sound system equipment - Part 16: objective rating of speech intelligibility by speech transmission index
- Loc and Pass TSI – Noise and PRM
- NF S31-086 – Acoustics – Measurement of noise inside road vehicles (public transport)

 See also pages

36, 89, 136, 137, 140





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INFRA- STRUCTURE



For rolling stock, EURAILTEST offers type approval tests specifically for railway infrastructure.

EURAILTEST experts are involved during the final stages of the type approval process, during which infrastructure is approved through dynamic testing via speed ramp-up tests.

On the basis of expert opinions it is possible to move up step by step from one speed band to the next for track and OCL type approval. These opinions concern:

- Vehicle-track interaction (dynamic behaviour testing)
- Electric traction (current collection testing)

Following these tests, measurements of pressure on railway structures (bridges and tunnels) can also be made.

The results can then be submitted to other experts who will then reproduce in the laboratory the pressure levels observed for different types of traffic. An expert opinion will then be delivered regarding the conformity of the railway structures with the regulations in force.



DIAGNOSIS OF CABLES AND MALFUNCTION DETECTION IN HIGH-VOLTAGE OVERHEAD LINES

Take delivery of new installations, assess the remaining life expectancy of connections and locate defects on cables in high-voltage overhead lines.

OBJECTIVES

Detect ageing or downgrading of cable insulation by measuring the insulation resistance

- Detect an electric current leakage that may indicate the presence of humidity or downgrading of cable insulation by measuring the tangent delta
- Locate a weak point on the cable by measuring the partial discharge
- Pre-locate a clear defect by measuring the pulse reflection
- Pre-locate an unclear defect by performing a surge arc reflection
- Determine the condition of the external sheath of a cable by conducting sheathing defect tests

TEST RESOURCES

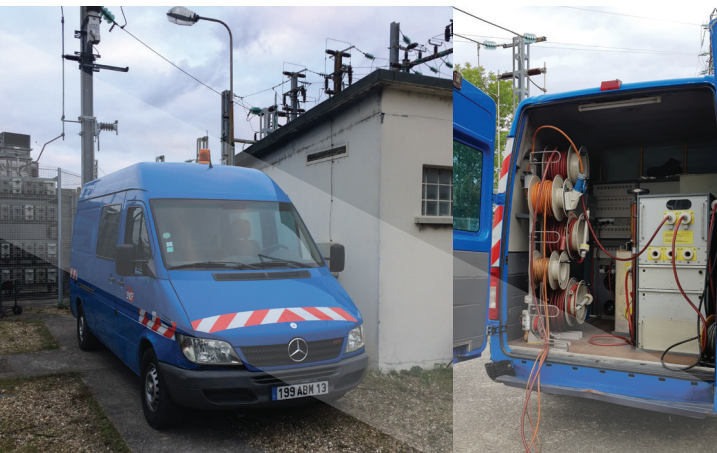
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- MEGGER MT1025
- PA-TaD (Baur)
- PROTRAC (Baur)
- VIOLA TD (Baur)


REFERENCES

- SNCF RESEAU

STANDARDS

- IEEE 400.2 – Guide for Field Testing of Shielded Power Cable Systems Using Very Low Frequency



 See also pages
42, 43, 122, 123



RAILS AND TURNOUTS

Contributing to the type approval process through metallurgical testing of infrastructure equipment - especially rails and turnouts.

OBJECTIVES

- Analyze rails and other metal track components at our dedicated centre or in the field as part of studies, failure analysis and product or equipment type approvals
- Approve thermit and electric welds
- Monitor the electric welding process (bending test)
- Classify broken rails
- Reconstitute defects in 2D or 3D using destructive machining
- Analyze damage to:
 - infrastructure equipment
 - rail welds
 - frogs
- Perform tests for validating electrodes or automations

TEST RESOURCES

- Macrographic and micrographic examinations
- Hardness tests
- Press (bending tests)
- Ultrasonic tests
- Eddy current test
- Miniprof (measurement of rail cross-sections)

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- EUROTUNNEL
- RAILTECH
- RATP
- SNCF
- TSO

STANDARDS

- EN 14730 – Track - Aluminothermic welding of rails
- EN 14587 – Track - Flash butt welding of rails
- UIC 712 R – Catalogue of rail defects

See also pages
41, 43, 45, 103



TRACK COMPONENTS

Testing and qualifying track components in the laboratory, especially sleepers, fastening systems and elastic components.

OBJECTIVES

- Conduct sleeper tests
- Perform tests on fastening systems according to standards
 - repetitive loading
 - salt spray tests
 - electrical resistance
- Carry out specific testing of elastic components
 - Stiffness testing: fasteners, rail and sleeper pads, ballast and under ballast mats
 - Attrition and fatigue tests on ballasted track components: fasteners, sleepers, rail and sleeper pads, ballast and under ballast mats
 - Fatigue testing of bonded insulated joints
 - Lateral resistance testing of sleepers

TEST RESOURCES

- Hydraulic pulsators
- Climate chamber
- Salt spray chamber


REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- CERTIFER
- EUROTUNNEL
- International railway operators
- VOSSLOH
- RATP

STANDARDS

- EN 13230 – Track - Concrete sleepers and bearers
- EN 13481 – Track - Performance requirements for fastening systems
- EN 13146 – Track - Test methods for fastening systems



 See also pages
41, 42, 45, 103



ROLLING STOCK AND RAIL STRUCTURES

Checking the compliance of rolling stock movements on bridges and tunnels on a given route for type approval purposes.

OBJECTIVES

Determine running and clearance gauge conditions of a new rolling stock or new rolling stock configurations in relation to the structures (bridges and tunnels) on a particular railway network

TEST RESOURCES

- Tools for calculating the loads exerted by new rolling stock on rail structures - static and dynamic
- Measuring systems used at tunnel portals and for geometric studies (Elise)
- Instruments installed on structures to assess the impact of passing trains (under test or not)

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- DEUTSCHE BAHN
- RATP
- SIEMENS
- SNCF-RÉSEAU
- SNCF
- VOITH
- VOSSLOH

STANDARDS

- EN 15528 – Line categories for managing the interface between load limits of vehicles and infrastructure
- Eurocode 1 - Part 2 and Annex A2





RAILWAY LINE COMMISSIONING

Contributing to the track and overhead contact line commissioning process for high-speed and conventional lines.

OBJECTIVES

Qualify track and OCL by analyzing dynamic behaviour and current collection (contact force and arc measurements)

TEST RESOURCES

- Arc detector on the OCL
- Instrumented pantograph
- Accelerometers for track monitoring
- TSI trainset
- Measurement of OCL uplift

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- CLERE
- COSEA
- INFRABEL
- LLOYD'S
- OC'VIA
- SNCF-RESEAU
- SYSTRA
- TP FERRO

STANDARDS

- EN 50367 – Current collection systems - Technical criteria for the interaction between pantograph and overhead line (to achieve free access)
- IN 2542 – Raising train and similar speed limits - technical provisions
- UIC Technical document - Guide for the approval of high-speed lines
- TSI Energy, High-speed and Conventional rail



 See also pages

17, 30, 42, 43, 46, 47, 103



3D SIMULATION OF PANTOGRAPH- OCL INTERACTION

Optimizing current collection and the various components.

OBJECTIVES

- Optimize pantograph adjustments and determine critical configurations for testing running behaviour. This saves a significant amount of time in the type approval test phases
- Optimize the design of catenary and pantographs
- Check the interaction between systems during their design phase
- Provide effective and cost-efficient solutions in order to improve current collection quality
- Propose solutions to improve infrastructure and rolling stock components
- Optimize maintenance rules
- Provide customers with the simulations required for certification of interoperability components as defined in the Technical Specifications for Interoperability

TEST RESOURCES

OSCAR® software developed by SNCF (EN 50318 certified)

REFERENCES

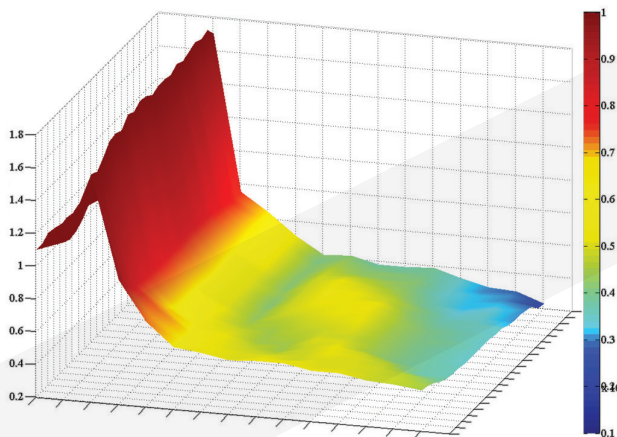
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- ATKINS
- BOMBARDIER
- CFF
- NETWORK RAIL
- STEMMAN

STANDARDS

- EN 50318 – Current collection systems
- Validation of simulation of the dynamic interaction between pantograph and overhead contact line
- EN 50367 – Current collection systems
- Technical criteria for the interaction between pantograph and overhead line (to achieve free access)

See also pages

30, 31, 32, 45, 47, 51, 104





OCL UPLIFT

Checking that overhead contact line uplift is compliant with the standards in force.

OBJECTIVES

- Check compliance with the criteria regarding contact wire uplift caused by the pantograph, in accordance with requirements mentioned in the interoperability standards and directives
- Measure and record uplift of the contact wire due to passing trains:
 - On various rail networks: 25 kV AC, 15 kV AC, 3 kV DC and 1.5 kV DC
 - On 2 adjacent tracks
 - Up to 4 consecutive masts per track
 - In both traffic directions
 - Up to $V = 574.8$ km/h
 - With an accuracy to under 1 mm
 - In all weather conditions (rain, fog, snow, etc.)
- Measure meteorological parameters at OCL level: wind speed and direction, humidity and temperature
- Measure running speed and corrected train speed

REFERENCES

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| • ALSTOM | • OC VIA |
| • BOMBARDIER | • SEA |
| • CFL | • SNCF-RÉSEAU |
| • CrossRail | • STADLER |

TEST RESOURCES

CATIRIS® v2 measuring station:

- Real-time data acquisition and processing system
- Uplift sensor
- Insulating arm
- Reference power supply

STANDARDS

- EN 50317 – Current collection systems - Requirements for and validation of measurements of the dynamic interaction between pantograph and overhead contact line
- EN 50119 – Fixed installations - Electric traction overhead contact lines
 - Conventional rail ENE TSI
 - High-speed ENE TSI
 - Loc & Pas TSI
 - EPSF SAM E903

ACCREDITATIONS

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 See also pages

30, 31, 32, 46, 51, 104



ELECTRIC TRACTION POWER SUPPLIES

Checking that the electric power in sub-stations and on the track is correctly dimensioned when commissioning new and modified lines.

OBJECTIVES

- Characterize the “energy” parameters in sub-stations and the power supply delivered to the OCL in sub-stations and on the track:
 - In steady state: revenue service and test trains
 - In transient state: during operation of equipment and OCL/rail short-circuits
- Highlight abnormal phenomena

TEST RESOURCES


- VULCAIN and LUCIE trainsets
- Recorders and analyzers installed onboard trains and trackside

REFERENCES

- Mulhouse Tramway
- Nantes Tramway
- Oc’Via
- SNCF
- SYTRAL

STANDARDS

- EN 50163 – Supply voltages of traction systems
- EN 50122-1 – Protective provisions against electric shock
- Technical Specifications for Interoperability “Energy” (ENE TSI)

 See also pages
49, 50, 61



TRACTION RETURN CURRENT CIRCUIT CHARACTERIZATION

Checking that the traction return current is consistent with studies and locate defects in the event of an incident on the line.

OBJECTIVES

- Measure current flowing in the rails in order to characterize the traction return current circuit (1,500 V DC / 25,000 V, 50 Hz AC)
- Measure line voltage and absorbed current in order to characterize the influence of traffic on line voltage
- Measure the relative temperature of the electrical components in the OCL at constant power


REFERENCES

- ANSALDO STS
- INFRABEL
- NETWORK RAIL
- PRORAIL
- SNCF-RÉSEAU

TEST RESOURCES

- LUCIE testing car - to monitor electric power facilities
- VULCAIN test wagon - capable of absorbing nominal current
- Dedicated measuring chain equipment
- Operators specializing in LUCIE and VULCAIN train operation
- Thermographic camera (for detecting abnormal heating in the vicinity of the OCL)



 See also pages
48, 50, 61



TRACTION RETURN CURRENT

Ensuring the safety of staff and passengers on the track, checking there is no loss of power loss and guaranteeing signalling installation availability

OBJECTIVES

- Characterize in sub-stations and at specific places on the rail line:
 - traction return current
 - rail/ground voltage
- In steady state: revenue service and test trains
- In transient state: during OCL/rail short-circuits

REFERENCES

- ANSALDO STS
- INFRABEL
- SNCF

STANDARDS

EN 50122 – Protective provisions against electric shock

TEST RESOURCES

- LUCIE testing car - to monitor electric power facilities
- VULCAIN test wagon - capable of absorbing nominal current
- Recorders and analyzers installed on trains and trackside

See also pages
48, 49, 51, 61





DYNAMIC MONITORING OF THE OVERHEAD CONTACT LINE

Check contact wire geometry and avoid potential incidents.

OBJECTIVES

The system measures overhead line height and stagger using contactless technology


REFERENCES

- INEO
- RATP
- SETRAM

TEST RESOURCES

- Measuring system to detect the position of the overhead line (maximum two wires)
- Camera to locate the position of the masts
- GPS and radar to correlate measurements and locations



 See also pages
46, 47, 50



COMPATIBILITY OF ELECTRONIC WHEEL DETECTORS WITH ROLLING STOCK

Contributing to the type approval process of rolling stock by verifying the electronic wheel detectors.

OBJECTIVES

Check that the electronic wheel detectors used in electronic treadles, axle counters and hot box detectors are not affected by rolling stock movements

TEST RESOURCES

- Multi-channel digital recorder
- Standalone temperature and humidity logger
- Distortion meter

ACCREDITATIONS

Recognition by CERTIFER capability certification

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- DEUTSCHE BAHN
- ORIENT EXPRESS
- SIEMENS
- STADLER
- VOSSLOH

STANDARDS

- OP 09913 (SAM S 005) – Protocol for testing compatibility of rolling stock with electronic wheel detectors
- EN 50238-2003 – Railway applications - Compatibility between rolling stock and train detection systems
- ERA ERTMS V2.0 033281 – Interfaces between control - Command and signalling trackside and other subsystems
- PR EN 50592 – Railway Applications - Testing of rolling stock for electromagnetic compatibility with axle counters

See also pages

26, 59





COMPATIBILITY OF ROLLING STOCK WITH AXLE COUNTERS

Checking that the magnetic fields generated by a train are compatible with the axle counters (electronic wheel detectors), as part of the type approval process.

OBJECTIVES

- Measure the magnetic field in the 10 kHz to 1.3 MHz range at rail level
- Compare the levels of the magnetic fields generated by rolling stock with the limits set by the regulation in relation to sensitivity of axle counters fitted on European rail networks

TEST RESOURCES

- Two sets of high and low-frequency measurement antennas on each stretch of rails
- High performance data acquisition system (sampling at 4 MHz)
- Train positioning system
- Specific measurement software for real-time analysis of results

REFERENCES

- BOMBARDIER Italy
- CFL
- SNCF

STANDARDS

- EN 50592 (May 2017) – Railway applications - Testing of rolling stock for electromagnetic compatibility with axle counters
- CLC/TS 50238-3 Part 3, of 06/2013: CENELEC technical specification for railway applications, electromagnetic compatibility between rolling stock and train detection systems
- STI CSS, Index 77 ERA/ERTMS/033281 Version 4.0 of 20/09/2018, ERA technical document, Interfaces between control-command and signalling trackside and other subsystems



 See also page

26



RADIATED ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD – RAILWAY SYSTEM

Checking that a railway system complies with regulations regarding the electromagnetic emissions released into the outside world.

OBJECTIVES

- Measure levels of electromagnetic radiation - from 9 kHz to 1 GHz - released by the system into its environment
- Compare these levels with the limits set by the EN 50121-2 standard
- These tests can be performed at low speed, to test the effect of power stations (substation, power booster) on rolling stock, or trackside during the passage of a train at full speed

TEST RESOURCES

- Spectrum analyzer
- Measuring receiver
- Loop antenna
- Biconical antenna
- Log periodic antenna
- Masts

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- COSEA
- SNCF

STANDARDS

EN 50121-2 – Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 2: Emission of the whole railway system to the outside world

See also pages

26, 27, 28, 29, 55, 149



ELECTROMAGNETIC IMPACT - MODELLING AND EXPERTISE

Studying the electromagnetic compatibility of railway infrastructure projects from the design phase.

OBJECTIVES

- Model existing systems in order to simulate electromagnetic interference
- Assess dysfunctional facilities
- Define methods of protecting employees with regard to electrical hazards and electromagnetic protection of equipment in accordance with standards and legal texts
- Optimize electric traction and traction return systems as well as earthing networks

TEST RESOURCES

- ARCVIEW: mapping software
- Caryn: SNCF plug-in for the GIS ArcMap® software that calculates the influence of one circuit on another
- ModRGT and Graphcapture: exploitation and interpretation of results
- Modalf: calculation of current and voltage at any point of a multicore model representing a rail system
- CEPS: helps estimate increase of soil voltage levels due to electricity pylons located near the railway line

REFERENCES

- CTRL (Channel Tunnel Rail Link)
- COSEA
- OCVIA Construction
- CANARAIL (Canada)
- SETEC
- SYTRAL

STANDARDS

- EN 50121-2 – Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 2: Emission of the whole railway system to the outside world
- EN 50443 – Effects of electromagnetic interference on pipelines caused by high voltage AC electric traction systems and/or high voltage AC power supply systems
- EN 61000-2-12 – Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 2-12: Environment - Compatibility levels for low-frequency conducted disturbances and signalling in public medium-voltage power supply systems
- EN 50121-1 – Electromagnetic compatibility - Part 1: General
- IN 399 – Single-phase AC power line - Provisions to be applied to protect against the dangers from 25,000 V 50 Hz current
- CEN TS 15280 – Evaluation of AC corrosion likelihood of buried pipelines - Application to cathodically protected pipelines
- Volumes II to VII, IUT-T Directives – Protection of telecommunications lines against the harmful effects of electrical power and electrified railway lines, Geneva edition, 1999
- IUT-T K.68 - Management of the electromagnetic interference on telecommunication systems caused by power systems
- French interministerial order of 17 May 2001 - Technical conditions to be met by energy distribution
- French decree No. 2002-775 regarding limit values for public exposure to electromagnetic fields



INSPECTION AND EXPERTISE OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND INSTALLATIONS

Studying specific characteristics of the railway power supply system and installations to deliver and implement suitable measurement provisions to ensure their compliance.

OBJECTIVES

- Assist customers with their projects by analysing the parameters for their installations and their electrical systems to ensure compliance:
 - Eurailtest provides advice and assistance to the project manager in the development of specifications for designing future installations (earthing circuits, equipotential earthing and traction return current)
 - Provide support for the project during the works phase using the technical skills acquired on numerous projects associated with the development of rolling stock maintenance installations
- Ensure that the installation is efficient in both nominal and downgraded mode and carry out checks on the protective provisions to ensure the safety of staff, primarily from electrical risks:
 - Compliance tests (visual inspection and functional checks, recording and analysing electrical phenomena) in operational mode or equivalent, to check that the installation complies

with the regulations and/or technical characteristics defined by prior studies or simulations

- Short-circuit tests in response to specific needs and in respect of risk analysis conducted to validate a study or to check behaviour in relation to the power supply diagram

TEST RESOURCES

Adaptable to each maintenance centre or substation

STANDARDS

- NFC 15-100 – Regulations on electrical installations
- EN 50 122 – Railway applications – Fixed installations – Electrical safety, earthing and return circuit
- EN 50 163 – Supply voltages of traction systems

 See also pages

26, 48, 50, 54, 57, 58, 59,
60, 118, 120





QUALIFICATION OF GSM-R NETWORK FOR ETCS LEVEL 2

Qualifying GSM-R network and assessing its compatibility with the operational requirements of ETCS Level 2 (ERTMS).

OBJECTIVES

- Measure transmission errors in a specific environment
- Qualify call setup performance
- Carry out availability measurements and establish disconnection rates
- Assess GSM-R network operation, redundancy and mobility in an environment with dual coverage
- Define the optimization plan

TEST RESOURCES

- Radio measurement system and onboard frequency scanner
- Signal generator and train/ground data logger
- Post-analysis tool for quality of service
- Specific on-board system for measuring disconnection rates
- Protocol analyzer


REFERENCES

- CLERE
- EIFPAGE

STANDARDS

- Informative documents UNISIG – Subset 93
- UIC references – O2475, O3031



 See also pages
58, 79, 121



ERTMS

Contributing to the type approval process for the different levels of ERTMS on lines in revenue service by validating system compliance.

OBJECTIVES

- Test and analyse the software part of the ERTMS system on board a laboratory train for qualification purposes
- Validate the different software versions of the ERTMS ground-to-train system with a dedicated power car

REFERENCES

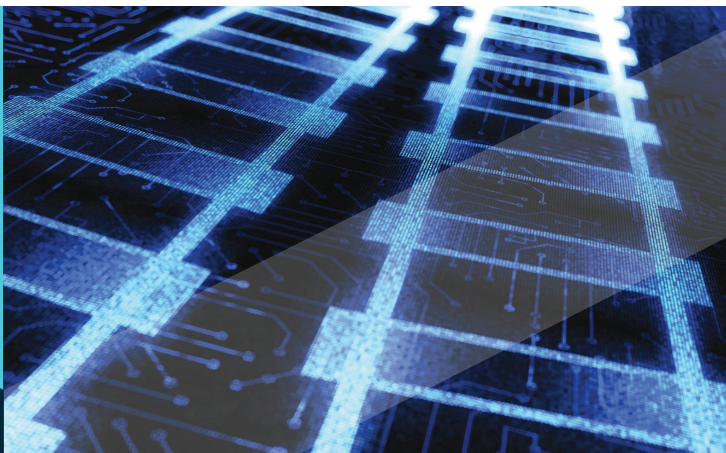
- Eiffage
- SNCF-RÉSEAU

TEST RESOURCES

- High-speed train equipped with dual standard (POS TGV, Dasye TGV, 2N2 TGV) authorized to run on HSL
- Recorder of dual standard internal parameters ("Simulate" software)
- System for recording train parameters: ATESS file, JRU file, default file MID
- Equipment that can simulate different parameters corresponding to a train travelling normally: speed, brush signals, etc.
- Video cameras with real-time recording of the track and DMI (Driver Machine Interface)
- Dedicated railcars X72633/72634

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SIGNALLING VIA TRACK CIRCUITS

Contributing to the type approval of signalling systems for new and modified lines, and investigation of operated lines.

OBJECTIVES

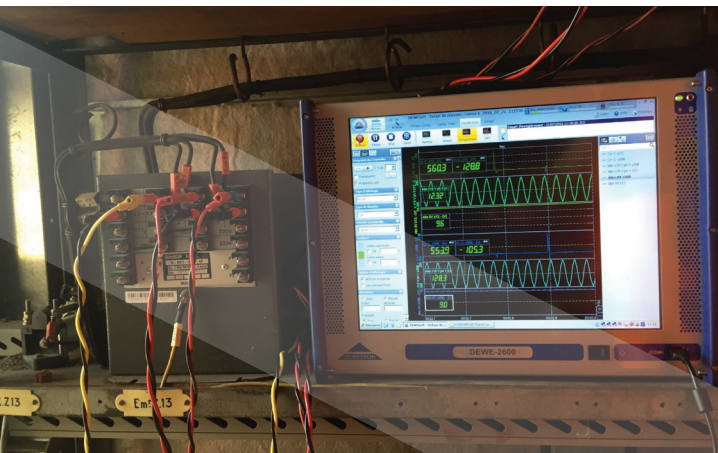
- Check short-circuit current (levels, crosstalk, etc.)
- Check the presence of lateral impedance
- Check continuous data transmission
- Check intermittent data transmission
- Check the wiring of phase-shift loops
- Monitor track circuit signals (residual voltage, voltage to track, power supply, etc.)
- Monitor track circuits (residual voltage)
- Investigate the causes of track circuit malfunction
- Measure intrinsic characteristics of track (primary parameters, insulation, tuning frequency of electrical separation joints, etc.)
- Measure impedance of signalling equipment (cables, shunt bar, etc.)

TEST RESOURCES

- Multi-channel data acquisition device
- Device installed on the LUCIE testing car
- Synchronized digital recorders
- Long-distance monitoring via remote interrogation

REFERENCES

- COSEA
- INFRABEL
- NETWORK RAIL
- NS
- Oc'Via
- OPERE
- SNCF
- SNCF-RÉSEAU



See also pages
26, 52



SYSTEM DEPENDABILITY

Demonstrating the Reliability/Availability/Maintainability/Safety of urban rail transport systems.

OBJECTIVES

- Conduct safety studies on the signalling/ automation sub-system at the general design stage in accordance with the French "STPG" (Safety of Public Guided Transport) decree
- Develop and independently evaluate the dependability of systems, safety-critical software and hardware at the detailed design stage, manufacture and implementation of "signalling-drive automation" sub-systems (metro, regional rapid transit and trams) in accordance with EN 50126
- Study usability: implementation of the new system in operating conditions
- Develop overall "Reliability & Availability" processes: definition of indicators, setting targets for each indicator, target allocation, predictive analysis at the design stage, design of validation tests, statistical analysis of feedback during operational monitoring, establishing replacement vehicle requirements

REFERENCES

- ANSALDO
- AREVA
- RATP
- SIEMENS
- THALES

STANDARDS

- EN 50126 – Specification and demonstration of Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety (RAMS)
- EN 50128 – Communication, signalling and processing systems - Software for railway control and protection systems
- EN 50129 – Communication, signalling and processing systems - Safety related electronic systems for signalling



See also pages

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REMOTE MONITORING OF ELECTRICAL AND POWER UNITS

Monitor the behaviour of electrical components of Substations, Electric Traction Fixed Installations (IFTE) and power units for signalling. Detect and record electrical interference phenomena and issue warnings in accordance with alarm configurations.

OBJECTIVES

- Continuously monitor “critical” electrical installations to ensure high-quality power supply (under normal or downgraded operating conditions)
- Use SENTINEL software for occasional expert analyses (rolling stock / infrastructure interaction, unexpected defects on a substation, etc.)
- View electrical parameters of SENTINEL instrumented substations in real time
- Monitor and issue warnings remotely via secure web platform
- Establish power and consumption assessments (study of fallback plans, dimensioning, etc.)


REFERENCES

- SNCB
- SNCF RÉSEAU – 70 equipped electrical units (25 kV – 50 Hz, 1,500 V CC and 750 V DC) - substation, paralleling station, power booster, energy station, etc.

TEST RESOURCES

- Two types of formats for industrialized system – fixed box unit (up to 64 measuring channels) or portable case (up to 16 measuring channels)
- Real-time status monitoring of all SENTINEL installations
- Dedicated HMI accessed via secure web platform
- Access to real-time data and historical data in less than 2 minutes
- Evolving data processing and calculation software
- Statistical analysis algorithms specific to physical phenomena and adapted for railways (pumping, protection system functioning, etc.)
- Voltage sensor
- Amperometric clamp
- Data acquisition board
- Voltage sensor



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TRAIN NUMBER RECOGNITION SYSTEM

SYRENE (the train number recognition system) can link an event occurring on the track to a specific train in real time.

OBJECTIVES

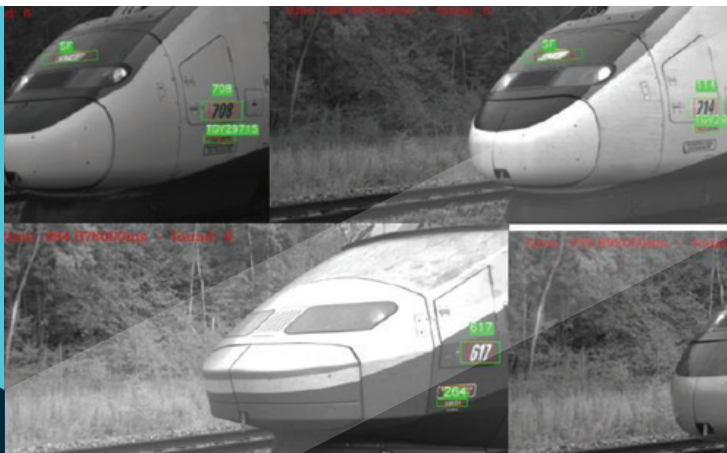
- Detect and identify all characters on all types of rolling stock in all weather and running conditions
- Deliver digitized data via a secure website and via a system that interfaces easily with any measurement or monitoring system

TEST RESOURCES

- Optical module (camera, lens, filter, lidar)
- Data acquisition module
- Position-finding software with image return in real time, requiring limited on-site adjustment
- HMI that can be consulted and updated in real time via a secure web platform

REFERENCES

- SNCF





VIBRALERTE

VIBRALERTE is a vibration detection system.

OBJECTIVES

- Warn of potential malfunctions in signalling equipment caused by vibrations
- Detect open relay contacts in de-energized state in excess of a given threshold
- Detect a change in relay contact status beyond a set timeframe

TEST RESOURCES

- Electronic control unit
- Typical relay (representative of the signalling equipment to be monitored)

REFERENCES

- GARES & CONNEXIONS
- INFRAPÔLES



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RAILWAY EQUIPMENT



For railway equipment qualification purposes, EURAILTEST also offers a comprehensive service consisting of measurements, testing and expert opinions.

To qualify your components, our experts will advise you by:

- Helping with the drafting of test specifications
- Checking their compliance with the standards in force
- Contributing to the preparation of the submissions to the national authorities and certification bodies
- Making expert assessments with regard to in-service behaviour, based on test results and/or digital simulation, in order to assess the impact of components on comfort, safety and reliability
- Analysing an accident or identifying failure causes
- Making suggestions for improvements or modifications in the event of damage

BRAKE COMPONENTS

Contributing to the type approval process of brake shoes, brake pads and wheels.

OBJECTIVES

- Assess braking performance and endurance for "disc-pad" and "wheel-brake shoe" combinations
- Conduct tests for wheel thermomechanical resistance and failure
- Estimate life cycle costs: weighing of pads and shoes + measuring disc and wheel profiles
- Measurements:
 - friction and stress coefficients
 - noise during braking (initial noise and dBA level)
 - temperature
 - wheel deflection by means of optical sensors
 - surface roughness
- Quantify pollutant emissions into the air

TEST RESOURCES

- 3 full-scale test rigs: up to 500 km/h (maximum simulation speed on a wheel of 920 mm in diameter) and up to 30 tonnes (maximum simulated axle load)
- Infrared thermography
- Non-destructive test instruments

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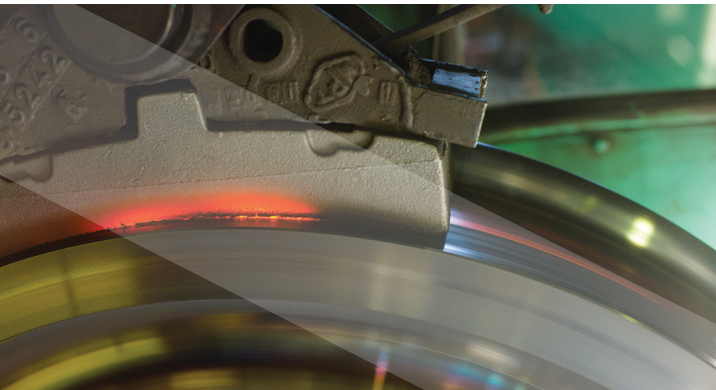
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REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BECORIT
- BOMBARDIER
- ECR
- FAIVELEY
- FLERTEX
- ICER RAIL
- KNORR
- SIEMENS
- TALLANO
- TMD
- UIC

STANDARDS

- EN 13979-1 – Wheelsets and bogies - Monobloc wheels
- UIC 510-5 – Technical approval of monobloc wheels
- UIC 541 – Brakes - Regulations concerning manufacture of the different brake parts - Driver's brake valve
- UIC 541 – Brakes - Regulations concerning the manufacture of brake components - Braking components
- Application document for standard EN 13979-1 – Technical approval procedure. Part 1. Forged and rolled wheels
- EN 16452 – Railway applications. Braking. Brake blocks



See also pages
21, 22, 23, 115, 148



BOGIES

Checking the dimensions and overall design of all types of bogie frame for type approval purposes.

OBJECTIVES

- Perform static tests to check the dimensions of a bogie frame under:
 - regular mechanical loads (vertical, lateral, twist)
 - specific mechanical loads (derailment, brakes, anti-roll bar, etc.)
 - preparatory analysis for fatigue tests (GOODMAN and HAIGH diagrams)
- Conduct fatigue tests in order to verify the overall design and manufacture of a bogie frame:
 - regular tests (vertical, lateral and twist with roll and bounce)
 - specific tests: traction, braking, inertia, etc.

TEST RESOURCES

- 1 test rig - for static and fatigue tests - totally modular
- 30 dynamic cylinders (40 to 400 kN)
- Non-destructive testing for crack detection
- Strain gauges
- Dynamic data acquisition system

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REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- CAF
- CSR

STANDARDS

- EN 13749 – Wheelsets and bogies
 - Method of specifying the structural requirements of bogie frames
- UIC 615-4 – Bogies and running gear
 - Bogie frame structure strength tests
- UIC 515-4 – Trailer bogies - Running gear
 - Bogie frame structure strength tests
- UIC 510-3 – Wagons - Strength testing of 2 and 3-axle bogies on test rig

See also pages

17, 69, 70, 71, 99, 115



AXLES

Checking and establishing axle dimensions and running gear failure analysis.

OBJECTIVES

- Conduct failure analysis on worn axles
- Check the conformity of axle design
- Perform fatigue tests on axles

TEST RESOURCES

- Tensile, resilience and hardness testing machines
- Dynamic test bench for rotational bending of axles
- Roughness tester
- Optical microscope
- Scanning electron microscope
- Non-destructive test instruments

REFERENCES

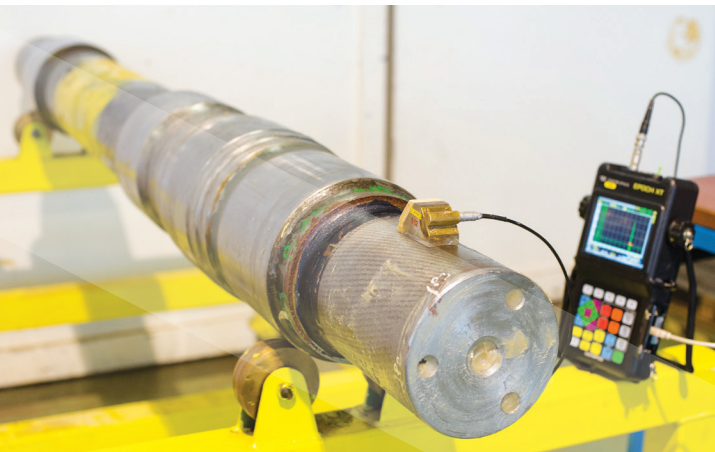
- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- CAF
- MG VALDUNES

STANDARDS

- EN 13103 – Non powered axles
- EN 13104 – Powered axles
- EN 13260 – Wheelsets
- EN 13261 – Axles
- STM-R 102 – Wheelsets – Product requirements
- STM-R 103 – Axles – Product requirements

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 See also pages

68, 70, 71, 86, 99, 115



BEARINGS AND AXLE BOXES

Contributing to the type approval process of all types of bearings and axle boxes test rigs.

OBJECTIVES

- Identify the performance of an axle box roller bearing
- Optimize potential useful life and life cycle
- Monitor behaviour and damage patterns thanks to thermal, acoustic and vibration measurements
- Conduct failure analysis. Analyse the lubricant

TEST RESOURCES

- Four machines for testing axle boxes: adjustable axial force ± 50 kN + Radial force up to 150 kN + Acceleration up to ± 4 m/s² + Rotational speed up to 3,000 rev/min
- Non-destructive test instruments:
 - axle shafts in stock: \varnothing 100mm ; \varnothing 120mm ; \varnothing 130mm ; \varnothing 150mm
 - other diameters made to order
 - possibility of adding vibration sensors

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REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- EPK-BRENCO
- KINEX
- NSK
- NTN-SNR
- SCHAEFFLER
- SKF
- SNCF
- TIMKEN

STANDARDS

- EN 12080 – Axle-boxes - Rolling bearings
- EN 12082 – Axle-boxes - Performance testing
- UIC 515-5 – Running gear - Tests for axle-boxes
- STM-R104

See also pages
68, 69, 71, 86, 115



WHEELS

Establishing wheel dimensions to optimize their performance and conduct failure analysis.

OBJECTIVES

- Determine the fatigue limits of wheels
- Assess fatigue behaviour of non-axisymmetric wheels (calculations and biaxial testing)
- Study crack propagation
- Conduct failure analysis

TEST RESOURCES

- Fatigue test bench for wheel (vertical force up to 150 kN and lateral force up to 100 kN)
- Dynamic measuring chains
- Strain gauges
- Scanning electron microscope

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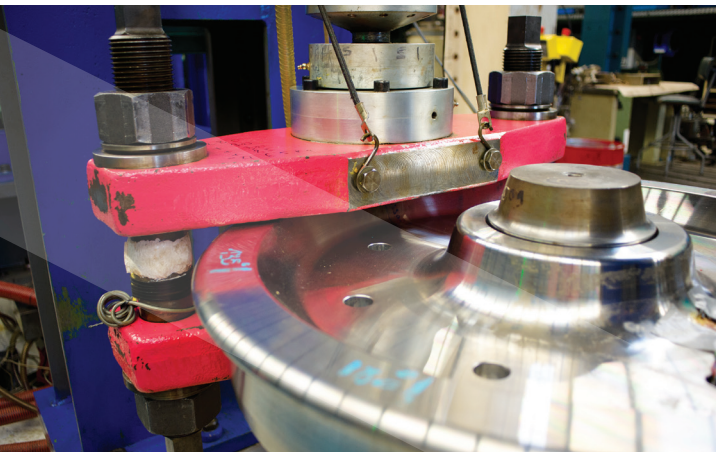
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REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BONATRANS
- CAF
- MG VALDUNES

STANDARDS

- EN 13260+A1 – Wheelsets and bogies - Wheelsets - Product requirements
- EN 13261+A1 – Wheelsets and bogies - Axles - Product requirements
- EN 13979-1 – Wheelsets and bogies - Monobloc wheels
- EN 13262 – Wheelsets and bogies - Wheels
- ERRI B169/RP9



 See also pages
68, 70, 106, 115



FATIGUE BEHAVIOUR CHARACTERIZATION

Performing sizing of new parts and characterize fatigue behaviour of mechanical parts and materials and establish potential.

OBJECTIVES

- Assess fatigue behaviour of:
 - small equipment (bearing cages, shock absorbers, brake beams, suspension parts, etc.)
 - bolted, welded and riveted assemblies
 - metallic and composite materials
- Determine the laws of crack formation
- Determine the critical plane stress intensity factor (K_{1C})
- Assess the fatigue limits of metal and composite materials and establish Wöhler curves and endurance diagrams for materials and assemblies

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BEA-TT (French Land Transport Accident Investigation Bureau)
- SNCF

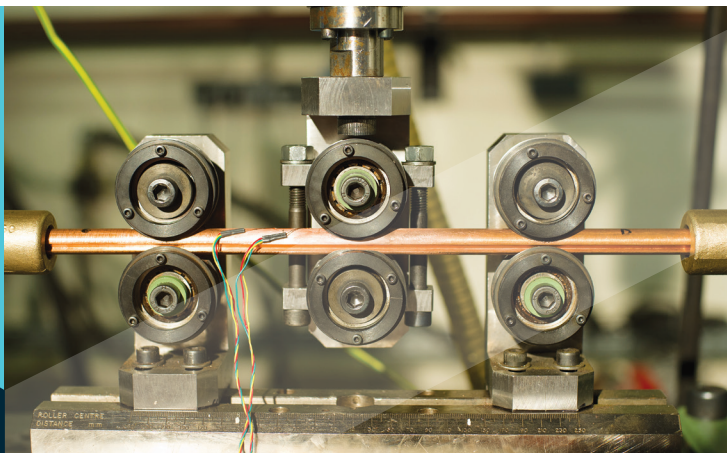
TEST RESOURCES

- 6 servo-hydraulic machines for tension and compression testing (from ± 15 kN to ± 160 kN)
- 1 servo-hydraulic machine for torsion ($\pm 5,000$ N.m)
- 3 bending machines (± 50 kN)
- Force and displacement sensors on each cylinder
- Parallel measurements for multiple monitoring: extensometry, displacement, temperature
- Non-destructive test instruments

STANDARDS

- EN 13261+A1 – Wheelsets and bogies - Axles - Product requirements
- NF A03-400 – Iron and steel - Fatigue testing - General principles
- NF A03-405 – Metal products - Fatigue testing - Statistical data processing

See also pages
76, 98, 106



MECHANICAL RESISTANCE OF VEHICLE STRUCTURES

Contributing to the type approval process of steel rolling stock by checking its resistance.

OBJECTIVES

- Check if rolling stock built with steel frames (wagons, locomotives, cars) can resist operating conditions:
 - conduct tension, compression and pressure tests
 - simulate lifting and torsion
 - perform simulations with different loading conditions
 - conduct tests with specific loads

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REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- CAF


TEST RESOURCES

- Lifting track: loads consist mainly of ballast. Lifting is done with four lifting cylinders (at one or both ends) or at two opposite corners (torsion test)
- Tension/compression test rig: two cylinders are used to apply compression forces up to 3,600 kN and tension forces up to 2,200 kN
- Strain gauges for strain measurements
- Gauge sensors for measuring forces
- Comparators used for deformation measurements

STANDARDS

- EN 12663 – Structural requirements of railway vehicle bodies
- UIC 566 – Loadings of coach bodies and their components
- UIC 577 – Wagon stresses
- B12/RP60 – Tests to demonstrate the strength of railway vehicles - Regulations for proof tests and maximum permissible stresses



 See also page
74, 114



TORSIONAL STIFFNESS OF VEHICLE BODIES

Measuring the torsional stiffness of a vehicle body structure to ensure railway operating safety.

OBJECTIVES

Determine the torsional stiffness of a vehicle structure around its longitudinal axis - for all types of vehicles: trailers, rail vehicle frames, containers and swap bodies, road trailers

REFERENCES

- ABRF
- FRANCE WAGONS
- GEFCO

TEST RESOURCES

- Lifting cylinders
- Force and displacement sensors
- Accessibility to RFN network

STANDARDS

UIC 530-2 – Wagons - Running safety

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 See also page

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ENDURANCE TEST RIG FOR GEARED MOTORS

Assessing the reliability of geared motors and conduct failure analyses.

OBJECTIVES

- Check the behaviour of a geared motor unit over time
- Assess the various components of the geared motor
- Identify and analyze failures of the geared motor (electrical and mechanical)
- Conduct investigations
- Measure vibration, torque, speed and temperature
- Conduct physical and chemical analyses of grease and lubricants
- Assessment of geared motor output, balancing temperatures and lubricant performance

TEST RESOURCES

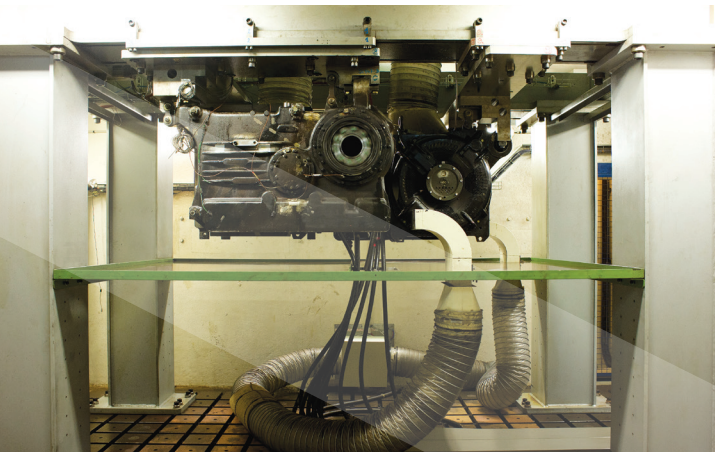
- 2 three-phase converters used for powering two geared motors connected via a drive shaft:
 - a "motor" unit
 - a "load" unit
- Test rig operation:
 - operating cycles adapted to requirements: thermal loads, trip simulation
 - operates round-the-clock, 7 days a week
- Real-time monitoring and measuring system
- Control systems capable of powering synchronous and asynchronous geared motors
- Remote control monitoring
- Variable parameterizable forced ventilation to simulate running conditions on the line


REFERENCES

SNCF

STANDARDS

According to the customer's technical specifications



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MECHANICAL TESTS ON CATENARY COMPONENTS

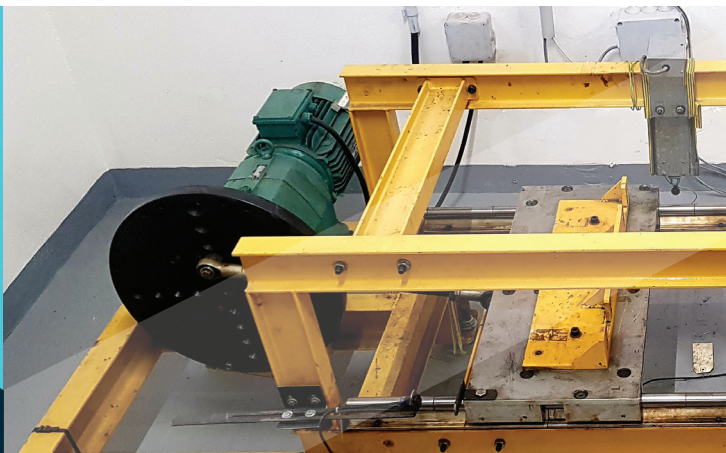
Mechanical testing of individual catenary parts as well as fully-mounted assemblies.



TEST OBJECTIVES AND TYPOLOGIES

- Tensile shear tests: measure the resistance and determine the mechanical tensile behaviour of catenary components
- Cyclic tests: check the mechanical endurance of a component under cyclic stress
- Creep tests: measure the deformation and behaviour of a component over time, under an applied load at ambient temperature
- Gyration tests: measure the rotation and turning force of a component for a given tractive effort
- Clamping tests: check the correct placement and ease in which the clamp can be closed and monitor any wire damage
- Failure analysis: conduct an expert analysis of broken parts and investigate causes of breakage

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30, 72, 106



⚙️ TEST RESOURCES

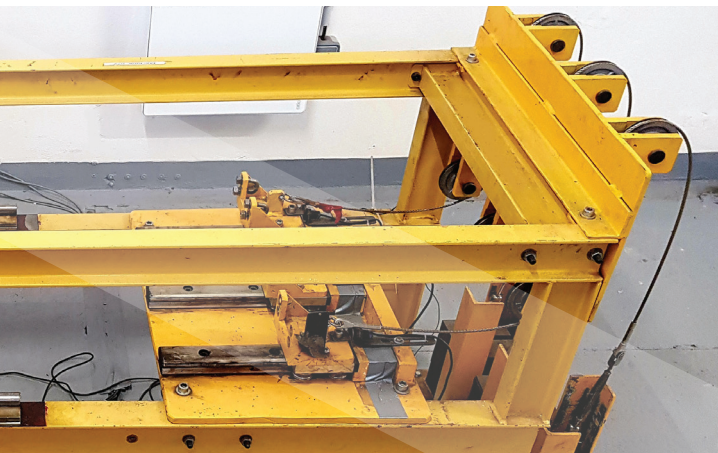
- Tensile test rig - 2 to 30 kN
- Tensile test rig - 100 kN and 5 metres in length
- Tensile test rig - 200 kN and 8 metres in length
- Tensile test rig - 300 kN and 2 metres in length
- Mechanical stress machines for pendulum, with or without low frequency load (0.5 to 5 Hz)

☰ REFERENCES

- ACCUM infrastructure project
- EUROTUNNEL
- RATP
- SWLI

🏠 STANDARDS

- EN 61284 – Overhead lines - Requirements and tests for fittings
- EN 50149 – Railway applications - Fixed installations - Electric traction - Copper and copper alloy grooved contact wires
- EN 50119 – Railway applications - Fixed installations - Electric traction overhead contact lines
- NF C34110 series
- EN 50182 – Conductors for overhead lines - Round wire concentric lay stranded conductors
- EN 10264 – Steel wire and wire products - Steel wire for ropes - Part 2: cold drawn non alloy steel wire for ropes for general applications
- EN 12385 – Railway applications - Fixed installations - Electric traction overhead contact lines
- IN 1071 – Installing a splicing clamp for contact wires





ELECTRICAL TESTING IN THE LABORATORY

Qualifying the performance of electrical equipment and simulating incidents encountered in revenue service.

OBJECTIVES

- Assess voltage withstand of materials or finished product
- Determine the creepage distance of an electrical assembly or the breakdown voltage of a component
- Check the functioning of low power and high power products according to a standard or a technical specification
- Check the conformity of a product or a series
- Check that equipment functions properly
- Assess life potential of a component
- Conduct tests as required by the customer

Examples:

- Electrical withstand tests. Qualify the performance of electrical assemblies and insulators
- overheating of electrical components
- behaviour at high voltage (120 kV - 50 Hz) and with strong direct or alternating current (100 ms window, 40 kA at 1,800 V DC)
- performance of electrical equipment: rheostats, static converters, etc.
- short-circuit tests on specific equipment (e.g. transformers)
- evaluation of switchgear performance: contactors, circuit breakers, switches, etc.
- measurement of harmonic current
- tests on roof gear (catenary simulation)

TEST RESOURCES

- High voltage generator 120 kV AC - 70 kV DC
- DC power system: 1.5 kV/3 kV DC - 5 MVA
- Single-phase power system: 50Hz, 8 to 30 kV AC - 12 MVA
- Three-phase power system: 50Hz, 0 to 2 kV AC - 1.5 MVA
- High-intensity power system: 0 to 20 kA, 10 V DC
- High-voltage resistance equipment: 0 to 120 kV AC - 50 Hz
- Climatic test chamber (-40°C)
- Switchable outdoor OCL: 25 kV/50 Hz, 1.5 kV, 3 kV

REFERENCES

- ABB Sécheron
- ADVENTEN
- ALSTOM OBT
- FAIVELEY
- FRAMAFER
- JST
- MCB
- MERSEN
- SDCEM
- SOREEL
- TE CONNECTIVITY
- TECH POWER ELECTRONICS

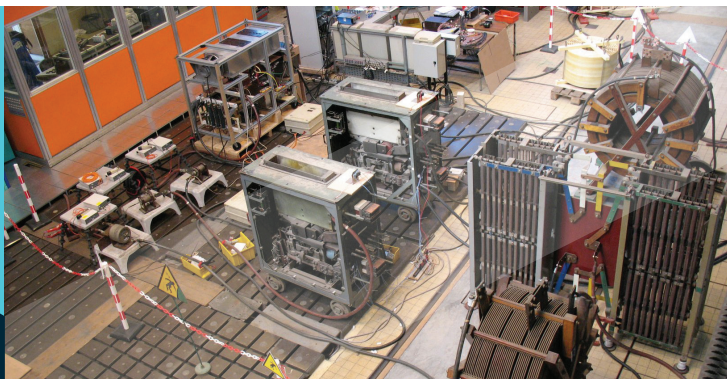
STANDARDS

According to customer technical specifications

- EN 50124
- EN 60060
- EN 60077

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CAB RADIO QUALIFICATION

Qualifying the radio installed in the cab used by drivers to communicate with the network operator.

OBJECTIVES

- Perform technical qualification of the GSM-R and/or UIC cab radio:
 - check compliance with EIRENE, GSM-R and UIC standards
 - perform functional qualification
 - check the interface with the rail network: nominal operation, lack of impact between the "Ground" and "Train" subsystems
 - check equipment integration on trains
- Deliver technical assessment for the use of GSM-R and/or UIC cab radio on the network

TEST RESOURCES

- Laboratory equipped with a GSM-R test network and a UIC ground-to-train radio network
- 60 km of lines equipped with UIC ground-to-train radio and GSM-R
- Telecommunication laboratory on board the IRIS 320 train (up to 320 km/h)
- Railway test cars


REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- CENTER SYSTEMS
- DB
- FUNKWERK
- RENFE
- STADLER

STANDARDS

- EIRENE FRS (Functional Requirement Specification), SRS (System Requirement Specification)
- UIC 751-1 – Railway radio equipment - Fixed and mobile units - General technical considerations
- UIC 751-2 – Railway radio equipment - Technical specifications
- UIC 751-3 – Technical regulations for international ground-to-train radio systems



 See also pages
57, 121



QUALIFICATION OF CONTACTLESS CARDS

Ensuring proper operation of contactless cards used for ticketing - whatever their environment.

OBJECTIVES

Check technical compliance of physical and chemical characteristics of contactless cards with regard to the customer's standards or technical specifications

TEST RESOURCES

- Test rig for radio
- Test rigs for bending and torsional stress
- Climatic test chambers and heat chambers
- Abrasion test rig
- Peel strength test rig
- Profile projector
- Inflammability, colorimetry and chemical contamination tests

ACCREDITATIONS

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REFERENCES

- COMUTITRES
- GEMALTO
- OBERTHUR
- PARAGON GROUP
- RATP
- RATP Smart Systems
- SNCF
- STM (Montreal Metro)

STANDARDS

- ISO/IEC 7810 – Identification cards - Physical characteristics
- ISO/IEC 10373 – Identification cards - Test methods
- ISO/IEC 24789 – Identification cards - Card service life



QUALIFICATION OF COATINGS

Ensuring passenger safety and accessibility in railway stations and on rolling stock with regard to contrasts, colours, tags and skid resistance.

OBJECTIVES

- Ensure cleanability of coatings and compatibility of cleaning products thanks to effectiveness and chemical aggressiveness tests on materials intended for rolling stock and infrastructure
- Measure skid resistance of floor coatings
- Measure luminance contrast in passenger areas (accessibility)
- Maintain operator visual identity by means of colour codes

REFERENCES

- 3M
- ADAPTA COLOR
- HEXIS
- MONDO
- PEDRAZZINI
- PROMATCO
- SCHOEPP
- SFC

TEST RESOURCES

- Spectrocolorimeter
- Pendulum SRT (Skid Resistance Tester)

STANDARDS

- NF F31-112 & STM-C-004 – Railway rolling stock - Protection in relation to graffiti - Tests procedures and methods of evaluation, behaviour of materials and removal products
- EN 13036-4 – Road and airfield surface characteristics - Test methods - Part 4: Method for measurement of slip/skid resistance of a surface: The pendulum test
- ISO 7724-2 – Paints and varnishes - Colorimetry - Part 2: Colour measurement
- PRM TSI (EU Official Journal L64/134 of 7 March 2008)



 See also pages

84, 85, 87, 110, 151



QUALIFICATION HEAT-SHRINK TUBES AND SLEEVES

Ensuring that these components comply with standards and technical specifications.

OBJECTIVES

Check conformity of mechanical, electrical and physico-chemical behaviour, and the fire resistance of heat-shrink tubes and electrical cables

TEST RESOURCES

- Climatic test chambers for accelerated product ageing
- Tensile testing machines for plastomers and elastomers
- High voltage cage for rigidity tests
- Megohmmeter

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC (for Fire & Smoke tests)

REFERENCES

- DSG CANUSA
- GREMCO
- HELLERMANNTYTON

STANDARDS

- NF F00-608 – General railway equipment - Identifiable heat-shrink sleeves
- NFF and NFC standards applicable to cables

See also pages
83, 84



FIRE BEHAVIOUR OF CABLES

Checking the behaviour of electric cables under fire conditions and conducting type approval tests for the EC marking of cables.

OBJECTIVES

- Assess the ability of cables not to propagate fire via 3 tests:
 - 1 kW flame propagation
 - Fire propagation on stranded wires
 - Fire propagation on ribbon cables
- Evaluate heat generated by measurement of oxygen consumption coupled with measurements of fire propagation on ribbon cables
- Characterize smoke toxicity and opacity from cables in the event of fire

TEST RESOURCES

- 27 m³ test chamber
- 1 kW flame
- Testing booth
- Test device for ribbon cables (with or without calorimeter hood)

ACCREDITATIONS

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REFERENCES

- ACOMÉ
- CGP
- LCIE
- NEXANS
- OMERIN
- PRYSMIAN

STANDARDS

- EN 61034 – Measurement of smoke density of cables burning under defined conditions
- NF C 32-070 – Classification tests on cables and conductors with respect to their fire behaviour
- IEC 60 332 – Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions
 - Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame
- EN 50266-2-4 & EN 50305 (§9.1) – Test for vertical flame spread of vertically-mounted bunched wires or cables
- EN 50399 – Heat release and smoke production measurement on cables during flame spread test
- EN 45545 – Railway applications - Fire protection on railway vehicles



See also pages
82, 84, 131



FIRE BEHAVIOUR OF MATERIALS

Checking the compliance of materials intended for rolling stock with regard to fire behaviour.

OBJECTIVES

- Assess fire behaviour of railway materials through various measurements:
 - toxicity - by gaseous effluent dosage
 - smoke opacity in a non-renewed atmosphere
 - behaviour of materials under intermittent thermal loads
 - threshold limit value of oxygen for sustaining combustion
 - critical heat flux
 - critical flux at extinguishment
 - oxygen consumption calorimetry of rail materials
- Categorize materials according to requirement levels

TEST RESOURCES

- Smoke chamber combined with a Fourier transform infrared analysis system
- Smoke chamber
- Radiant heating panels (horizontal and vertical)
- Cone calorimeter

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- ETA
- GERFLOR
- HITACHI
- HUTCHINSON
- SNCF Maintenance centres
- STRAIL

STANDARDS

- EN 45545 – Railway applications - Fire protection on railway vehicles
- NF F16-101 – Rolling stock - Fire behaviour - Choice of materials
- NF F16-102 – Railway rolling stock - Fire behaviour - Choice of materials, application to electric equipment

See also pages

81, 82, 83, 131





PAINT AND ADHESIVE FILMS

Contributing to the type approval process of adhesive films and paints and to application conditions.

OBJECTIVES

- Validate anti-corrosion paints (salt spray, corrosion fatigue)
- Qualify railway paints according to a given standard
- Conduct accelerated and normal ageing tests at specific sites
- Conduct tests on rail vehicles used in revenue service
- Characterize tags
- Study and develop representative inks – in order to test anti-tag coatings and cleaning products
- Provide advice on paint processes following expert analysis

TEST RESOURCES

- Specific sites in which tests are performed (laboratories or paint booths)
- Simulation tool for accelerated ageing (ARTACC)
- Folding and quartering tools
- Impact test equipment (to check paint behaviour)
- Salt spray chamber

REFERENCES

- 3M
- BECKERS
- BONATrans
- CAF
- GSDI
- HEXIS
- LUCCHINI
- MG VALDUNES
- SBB

STANDARDS

- NF F 19-201 – Paint materials and markings - General instructions and test methods
- NF F 31-112 – Protection in relation to graffiti - Tests procedures and methods of evaluation, behaviour of materials and removal products
- EN 13261 + A1 – Wheelsets and Bogies - Axles - Product requirements
- STM N 805/807/808
- NF F 19-481 – Railway rolling stock - Self adhesive labels
- NF F 19-223 – Railway rolling stock - Paint systems for protecting axle shafts



See also pages
81, 87



LUBRICANTS

Proposing the most suitable lubricant in relation to conditions of use and assessing the potential life span of lubricated rolling stock components in service.

OBJECTIVES

- Qualify lubricants
- Determine potential life
- Check new products for commissioning
- Set up test equipment on a maintenance site in order to monitor part and component wear
- Perform on-site assistance
- Conduct failure analysis
- Dispense training in axle box grease expertise
- Increase potential
- Monitor in-service lubricant wear on parts

ACCREDITATIONS

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REFERENCES

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| • CFC | • SHELL |
| • CFL | • SKF |
| • NTN-SNR | • TIMKEN |
| • SAMARO | • TOTAL |
| • SPIREL | • TOUAX |

STANDARDS

Applicable standards according to customer requirements

TEST RESOURCES

- Bearing test rigs (R2F and ROPECS)
- Cone penetration, dropping point, moisture content
- Viscometer
- Acidity measuring device
- DSC - Differential Scanning Calorimetry
- X-ray fluorescence
- Plasma / Plasma MS
- Rheology
- Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA)

See also pages
69, 70



CLEANING PRODUCTS

Reducing environmental impact of cleaning products while optimizing their quality and efficiency

OBJECTIVES

- Qualify products
- Develop dose calculation methods and product quality control
- Establish compatibility between products and materials
- Characterize physical and chemical properties of products: Mass per unit volume, outflow time, etc.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of cleaning products
- Develop test in revenue service conditions
- Give technical assistance and expert assessments on cleaning processes

REFERENCES

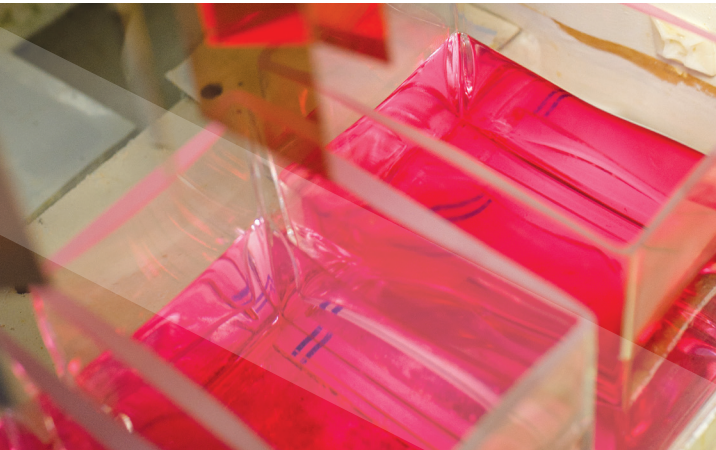
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TEST RESOURCES

- Viscometer
- Flash point
- Foaming power
- Soaking bench
- Car wash test bench
- Cleanability
- Tensiometer
- X-ray fluorescence
- X-ray diffraction
- ICP (Inductively Coupled Plasma)
- Infrared equipment

STANDARDS

- STM N601 – Qualification procedure for cleaning and sanitation products
- STM C702 – Additive product used in retention toilets



 See also pages
81, 85



GLAZING

Contributing to the type approval process of window glass by testing its strength and effectiveness.

OBJECTIVES

- Measure pressure resistance: simulate pressure changes produced when two trains cross each other in the open air or in tunnels - on all types of glass panes (flat or curved, new or downgraded, etc.)
- Measure soft body impact resistance: check that a person inside a vehicle is not projected outside after the impact of a 50 kg pendulum
- Check water tightness
- Check hard body impact resistance
- Assess rupture strength of the structural bonded seal
- Measure dew point

REFERENCES

- AGC FLAT GLASS
- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- RUSTIN
- SAINT GOBAIN SEKURIT
- SESSA KLEIN

TEST RESOURCES

- Two test rigs:
 - Pressure up to $\pm 8,000$ Pa
 - Sine, rectangular or square wave (on request)
 - Frequency up to 6 Hz
 - Rig dimensions: 1,800 x 2,500 mm
- Watering system (used during test)
- Dynamic measurement system of glass pane deflection

STANDARDS

- NF F31-129 – Railway rolling stock - Tempered safety glass
- EN 1279-2 – Insulating glass units - Part 2: Long term test method and requirements for moisture penetration
- UIC 566 – Fatigue tests
- NF F01-492 – Railway rolling stock - Windows
 - Water tightness tests
 - Soft body impact resistance tests
 - Negative/positive pressure fluctuation resistance tests
 - Bonding strength fracture resistance tests
 - Climatic ageing cycle resistance tests

See also pages
105, 110



ACOUSTIC CHECKS ON SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Evaluating the audibility of sound-based safety equipment for its type approval.

OBJECTIVES

Measure sound levels of shunting whistles, detonators and audible warning devices

TEST RESOURCES

- Sound level meters (Class 1)
- Multichannel data acquisition system

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC


REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- DB SCHENKER RAIL
- RATP
- SIEMENS
- VOSSLOH

STANDARDS

- EN 15153-2 – External visible and audible warning devices for high-speed trains - Part 2: Warning horns
- EN ISO 7731 – Danger signals for public and work areas - Auditory danger signals
- UIC 643 – Regulations regarding the audibility of shunting whistles and detonators in the driving compartments of powered units
- UIC 644 – Warning devices used on tractive units employed on international services
- Technical specifications for interoperability



 See also pages
36, 37, 136, 137



Esve

Perform tests in overspeed controlling/monitoring a chosen speed profile and staging points/hold points.

OBJECTIVES

- Perform test by crossing the maximum allowed speed for a rolling stock or an infrastructure
- Record the train cabin environment in audio and video by a camera kit

REFERENCES

- BOMBARDIER CRESPIN
- CLERE
- COSEA
- SYSTRA

TEST RESOURCES

- ESVE box

See also page

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SAFETY ASSESSMENT OF SIGNALLING AND COMMAND – CONTROL EQUIPMENT

Demonstrating or assessing the conformity of safety-critical railway equipment.

OBJECTIVES

- Approve all signalling equipment (point motors, printed circuit boards, etc.) impacting safety of urban and intra-urban rail transport systems
- Ensure usability: implementation of the new system in operating conditions
- Give expert advice on maintaining network equipment in good operating condition from a safety perspective
- Analyze hardware malfunctions in operating conditions: laboratory and field investigations

REFERENCES

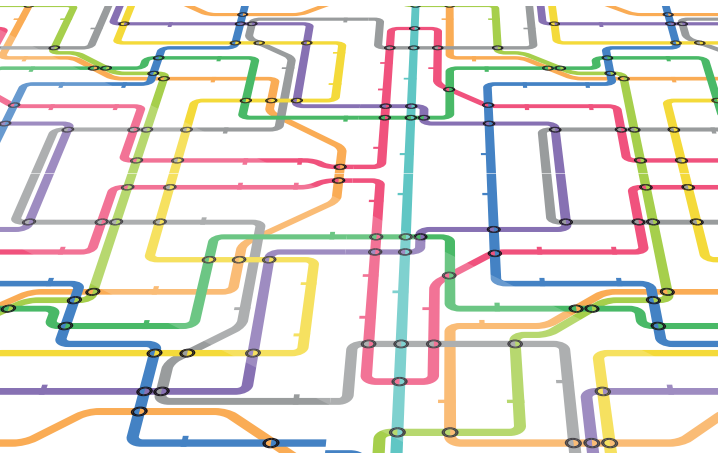
- ANSALDO
- AREVA
- RATP
- SIEMENS


STANDARDS

EN 50129 – Communication, signalling and processing systems - Safety related electronic systems for signalling

TEST RESOURCES

Electronics laboratory



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Part 2

Measurements

The second part of this catalogue describes our tests related to measurements and investigations.

These tests may be essential to ensure the safety, performance, comfort and availability of your equipment or railway facilities both for your employees and agents and for the users of the rail network.

To help you find the tests you are looking for, this second part is organized according to technical speciality:

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PASSENGER VIBRATORY COMFORT

Assessing the comfort experienced by passengers on a train.

OBJECTIVES

- Characterize vibrations inside a railway vehicle as a function of track condition
- Determine dynamic characteristics of train seats (natural frequencies)

TEST RESOURCES

- Measuring devices installed at the passenger-seat interface
- Device for conducting measurements at floor level
- Dedicated system for automatic analysis
- Accelerometer chain (with or without passengers)
- Data acquisition system (4 to 16 channels)
- Data acquisition system (SCADA type) coupled with TestLab LMS software (full measurement)

ACCREDITATIONS

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REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- LOHR INDUSTRIE
- RATP
- STADLER

STANDARDS

- EN 12299 – Ride comfort for passengers - Measurement and evaluation
- UIC 513 – Guidelines for evaluating passenger comfort in relation to vibration in railway vehicles

See also page

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ROLL FLEXIBILITY COEFFICIENT

Checking that the roll flexibility coefficient of a rail vehicle provides a good interface with the infrastructure.

OBJECTIVES

Determine the roll flexibility coefficient of railway vehicles by means of measurements on the line (rotation of the vehicle body around its longitudinal axis)

REFERENCES

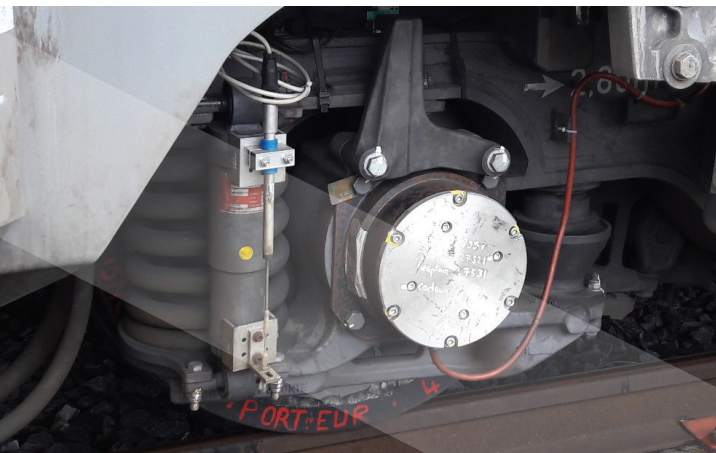
- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- SNCF


TEST RESOURCES

- Accelerometers
- Displacement sensors

STANDARDS

- EN 14363 – Testing for the acceptance of running characteristics of railway vehicles - Testing of running behaviour and stationary tests
- UIC 505-1 – Railway transport stock - Rolling stock construction gauge



 See also pages
17, 99



VIBRATION FATIGUE OF VEHICLE COMPONENTS

Optimizing rolling stock maintenance by evaluating the severity of vibratory stresses and their effect on the life of vehicle components via tests conducted on the line.

OBJECTIVES

- Predict life expectancy of a rolling stock component with regard to the stresses measured
- Quantify severity of various vibratory stresses applied on vehicle components using a method based on Fatigue Damage Spectrum (FDS) and Shock Response Spectrum (SRS) calculations
- Compare FDS of vibratory signals measured on components "Normative and functional FDS", calculated from the Power Spectral Density (PSD)
- Understand the causes of failures and check that repaired parts keep their integrity over time
- Study component behaviour on track and in revenue service traffic - with or without people onboard ("black box" test)

TEST RESOURCES


- Multi-channel data acquisition device
- Calibrators
- Data processing software
- Portable and independent recorder "CleA"
- PULSE measuring system
- Piezoelectric accelerometers, strain gauges, force sensors, displacement and pressure sensors, ammeters, voltmeters, etc.
- Shakers (various frequencies)

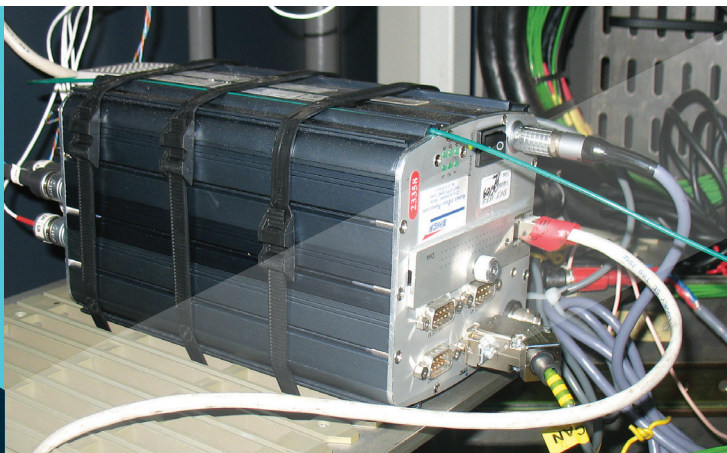
REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- RATP
- SNCF

STANDARDS

- EN 61373 – Rolling stock equipment - Shock and vibration tests
- MA 42100 – Authorization to perform measurements on trains in revenue service

 See also pages
72, 100, 106





DYNAMIC BEHAVIOUR OF METROS AND TRAMS

Analyzing the behaviour of a vehicle following abnormal behaviour in revenue service.

OBJECTIVES

- Determine by means of a device installed onboard the train:
 - tri-axial acceleration in the vehicle, bogies and axles
 - displacement of primary and/or secondary suspensions as well as pressure on air suspensions
 - lateral force on rubber-tyred rolling stock by means of a wheel force transducer
 - wheel lift ("wheel tread-railhead" height) over a short distance (e.g. turnout)
 - forces and displacements for couplers, buffers and rods
 - yaw, roll and pitch
- Establish an image of the Y/Q ratio through equipment installed on the track

TEST RESOURCES

- Triaxial accelerometers
- Displacement sensors
- Pressure sensors
- Strain gauges
- Doppler radar


REFERENCES

- Lyon Tramway (France)
- RATP
- Valenciennes Tramway (France)

STANDARDS

- EN 14363 – Testing for the acceptance of running characteristics of railway vehicles - Testing of running behaviour and stationary tests
- EN 15686 – Testing for the acceptance of running characteristics of railway vehicles with cant deficiency compensation system and/or vehicles intended to operate with higher cant deficiency than stated in EN 14363:2005, Annex G



 See also pages
17, 19, 68, 69, 97



MODAL ANALYSIS

Determining the modal characteristics of a structure - in addition to vibration testing for example.

OBJECTIVES

- Understand vibratory phenomena
- Adjust "finite element" models
- Measure the in-situ response of a structure subjected to one or several known excitations in order to determine its modal characteristics - frequency, damping, modal deflection curve associated with each mode

STANDARDS

- ISO 7626-1 – Mechanical vibration and shock - Experimental determination of mechanical mobility - Part 1: Basic terms and definitions, and transducer specifications
- ISO 7626-5 – Vibration and shock - Experimental determination of mechanical mobility - Part 5: Measurements using impact excitation with an exciter which is not attached to the structure

TEST RESOURCES

- Piezoelectric accelerometers
- Impact hammers
- Electrodynamic exciter
- Modal analysis software « LMS TEST LAB »

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METRO LINE RECORDING TRAIN

Carrying out a dynamic diagnosis of sens interfaces (positive and negative break pads v. Vignole rails and traction rail), electrically and mechanically.

OBJECTIVES

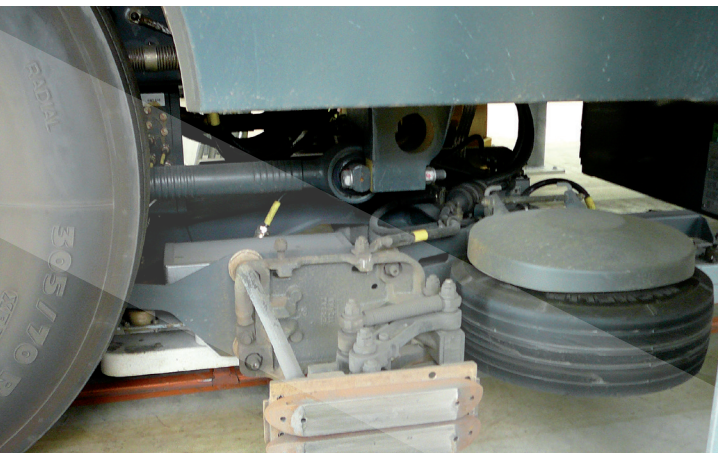
- Electrical and mechanical interface fault diagnostics
- Target and prioritizable maintenance
- Identification of defects and their exact location
- Expert technical analyses of the interfaces of rubber-tyred and light rail metro systems

REFERENCES

- CEF (Alstom)
- Mexico Metro
- RATP
- RTM (Marseille Metro)

TEST RESOURCES

- Cameras for continuous break observation
- Accelerometers to quantify the number of impacts
- Voltage and current sensors to localize loss of power supply and current peaks



 See also page

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ROLLING RESISTANCE

Determining rolling resistance values in order to adjust the traction power of a new railway vehicle and/or infrastructure and/or validate the coefficients taken into account for the theoretical train path for every run.

OBJECTIVES

- Determine the factors increasing the resistance to forward movement of a vehicle (rolling resistance and aerodynamic drag) by measuring several parameters: axle speed, acceleration, forces, traction current and wind speed
- Check the coefficient of the polynomial function of train rolling resistance by means of experiment

TEST RESOURCES

- Load cells
- Doppler radar
- Accelerometers
- Anemometer
- Weather station and tachometer unit

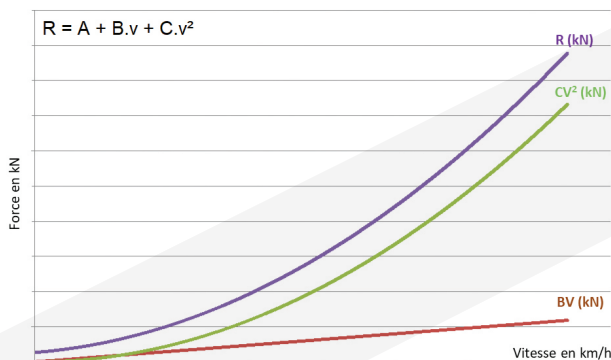
REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- Lille Metro
- RATP
- SIEMENS
- SYTRAL

STANDARDS

- EN 14067-3 – Aerodynamics - Part 3: Aerodynamics in tunnels
- EN 14067-4 – Aerodynamics - Part 4: Requirements and test procedures for aerodynamics on open track

See also pages
34, 35



TRACKSIDE MEASUREMENTS

Understanding the physical behaviour of the “vehicle-track” system through trackside measurements.

OBJECTIVES

- Perform and supervise dynamic measurements on passing trains
 - Physical phenomena: vertical and lateral forces exerted by the wheels on rails, stresses, forces and displacements on track components, structure deflection, accelerations on the rail, sleepers, track bed, etc.
 - Aerodynamic phenomena around the train: air velocity along the train, pressure in tunnels and in the open air
 - Acquisition and use of data: identification and characterization of traffic, natural frequencies and damping calculations, automating the acquisition and use of data
 - Remote monitoring of dynamic behaviour
- Perform and supervise measurements of slow phenomena
 - Meteorological parameters
 - Development physical parameters over time - on track or on structures
 - Levelling checks, settlement monitoring
 - Measurement of neutral temperatures of CWR (Continuous Welded Rail) - nondestructive method VERSE
 - Lateral track resistance
 - Remote monitoring of slow phenomena


REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- EUROTUNNEL
- RATP
- SNCF
- SNCF-RÉSEAU
- SYSTRA

STANDARDS

EN 14067 – Railway applications - Aerodynamics



 See also pages
42, 43, 45



VIDEO-BASED PANTOGRAPH GAUGE DETECTION

Identifying the mechanical causes of abnormal wear in a pantograph.

OBJECTIVES

- Equip a pantograph with a removable device the geometry of which replicates the theoretical gauge of the pantograph bow
- Pinpoint and identify the presence and the nature of an obstacle on the line

REFERENCES

- Montpellier Tramway
- RATP

TEST RESOURCES

- Video cameras
- Obstacle detection device
- Doppler radar



See also pages

30, 31, 32, 46, 47, 104



DOOR CLOSURE FORCES

Checking that the doors of a railway vehicle or the platform screen doors close properly for safety enhancement reasons.

OBJECTIVES

Make an accurate assessment of the following during door closure:

- impact forces
- door closure holding forces
- closing speed

TEST RESOURCES

- Multi-channel data acquisition device
- Displacement sensors
- S-shaped extensometer

REFERENCES

- RATP
- SYSTRA

STANDARDS

- EN ISO 286 – Geometrical product specifications (GPS) - ISO code system for tolerances on linear sizes
- EN 22768-1 & 2 – General tolerances - Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications



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FAILURE ANALYSIS

Identifying the contribution of each possible cause of failure.

OBJECTIVES

- Conduct a comprehensive investigation after a failure
- Assess the contribution of each possible cause of failure: Vibration fatigue, mechanical, track defect, impact, design, materials, etc.
- Propose appropriate and sustainable solutions

REFERENCES

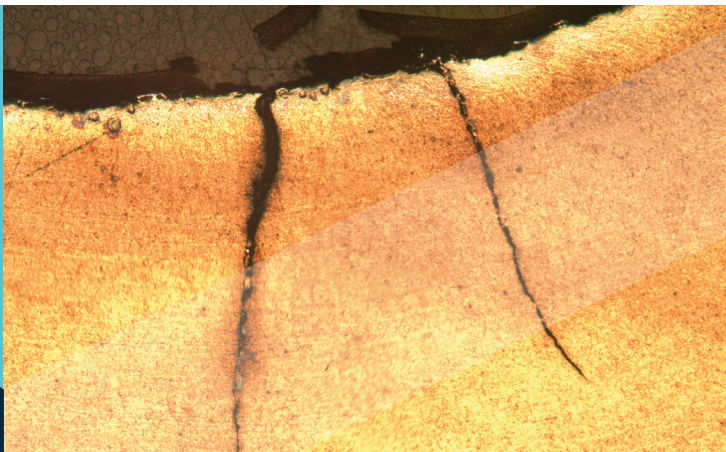
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- BOMBARDIER
- CFC
- CFL
- ECR
- EUROTUNNEL
- Legal experts
- RATP
- SNCF
- THI (THALYS)
- VTG

TEST RESOURCES

- Laboratory of metallurgy and mechanical characterization
- Hardness testing machines
- Tensile testing machines
- Resilience testing machines
- Diffractometer to assess residual stresses
- 3D scan
- Electron and optical microscopes

 See also pages

71, 72, 76, 98, 107,
108, 109, 111, 112



DIMENSIONAL CONTROLS

Better understand fracture, wear and deformation phenomena for both new and used parts.

OBJECTIVES

- Take dimensional measurements (radius, diameter, depth, angle, etc.):
- for complex and three-dimensional parts
- for new or used parts - measurement of dimensions specified on the plan (railway safety components, equipment, etc.)
- Measure shape and position defects: straightness, flatness, circularity, cylindricity, circular shape, parallelism, perpendicularity, coaxiality, concentricity, etc.
- Measure surface condition, thread dimension, threads or grooves

TEST RESOURCES

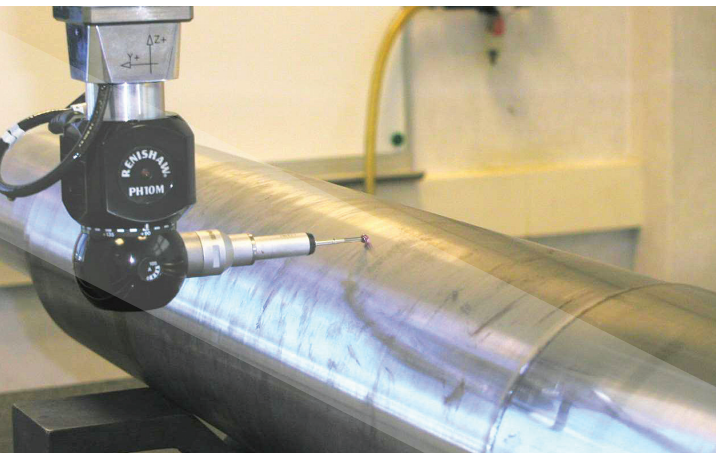
- 3D measuring machine (Tri-mesures)
- Profile projector
- Measuring column
- Numerous other measuring devices: micrometers, gauges, roughness testers, etc.

REFERENCES

- CIRCOR
- GREMCO
- RATP
- SNCF

STANDARDS

- EN ISO 286 – Geometrical product specifications (GPS) - ISO code system for tolerances on linear sizes
- EN 22768-1 & 2 – General tolerances
- Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications - Part 2: Geometrical tolerances for features without individual tolerance indications
- NF F00-037 – Railway equipment in general - Tolerances on metal parts - Permissible deviations on dimensions without tolerance indications - Allowance for machining
- ISO 965 – ISO general purpose metric screw threads - Tolerances
- ISO 4288 – Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) - Surface texture: profile method - Rules and procedures for the assessment of surface texture



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WELDED ASSEMBLIES

Checking welded assemblies, appraise them in the event of failure and qualify procedures.

OBJECTIVES

- Advise and participate in the development and validation of specifications
- Assist in the finalisation process (feedback, failure analysis and fatigue)
- Develop welding records
- Qualify welding procedures
- Verify compliance of assemblies (acceptance record)
- Appraise and analyze failures
- Qualify finishing processes of welding beads
- Ensure the development of finishing methods

REFERENCES

- Legal expertise
- RATP
- SNCF
- TSO

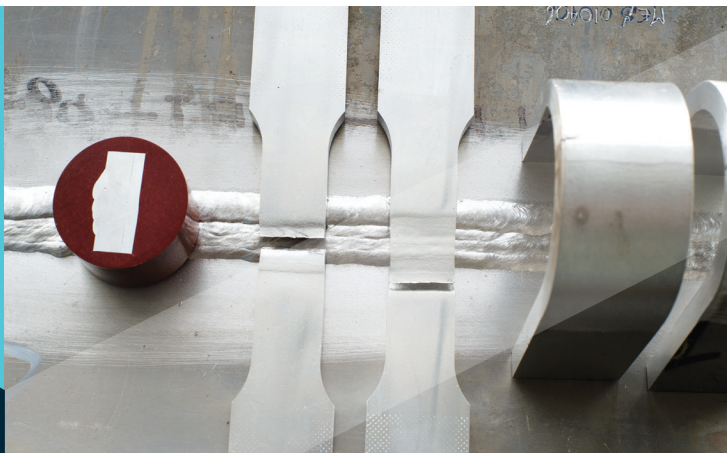
STANDARDS

- EN 15085 - 1 to 5 – Welding of railway vehicles and components
- EN ISO 15614 – Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials - Welding procedure test

TEST RESOURCES

- Tension/compression and bending machines
- Hardness testing machines, pendulum, optical microscopes, etc.
- Scanning electron microscope
- Portable diffractometer to assess residual stresses
- Electron microscope

See also pages
106, 109, 113



BOLTED ASSEMBLIES

Assessing, qualifying and verifying bolted assemblies, analyze their weaknesses and propose solutions.

OBJECTIVES

- Qualify bolted assembly procedures:
 - study bolt assembly procedures via clamping (on site or in laboratory)
 - study the behaviour of assemblies in revenue service
- Check the conformity of products (tooling, nuts and bolts, etc.)
- Fix bolted assembly dimensions
- Conduct failure analyzes

TEST RESOURCES

- Ultrasonic and strain gauge testing equipment for measuring clamping forces
- Test rigs for bolted assemblies
- « Torque/angle » analyses
- Scanning electron microscopy, micrography, hardness, tension
- COBRA calculation tool


REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- RATP
- SNCF
- THI (THALYS)

STANDARDS

- STMX 810 – Recommendations for bolted and screwed connections of components used in passenger rolling stock
- ST 001 – Fasteners, etc.
- EN ISO 898-1
- EN ISO 898-2



 See also pages
106, 108



BONDED ASSEMBLIES

Contributing to the qualification of bonded assemblies.

OBJECTIVES


- Check assemblies bonded to floor coverings, glazing sealants, etc.
- Perform characterization tests (tensile strength, lap shear, peel, ageing)

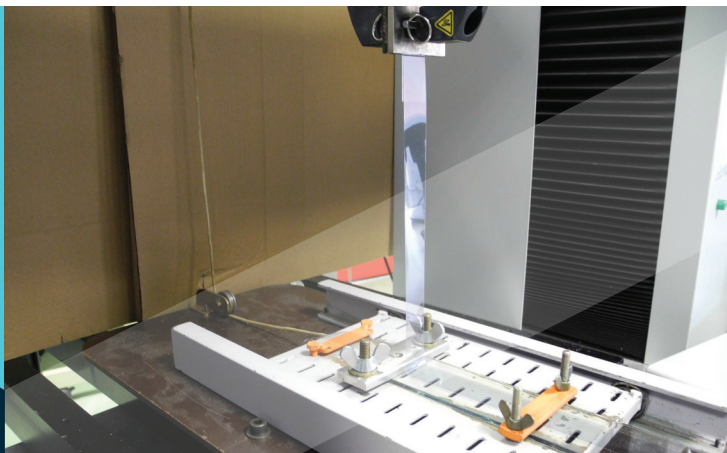
TEST RESOURCES

- Tensile/compression testing machine: tensile shear test, lap shear test, peel test, adhesion strength test, etc.
- Ageing chambers: heat, cold, humidity
- Thermal shock bench: heat with or without humidity/cold

STANDARDS

- EN 1372 – Peel test
- EN 1465 – Lap shear strength
- EN ISO 9142 – Ageing
- NF F 31-812

 See also pages
81, 88



MECHANICAL AND METALLURGICAL CHARACTERIZATION

Designing, developing, qualifying and conducting expert appraisals on a wide variety of metal parts.

OBJECTIVES

- Perform services related to the life cycle of a metal part or component (all types of bearings and springs, engine and drive train components, couplers, etc.)
- Assist in the development of specifications
- Assist in the finalization process
- Qualify parts or components according to technical requirements or specifications
- Analyse failures during the life of the part or component
- De-specialize
- Assess life potential
- Perform expert legal analyses

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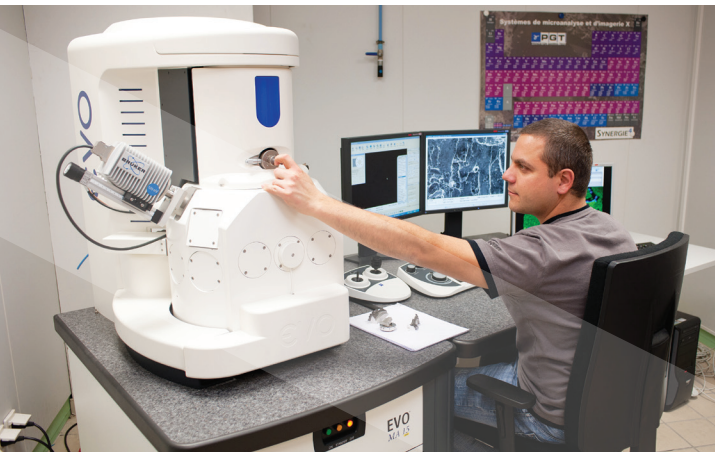
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- COLAS RAIL
- EUROTUNNEL
- RATP
- THI (THALYS)

STANDARDS

According to the part or component to be tested

TEST RESOURCES

- Tools used to characterize materials and their heat treatment: tension/compression and hardness testing machines, pendulum, optical microscopes, etc.
- Scanning electron microscope
- Roughness tester
- Portable diffractometer to assess residual stresses and residual austenite
- Spark spectrometer



See also pages
106, 113



RESIDUAL STRESSES

Quantify the residual stresses of running gears or catenaries to prevent the occurrence of failures. Implementation of a new device.

OBJECTIVES

Evaluate residual stresses in railway components through three types of measurement:

- ultrasonic
- extensometry
- X-ray diffraction

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BONATRANS
- CAF
- MG VALDUNES

STANDARDS

TEST RESOURCES

- Ultrasonic measurements: device for measuring on a test bench or under the vehicle (with or without contact)
- Extensometry: strain gauges used to measure stress after successive cuttings of the part (destructive method)
- X-ray diffraction measurements: portable system (iXRD MGR40) for on-site measurements - non-destructive method for surface evaluation + semi-destructive method for sub-layer evaluation

- EN 13261 – Railway applications - Wheelsets and bogies - Axles - Product requirements Measurements on axles using X-Ray diffraction
- EN 13262 – Wheelsets and bogies - Wheels - Product requirements. Extensometric measurements
- EN 13979-1 – Wheelsets and bogies - Monobloc wheels - Technical approval procedure - Part 1: Forged and rolled wheels. Ultrasonic measurements
- UIC 510-5 OR – Technical approval of monobloc wheels - Application document for standard EN 13979-1

See also pages
106, 113



RESIDUAL STRESS ANALYSIS BY X-RAY DIFFRACTION

Quantifying the residual stresses of a component on the client's premises using a portable diffraction system to prevent the occurrence of failures.

OBJECTIVES

Assess residual stresses for both new and used parts:

- Validate repair methods based on welding
- Qualify products
- Characterize finishing treatment, stress relieving treatment, etc.
- Monitor constraints in revenue service
- Quantify residual austenite formed during poorly controlled heat treatments that can cause component breakages (bearings, springs)

REFERENCES

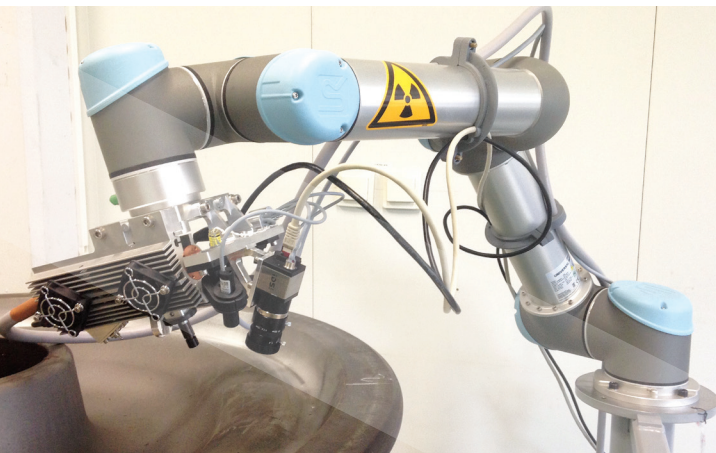
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- BONATRANS
- CAF
- IBRE
- ROLANFER
- SNCF
- VNF


STANDARDS

EN 15305 – Non-destructive testing
- Test method for residual stress analysis by X-ray diffraction

TEST RESOURCES

- iXRD MGR 40: portable system used for in situ measurements
- X-RayBot: Portable device for on-site measurements



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FLYING BALLAST IMPACT SIMULATION

Contributing to the validation/type approval of protective products or coatings by checking their resistance to flying ballast.

OBJECTIVES

- Check the ability of a material to withstand flying ballast impact
- Tests with different degrees of impact force
- Tests at different temperatures

TEST RESOURCES

- Pneumatic test bench capable of projecting ballast at different speeds
- Climatic chamber to prepare samples for testing at different temperatures
- Pressure sensor to set impact force
- Speed recorder to check impact speeds up to over 300 km/h

REFERENCES

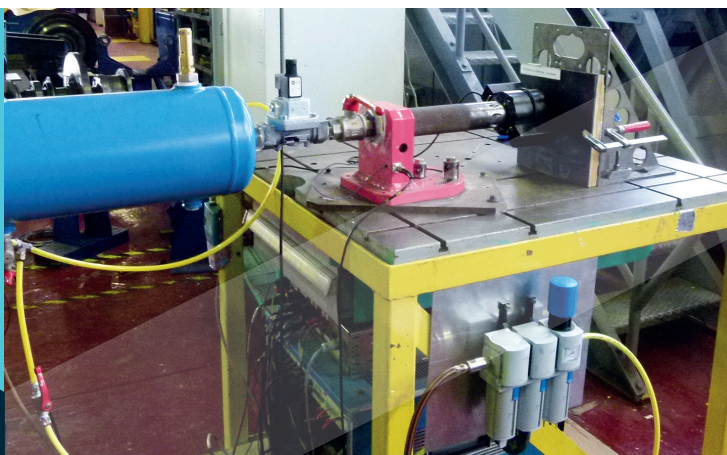
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- BOMBARDIER
- CYTEC
- HUBNER
- SIEMENS

STANDARDS

- NF F 07-101 – Flying ballast impact simulation
- Standard 19293 – NF F 07-101 - 2002-03

See also pages

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NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING (NDT): MAGNETIC PARTICLE, ULTRASONIC AND DYE PENETRANT TESTING

Non-destructive testing of railway parts, helping to select the best method and qualify products, equipment and methods.

OBJECTIVES

- Advise on the choice of testing methods
- Assess railway parts with magnetic particle, ultrasonic and dye penetrant testing
- Develop new inspection methods
- Advise and develop specifications for non-destructive testing equipment
- Qualify equipment, products, testing instruction sheets, automated facilities and working standards
- COFREND examination centre for rail sector certification (CFCM/COFREND)

ACCREDITATIONS

CFMC Level 3 certification for ultrasonic, magnetic particle and dye penetrant testing, and CIFM – COFREND Level 2 certification for Eddy current testing (according to ISO 9712)

REFERENCES

- AIS
- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- BONATRANS
- CAF
- LUCCHINI
- MG VALDUNES
- RATP


TEST RESOURCES

- Ultrasonic immersion inspection tank
- Magnetic particle test bench
- Wheel control test bench with magnetic particle testing
- Probes and other devices
- Multi-component ultrasound unit
- Eddy-current testing (conventional and multi-component)

STANDARDS

- Magnetic particle testing: EN ISO 9934, EN 1369, EN 10228, EN 17638, EN 23278, ISO 6933
- Ultrasonic testing: EN 12668, EN 583, ISO 5948
- Dye penetrant testing: EN 571, EN ISO 3452, EN ISO 12706
- Certification of personnel ISO 9712



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ELECTRICAL PERFORMANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ROLLING STOCK

Checking electrical characteristics of rolling stock and infrastructure in relation to customer technical specifications.

OBJECTIVES

- Check the consumption and/or quality of electric power supplies to sub-stations, rectifier sub-stations, complete railway lines or even escalators
- Simulate the capacity of the line and its equipment under normal or downgraded conditions
- Check the compliance of the electrical performance of rolling stock with specifications

REFERENCES

- CTS (Strasbourg)
- RATP

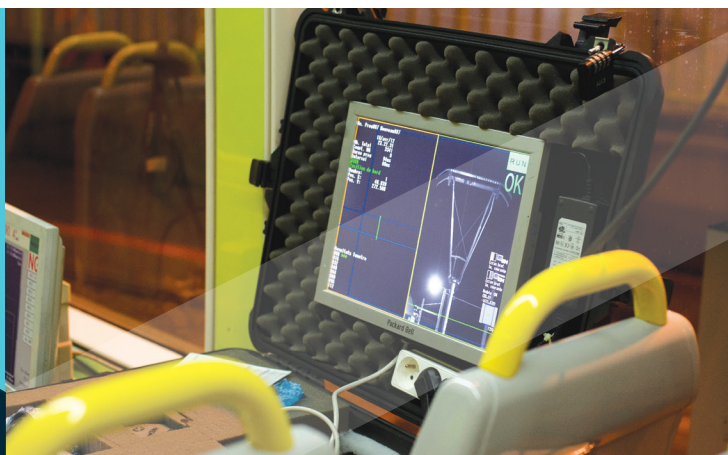
STANDARDS

- All reference documents in force
- Particular technical specifications

TEST RESOURCES

- Data loggers
- Voltage sensors and data processing software
- High-speed thermal cameras
- Network analyzer with associated sensors (AC)

See also pages
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POWER METER VALIDATION

Checking the on-board power metering system.

OBJECTIVES

- Characterize the power consumption meter installed on a train
 - Measure pantograph voltage and current on board the train
 - Calculate energy consumed and injected back into the network
 - Check the behaviour of associated systems (circuit breaker, voltmeter, relay...)

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM

STANDARDS

- EN 50463

TEST RESOURCES

- Voltage sensor
- Current sensor
- Power metering software
- Data acquisition board
- Power source / variable current
- Climatic chamber (-40°C / +85°C)



Mesures de courant
Mesures de tension
...

See also pages
34, 118, 120, 122



INFRASTRUCTURE-ROLLING STOCK INTERACTION

Understanding the origin of malfunctions related to interaction between infrastructure and rolling stock.

OBJECTIVES

- Measure current and voltage from the traction sub-station
- Perform signal processing in order to identify the emergence of disruptive phenomena: Unexpected activation, pumping, harmonics, impedance, etc.

REFERENCES

- RATP
- SNCF

STANDARDS

- EN 50163
- EN 50388

TEST RESOURCES

- Voltage sensor
- Amperometric clamp
- Data acquisition board
- SENTINEL software
- Voltage and current sensors, QMR7/QMR-X SPU-Box



See also pages

34, 118, 119, 122, 123





RADIO-ELECTRIC COVERAGE

Checking that the radio coverage of railway equipment is compliant with the criteria in force.

OBJECTIVES

- Install measuring and testing tools on test rail vehicles
- Measuring RF power levels and potential interference (dynamic measurement at low and/or high speed) and convert information into ASCII or cartographic formats
- Perform statistical processing of radio coverage and convert coverage criteria into graphic format
- Measure the voice quality of the radio link
- Develop optimization plans
- Conduct technical and functional tests on the GSM-R ground-train radio system - in order to verify proper operation (static and dynamic tests)

REFERENCES

- SNCF
- SNCF-RÉSEAU
- TEP

TEST RESOURCES

- Railway coaches, road vehicles, “railway bicycles” (on the French network)
- Radio measurement system
- Radio measuring receivers
- Trace mobiles
- Test benches
- Specific antennas installed on the test car roof
- Positioning systems: odometry, locator, GPS
- GSM-R cab radio, GSM-R portable systems

STANDARDS

- UIC 751 – Railway radio equipment - Fixed and mobile units - General technical considerations
- EIRENE FRS (Functional Requirement Specification) and SRS (System Requirement Specification)
- ISO 9001 V2000



See also pages

57, 79



ELECTRICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF MATERIALS

Checking electrical properties of materials for their qualification.

OBJECTIVES

Determine insulation characteristics (volume and surface resistivity) and the behaviour under voltage of an insulating material (dielectric strength)

TEST RESOURCES

- High voltage cage (AC/DC):
 - up to 100 kV AC and up to 100 mA for leakage current
 - up to 20 kV DC and up to 5 mA for leakage current
- Teraohmmeter Picoammeter

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- COMECA
- EDILON SEDRA
- MERSEN
- PREFARAIL
- SEA Abrasif
- STAR (Rennes, France)

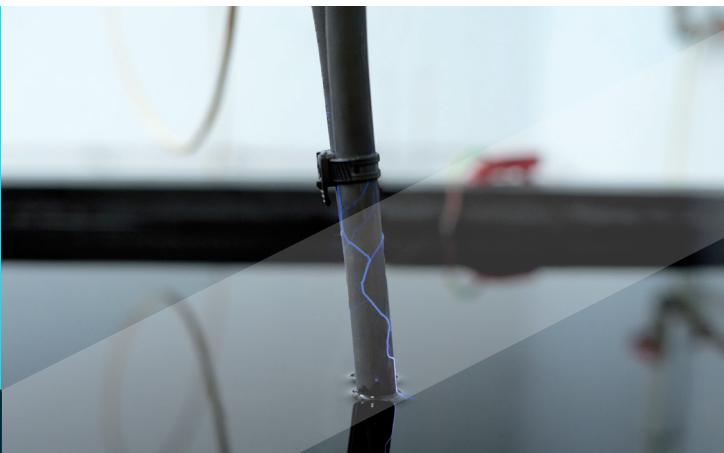
STANDARDS

- IEC 93 (NF C 26215) – Methods of test for volume resistivity and surface resistivity of solid electrical insulating materials
- IEC 167 (NF C 26210) – Methods of test for the determination of the insulation resistance of solid insulating materials
- Standards produced by operators



See also pages

41, 78, 118, 119, 120





TRACK CONDUCTIVITY

Avoiding power losses, reducing corrosion due to non-railway underground equipment near the track, and ensuring proper track insulation.

OBJECTIVES

- Check without “mechanically” cutting the track that it does not generate stray currents
- Monitor compliance of track insulation during commissioning or preventive maintenance

REFERENCES

- COLAS Rail
- ETF
- FRATER OF POURCQ (Belgium)
- PREFER (Portugal)
- STIB (Belgium)
- TSO/CIM GROUP (Ecuador)

TEST RESOURCES

- Dedicated power supply
- Voltmeters and ammeters
- Data acquisition and processing system

STANDARDS

EN 50122-2 – Fixed installations -
Electrical safety, earthing and the return
circuit - Part 2: Provisions against the
effects of stray currents caused by DC
traction systems



 See also pages

41, 118, 120



INSTRUMENTATION AND REMOTE MEASUREMENTS

Installation of black box type instruments to record various parameters on vehicles in revenue service operation.

OBJECTIVES

- Deliver turnkey measurement tools
- Instrument on-demand components (axle, pantograph, coupler, buffer, etc.)
- Develop and deliver black box type systems according to need
- Supply reliable instrumented sensor heads (wire sensors, optical fibre, wireless sensors)
- Collect large volumes of data during service conditions for statistical processing
- Specific processing for infrequent occurrences requiring long-term monitoring to locate their geographical position and identify the conditions in which they occur

TEST RESOURCES

- IMC measuring chains
- Internal data acquisition and extraction software
- Automated data collection and treatment on our serves
- Remote control
- All types of sensors

REFERENCES

- 2007 world speed record (600 measurements – excluding fieldbus)
- RATP
- Recording on trains in revenue service operation
- Régionalis
- Régio2N ONO (introduction of new measuring chain)
- RER NG
- Tram-train
- V360



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PRODUCT OR MATERIALS CHARACTERIZATION

Checking that a product or a material complies with user specifications.

OBJECTIVES

- Determine the quantitative and qualitative composition of samples of liquids or solids: analysis of products and materials (crystalline silica, components of a cleaning product, paint, sintered brake shoe, polymer, etc.)
- Assess corrosion resistance of a material with regard to a product
- Determine material-product compatibility
- Characterize material behaviour with regard to tags and cleaning products

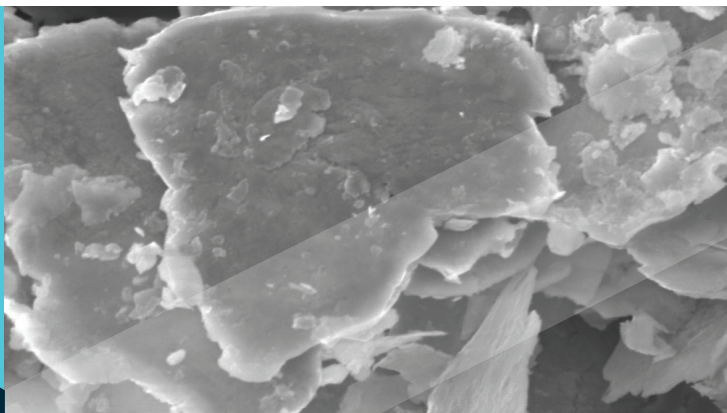
TEST RESOURCES

- X-ray fluorescence
- X-ray diffraction
- Atomic emission spectroscopy
- Infrared equipment
- Characterization of physico-chemical properties
- Thermal analyses (DSC, TGA)
- pH meter
- Conductivity meter

REFERENCES

- AVERY DENNISON
- GERGONNE
- GSDI
- HEXIS
- SESALY

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EXPERT ANALYSIS OF NON-METAL MATERIALS

Determining the causes of failure and life cycles of polymers and elastomers and their compatibility with other products.

OBJECTIVES

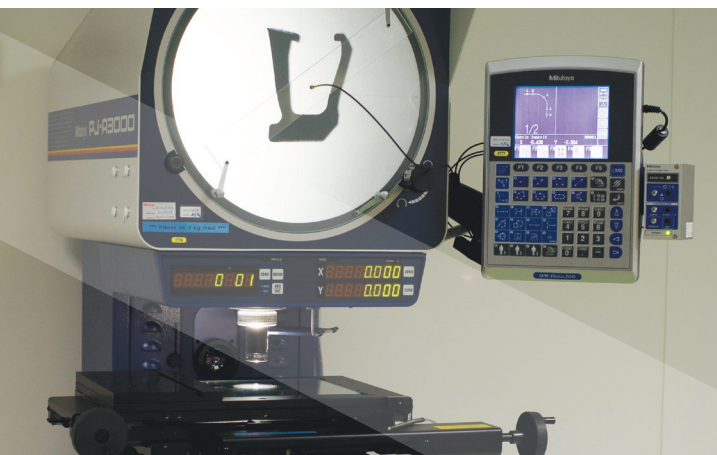
- Determine physico-chemical properties of a material (mainly polymers or elastomers)
- Conduct comparative studies between two materials
- Study compatibility of a material and its environment
- Understand the ageing process by conducting polymer deformation or hardness measurements


TEST RESOURCES

- Analytical coupling TGA / GC-MS – Thermo Gravimetric Analysis
- Infrared spectrometry
- Plasma spectrometry (ICP)
- Compression set and residual deformation after elongation (DRC and DRA)
- Measurement of hardness (micro DIDC, DIDC, Shore A and D), tension, tear and resistance to low temperatures (TR10 and brittle point)
- Tools for testing pressure resistance (seals, pipes, hoses)
- Tools for measuring resistance to environmental conditions (heat, oil, coolant, etc.)

REFERENCES

- RATP
- SNCF



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RUBBER AND RUBBER-METAL MATERIALS EXPERTISE

Analyzing and assessing failures and lifetime of rubber-based parts as well as their compatibility with other products.

OBJECTIVES

- Qualify products and parts
- Analyze failures
- Develop specifications
- Assess potential life cycle (standards and specifications)
- Study rubber compatibility with oil
- Check resistance to cleaning products
- Study and develop products for operation at low temperature

STANDARDS

- EN 13913 & STM R 702 – Rubber suspension components - Elastomer-based mechanical parts
- NF F00-071 – Moulded parts in compact rubber
- NF F00-072 – Extruded parts in compact rubber
- NF F11-380 – Flexible rubber-based hoses for compressed air
- EN 15807 – Pneumatic half couplings
- STM D-001 & D-002, STM D-050, STM F-024, STM F-602, STM D-802 & D-803

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOMBARDIER
- SNCF

TEST RESOURCES

4 tension/compression testing machines:
0-20kN / 0-100kN / 0-200kN / 0-400kN

Rubber Parts

- Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA), Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC), IR Spectroscopy - for physico-chemical analysis of rubber
- DRC and DRA: compression set + Residual deformation after elongation
- Devices for measuring hardness, DIDC, Shore A and D, tension, tear and resistance to low temperatures (TR10 and Brittle point)
- Equipment for testing pressure resistance (seals, pipes, hoses)
- Tools for measuring resistance to environmental conditions (heat, oil, coolant, etc.)

Rubber-Metal Parts

- Instruments for measuring:
 - static stiffness (before and after ageing, and at high and low temperature)
 - dynamic stiffness (before and after ageing)
 - creep and stress relaxation
 - adhesion
 - resistance to environmental conditions

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FIRE BEHAVIOUR TESTS ON CABLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS REGULATION (CPR)

The CPR has been developed by the European Commission to provide a legal framework for ensuring that construction works are designed and executed so as not to endanger the safety of persons, domestic animals or property nor damage the environment. The CPR states that, in order to market construction products covered by a harmonised standard or compliant with a European technical assessment document, manufacturers will have to produce a performance statement and include the CE marking on such products, thereby taking responsibility for the conformity of their products with regard to the performance standards declared.

OBJECTIVES

To establish the Euroclass of a cable (indicating its fire behaviour). For most applications, cables are subject to fire safety requirements and their performance in this respect has to be declared to earn the CE marking

TEST RESOURCES

- Tube furnaces, conductometer and pH meter to establish the acid number
- Test unit for calorimeter and opacimeter measurements on bunched cables
- 27m³ chamber to establish the smoke-developed index
- 1kW burner test unit for insulated cables

ACCREDITATIONS

- ISO 17025
- LAB REF 33 (system 3)

STANDARDS

- EN 13501-6
- EN 50575
- NF EN 50399
- NF EN 60754-1 & -2
- NF EN 60332-1-1 & -2
- NF EN 61034-1 & -2



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QUALITY OF ON-BOARD WATER SUPPLIES AND MICROBIOLOGY

Providing expertise with regard to the quality of the water on board trains.

OBJECTIVES

- Conduct analyses and audits on the quality of the on-board water supplied to washbasins, especially microbiological analyses (*Escherichia Coli*, coliform bacteria, enterococcus, *Pseudomonas Aeruginosa*, germs)
- Check to ensure that water is potable and that suitable disinfection procedures are in place
- Establish the inspection resources needed and the corresponding inspection frequencies for a rolling stock fleet

TEST RESOURCES

- Basic chemistry measurement equipment
- IDEXX
- Potability test bench – Disinfection test bench

ACCREDITATIONS

- ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC

REFERENCES

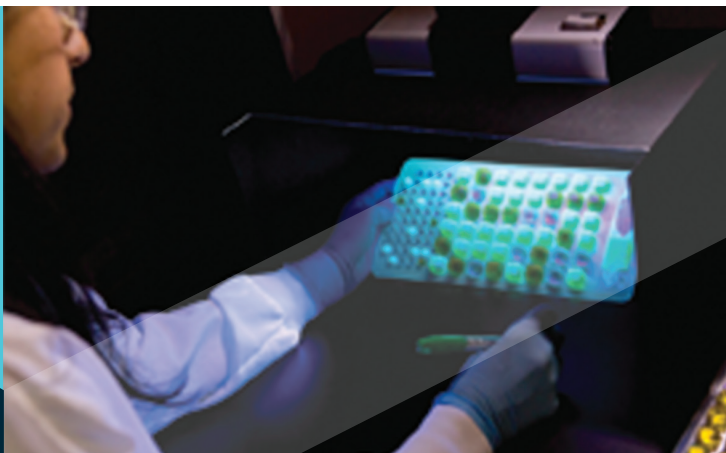
- ALSTOM
- SNCF

STANDARDS

- LAB GTA 29 – Water intended for human consumption
- FD T 90-520 – Technical guidelines for sampling and health monitoring of the waters ; French public health code applicable
- NF EN ISO 19458 – Quality of water - Sampling for microbiological analyses,
- NF EN ISO 10523 – pH determinations
- NF EN ISO 7393-2 – Dosage of free chlorine and total chlorine

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WATER QUALITY – WASTE WATER AND MICRO-POLLUTANTS FROM RAILWAY ACTIVITY

Providing expertise with regard to waste water and micro-pollutants from railway and industrial activity.

OBJECTIVES

Waste water:

- Conduct pollution assessments
- Optimize the efficiency of waste water treatment plants
- Make proposals to reduce pollution at source
- Check compliance with regulations for industrial sites
- Conduct analyses: pH, T, MES, DCO, HCT, Pt, NTK, NO₂, NO₃, metal elements (Al, Fe, Cu, Pb, Ni, Cr, Mn...), ASA, Alkylphenols, HAP, PFOS, DEHP...

TEST RESOURCES

- UV spectrophotometry
- Plasma spectrometer
- Basic chemistry measurement equipment

ACCREDITATIONS

- ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- SNCF

STANDARDS

- LAB GTA 05 – Physico-chemical water analyses
- NF EN ISO 10523 – pH determinations
- NF EN ISO 17294 – Inductively coupled plasma application (ICP-MS) – Part 2: dosage of 62 elements
- NF EN 872 – MES dosage
- NF EN 903 – Dosage of anionic surfactants
- NF EN 25663 – Dosage of Kjeldhal nitrogen
- NF EN 15705 – Determination of the chemical oxygen demand index (St DCO)



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RAILWAY NOISE AND VIBRATION

– LOCAL RESIDENTS

Assessing the noise and vibration pollution caused by rail transport.

OBJECTIVES

- Characterize situations that can create discomfort for local residents caused by vibro-acoustic phenomena due to structure-borne underground or ground vibrations
- Characterize the operation of specific equipment (fans, escalators, air conditioning, air vents, etc.) from an acoustics point of view before and/or after renovation work
- Produce an environmental noise map and study the impact by means of digital simulation

TEST RESOURCES

- Class 1 integrating sound level meters
- Sound calibrators
- Accelerometers
- Data acquisition system (4 to 16 channels)
- Processing software

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC

REFERENCES

RATP

STANDARDS

- NF S31-010 – Acoustics - Environmental noise characterization and measurement - Special measuring methods
- NF S31-110 – Acoustics - Description and measurement of environmental noise - Basic quantities and general evaluation methods
- NF S31-088 – Acoustics - Measurement of railway traffic noise with a view to its characterization
- French Decree of 31 August 2006 regarding local noise abatement requirements and amending the Public Health Code
- French Order of 8 November 1999 – Railway infrastructure noise

 See also pages

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NOISE FROM INDUSTRIAL SITES

Checking that noise emitted by industrial sites complies with relevant standards and regulations.

OBJECTIVES

- Check at regular intervals, through measurements of ambient and residual noise defined by regulations, that industrial activity does not cause noise pollution for neighbours
- Qualify the risk of noise-induced discomfort for those living in the vicinity

TEST RESOURCES

- Class 1 integrating sound level meters
- Sound calibrators
- Processing software
- Measuring masts (up to 15m high)
- All-weather kits for long-term measurements (7 days)
- Weather station

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC


REFERENCES

RATP

STANDARDS

- NF S31-010 – Acoustics - NF S31-010 Environmental noise characterization and measurement. Special measuring methods
- NF S31-110 – Acoustics - Description and measurement of environmental noise - Basic quantities and general evaluation methods
- French order of 23 January 1997 regarding the reduction of noise emitted into the environment by facilities classified for environmental protection
- French decree of 31 August 2006 regarding local noise abatement requirements and amending the Public Health Code
- See European Directive 2003/10/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 February 2003 on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (noise)
- Order of 15 December 2015 on the methods for calculating the physical parameters indicative of the risk of exposure to noise and the conditions for measuring noise levels in a work environment



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WORKPLACE NOISE

Checking that level of daily noise exposure of personnel in the workplace complies with relevant standards and regulations, and improving hearing comfort.

OBJECTIVES

- Measure daily exposure of employees to noise at their individual workstations in relation to the regulations in force
- Predict noise levels of production sites by means of calculations
- Study hearing protectors
- Analyse measurements with regard to health and safety at work regulations
- Check conformity of new and improved workstations

TEST RESOURCES

- Portable noise dosimeters, sound level meters and sound calibrators
- Software dedicated to noise measurements at the workplace
- Data acquisition systems for architectural measurements
- Software used for predictive measurements of noise levels in workshops
- Acoustic test chamber
- Data acquisition software for subjective study (CNRS/INRS)
- Software: dBTrait, dBWed, dBLEXD

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC

REFERENCES

- CNRS
- RATP
- INRS
- SNCF

STANDARDS

- EN ISO 9612 – Acoustics - Determination of occupational noise exposure - Engineering method
- EN 458
- EN ISO 4869-2 – Hearing protectors - Part 2: Estimation of effective A-weighted sound pressure levels when hearing protectors are worn
- French Labour Code applicable
- French Order of 11 December 2015
- French Order of 15 December 2015 on the methods for calculating the physical parameters indicative of the risk of exposure to noise and the conditions for measuring noise levels in a work environment
- See European Directive 2003/10/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 February 2003 on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (noise)

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WHOLE-BODY VIBRATIONS

Checking the compliance of the exposure of works vehicle operators and train drivers to vibrations propagated throughout the whole of their bodies.

OBJECTIVES

- Assess vibrations transmitted through the seat or feet of employees who use mobile machines or other work vehicles
- Measure vibration exposure experienced by employees at their individual workstations
- Compare the degree of exposure with the statutory limits
- Validate workstation improvements

TEST RESOURCES

- Tri-axial accelerometers
- Multi-channel data acquisition device
- Chair seat pads used with tri-axial accelerometers (that can be placed on the seat)
- Vibrometry equipment
- Dosimeters

REFERENCES

- RATP
- SNCF

STANDARDS

- EN 14253+A1 – Mechanical vibration - Measurement and calculation of occupational exposure to whole-body vibration with reference to health - Practical guidance
- Labour Code applicable
- See European Directive 2002/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2002 on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (vibrations)
- Directive 2002/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 June 2002 on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (vibration)



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HAND-ARM VIBRATION

Checking the compliance of the vibrations transmitted into the palms, fingers and arms of employees when handling power tools.

OBJECTIVES

- Measure worker exposure to hand-transmitted vibrations in the workplace - primarily for track maintenance and rolling stock staff
- Compare the degree of exposure with the statutory limits
- Validate workstation improvements

TEST RESOURCES

- Regular and tri-axial accelerometers
- Multi-channel data acquisition device

REFERENCES

- RATP
- SNCF

STANDARDS

- EN ISO 5349-2+A1 – Mechanical vibration - Measurement and evaluation of human exposure to hand-transmitted vibration – Part 2: Practical guidance for measurement at the workplace Amendment 1
- Labour Code applicable
- EN ISO 28927 (all parts from 1 to 8)

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WORKPLACE AIR QUALITY – OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS

Monitoring employee exposure to chemicals in the air and contribute to the improvement of workstations.

OBJECTIVES

- Define the sampling strategy for identifying individual measurements to perform in compliance with the regulatory requirements
- Propose a strategy for performing measurements in an ambient atmosphere via fixed point sampling
- Estimate the individual level of exposure to chemical agents present in the air: particles, wood dust, fibres (glass fibres, refractory ceramic fibres), metals, silica, hydrocarbons, gases, etc.
- Measure fixed point concentrations of gases, solvents, dust and products subject to heat degeneration in premises with specific and non-specific pollution
- Establish a diagnosis of compliance (or not) with Occupational Exposure Limits (OEL)

ACCREDITATIONS

- ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC
- COFRAC reference document LAB REF 27

TEST RESOURCES

- Air sampling devices for recording air on operators (pump, CIP10, flowmeter, thermo-hygrometer, etc.)
- Sampling devices for recording air at fixed points
- Gas detector

REFERENCES

- ADP
- ASTEN
- EUROFINS
- LAFARGE
- RATP
- SFP
- TSO

STANDARDS

- French Labour Code – Order and Decree No. 2009-1570 of 15 December 2009
- French Circular DGT 2010/03 of 13 April 2010
- NF X 43-257, NF X 43-262, NF X 43-264, NF X 43-267, NF X 43-275, NF X 43-294, NF X 43-298, XP X 43-269, etc.



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WORKPLACE AIR QUALITY – ASBESTOS

Assist rail industry partners in managing asbestos issues on a day-to-day basis or during specific works operations.

OBJECTIVES

- Help the client carry out works where there is a risk of exposure to asbestos and assist them in their choice of technical solutions
- Define a sampling strategy to determine dust levels in compliance with the regulatory requirements
- Conduct measurements of asbestos fibre dust in building constructions and at workstations
- Interact with the Unions

TEST RESOURCES

- Sampling devices for recording air on operators
- Sampling devices for recording air at fixed points
- Intellectual services

REFERENCES

- PARVIS
- ADP

ACCREDITATIONS

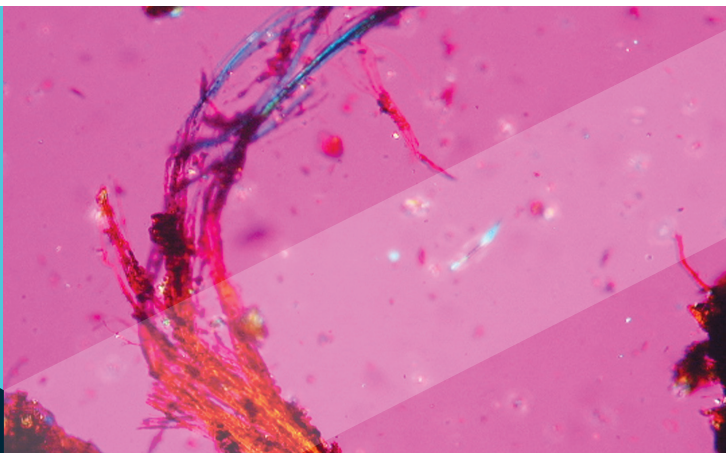
- COFRAC according to the NF EN ISO 17025 standard
- Asbestos: COFRAC reference documents LAB REF 26 and 28

STANDARDS

- French Labour Code – Decree 2012-639 of 4 May 2012 – Decree 2013-594 of 5 July 2013 - Decree 2015-789 of 29 June 2015 - Order of 14 August 2012 – Order of 30 May 2018
- EN ISO 16000 -7 and its application guide GA X 46-033
- NF X 43-269 and NF X 43-050

 See also pages

143, 145, 146, 147



TUNNEL AIR QUALITY – OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS

Monitoring air quality in tunnels during construction or maintenance work.

OBJECTIVES

- Monitor, in real time, gas concentrations (O_2 , CO/CO_2 , NO/NO_2 , SO_2 , H_2S) and check that threshold limit values during tunnel work are not exceeded (alerts)
- Perform a regulatory control of occupational exposure to chemical agents (diesel particulates, respirable dust, crystalline silica, metals, etc.)
- Check that there is sufficient air renewal in tunnels to dilute pollutants emitted

TEST RESOURCES

- Gas detectors
- Anemometer
- Individual sampling probes
- Sampling devices for recording air on operators (pump, CIP10, flowmeter, thermo-hygrometer, etc.)
- Sampling devices for recording air at fixed points

REFERENCES

- COLAS Rail
- EOLE
- MARUB
- RATP
- SNCF
- TSO

ACCREDITATIONS

- EN ISO 17025 awarded by COFRAC
- Chemical risk: COFRAC LAB REF 27 reference

STANDARDS

- French Labour code – Order and Decree 2009-1570 of 15 December 2009 – Order of 8 June 1990
- French Circular DGT 2010/03 of 13 April 2010
- NF X 43-257, NF X 43-262, NF X 43-264, NF X 43-267, NF X 43-275, NF X 43-294...



 See also pages

143, 144, 146, 147, 148



VENTILATION AND WORKPLACE FILTRATION SYSTEMS

Verifying that ventilation and air cleaning systems installed in premises and workspaces are compliant with relevant standards and regulations.

OBJECTIVES

- Conduct air quality audits in premises with specific and non-specific air pollution (e.g. offices)
- Measure airflow rate and/or air velocity in the workplace and in pollutant collection systems at source (e.g. paint booth)
- Provide technical assistance for the development of gas and particle cleaning systems



TEST RESOURCES

- Anemometers
- Smoke generators

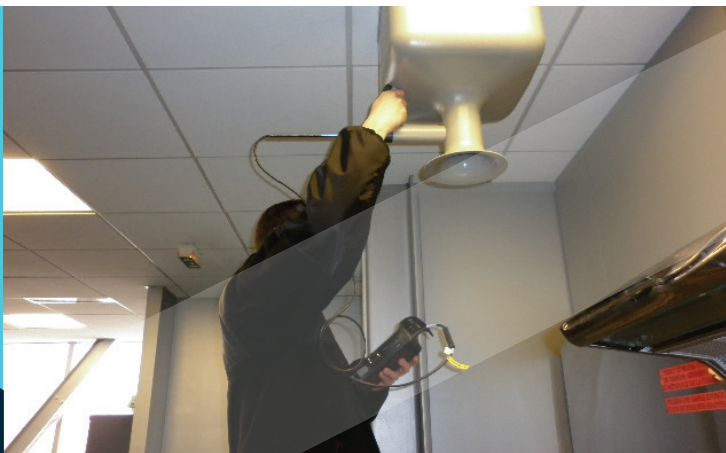
REFERENCES

- RATP
- SNCF

STANDARDS

- French Labour Code – Articles R. 4222-2 to R. 4222-18 and R. 4212-1 to R. 4212-7
- French Circular of 9 May 1985 regarding the technical review of Decrees 84-1093 and 84-1094 of 7 December 1984
- Orders of 8 and 9 October 1987
- NF X43-406 – Air Quality - Strategy for environmental investigation following an alert - Buildings for residential, educational or office use

See also pages
145, 147



UNDERGROUND AIR QUALITY MONITORING – EXPOSURE OF GENERAL PUBLIC

Continuously monitor air quality in railway stations and underground stations.

OBJECTIVES

Collect and study concentrations of traffic-related air pollutants:

- Nitrogen oxides
- Carbon dioxide
- Carbon monoxide
- PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ (particulate matter)

TEST RESOURCES

- Analysers: NO , NO_2 , CO_2 , PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$
- Data acquisition and processing systems
- Continuous sites SNCF and RATP

ACCREDITATIONS

ISO/IEC 17025 awarded by COFRAC

REFERENCES

- RATP / SQUALES network
- SNCF

STANDARDS

- EN 14211 – Ambient atmosphere - Standardized method for measuring concentration of nitrogen dioxide and nitrogen monoxide using chemiluminescence
- NF X 43-055 – Ambient atmosphere - Metrology applied to measuring gaseous atmospheric pollutants - Sampling of ambient atmosphere and implementation of calibration gases



 See also pages

144, 145, 146, 148



AIR QUALITY - CHARACTERIZATION OF BRAKE SHOE EMISSIONS

Characterize the emissions from brake shoes during brake tests in the laboratory.

OBJECTIVES

- Characterize and study the concentrations of pollutants produced by brake shoes (particles, metal, VOC, etc.)
- Provide support for the choice of technical solutions

STANDARDS

- LAB REF 22
- ISO 10780
- NF X 44-052, NF EN 13284-1, NF EN 14385...

TEST RESOURCES

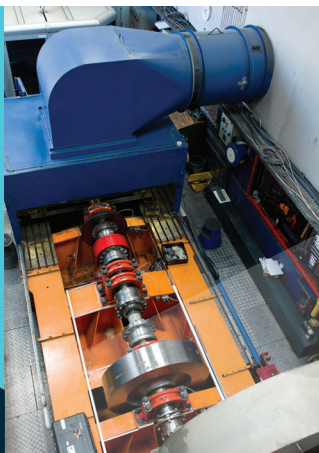
- Brake rig
- Devices for measuring air emissions
- Intellectual services

REFERENCES

- RATP
- TALLANO TECHNOLOGIE

 See also pages

22, 67, 143, 145, 147





HUMAN EXPOSURE TO ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS (LF/HF)

Checking that electromagnetic fields occurring in a specific area affect neither the general public nor employees.

OBJECTIVES

Measure public and staff exposure to electromagnetic fields

TEST RESOURCES

- Electromagnetic field measuring devices (Low frequency and High frequency) - from 5 Hz to 6 GHz
- Gaussmeter for continuous magnetic field
- Spectrum analyzer
- Electric and magnetic field antennas (from 5 Hz to 6 GHz)
- Measuring systems based on ANFR protocol (French Frequency Agency)

ACCREDITATIONS

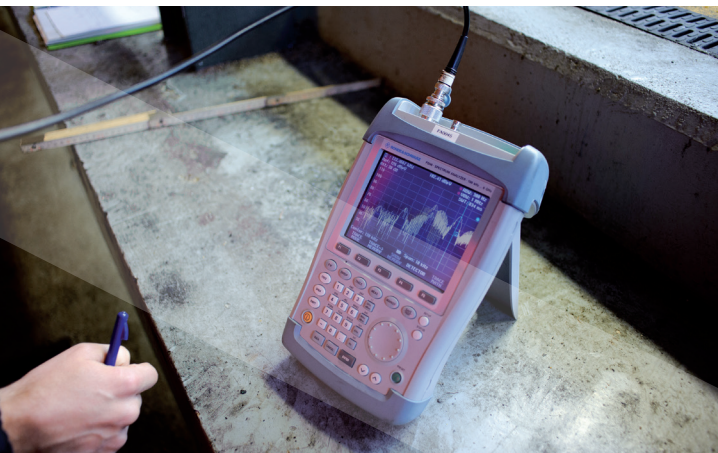
- Case A according to the ANFR protocole

REFERENCES

- ALSTOM
- BOUYGUES TELECOM
- ORANGE
- PARIS HABITAT
- SFR
- SIEMENS

STANDARDS

- EN 50492 – Basic standard for the in-situ measurement of electromagnetic field strength related to human exposure in the vicinity of base stations
- EN 50500 – Measurement procedures of magnetic field levels generated by electronic and electrical apparatus in the railway environment with respect to human exposure
- Directive 2013/35/EU (employees)
- European Recommendation 1999/519/EC (general public)
- ANFR (French frequency agency) protocol



 See also pages

26, 27, 28, 29, 54, 55



PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION

Controlling the degree of exposure to ionizing radiation as part of efforts to obviate occupational hazards. Fulfilling the functions of the Radiation Protection Officer (RPO).

OBJECTIVES

- Produce an inventory of the sources of emission at the workplace
- Assess ionizing radiation risks
- Conduct the periodical internal checks required by the regulations
- Organize/supervise the external verifications conducted by an approved authority
- Contribute to the production of the requisite documents: single reference document, prevention plan, job reference sheets
- Define and ensure the appropriate dosimetry
- Define areas subject to the regulations or to the special regulations
- Define the corresponding individual or collective forms of protection
- Calculate the doses emitted by the sources of ionizing radiation to include this information in the staff exposure records
- Train staff and make them aware of the dangers of ionizing radiation
- Analyse contamination
- Interact with the Occupational Health & Safety Committee and the departments to broadcast the results of analyses
- Conduct expert assessments of radiation protection

TEST RESOURCES

- Atomtex AT1121 radiation dosimeter (for X-ray and gamma radiation)
- Contamination meter (for alpha and beta rays)

REFERENCES

- Gares & Connexions
- SNCF Maintenance centers

STANDARDS

- NF C74-100
- NF C15-160



VISUAL CONTRASTS AND LIGHTING IN BUILDINGS

Checking that the contrasts and lighting in buildings accessible to the public and workplaces comply with the regulations and standards.

OBJECTIVES

Measure visual contrast and lighting levels in the workplace, metro and railway stations

REFERENCES

- DG Construction
- General Council of Hauts-de-Seine (near Paris)

TEST RESOURCES

- Luminance meter
- Lux meter

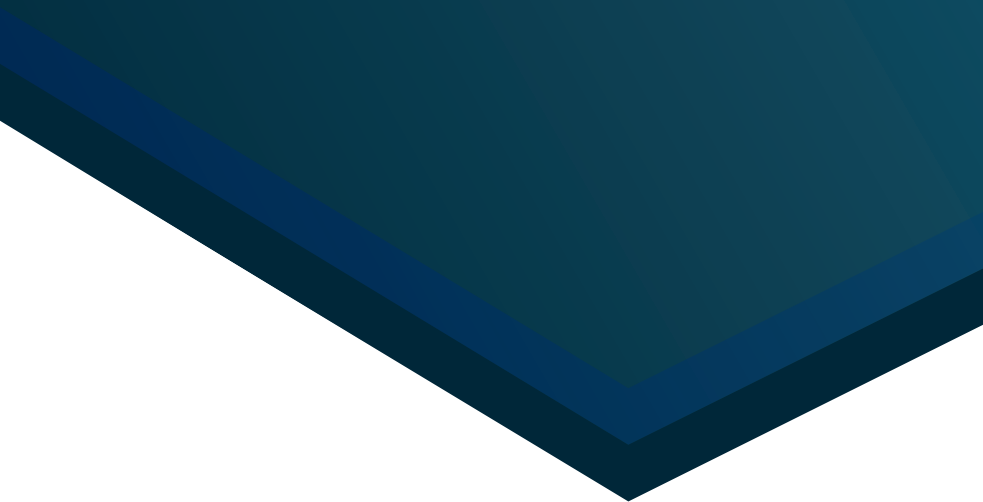
STANDARDS

- EN 12464-1 – Light and lighting - Lighting of work places - Part 1: Indoor work places
- NF P98-351 – Pathways - Allowance for the needs of the mobility impaired – Tactile warning systems - Characteristics, tests and rules governing the position on the ground of tactile warning strips for the guidance of the blind or partially sighted
- French Labour Code



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