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European foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- a) changes to the terminology to be consistent with the EN 16432 series of standards;
- b) inclusion of details of in-service testing, replacing the reference to EN 13146-8, which is to be withdrawn;
- c) slight reduction of test loads in repeated loading test for fastening category D;
- d) editorial changes to make clear which requirements are based on laboratory testing;
- e) removal of Annex ZA.

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- *Part 1: Definitions*
- *Part 2: Fastening systems for concrete sleepers in ballast*
- *Part 3: Fastening systems for wood and polymeric composite sleepers*
- *Part 4: Fastening systems for steel sleepers*
- *Part 5: Fastening systems for ballastless tracks*
- *Part 7: Fastening systems for switches and crossings, check rails, insulated rail joints and rail expansion devices*

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Introduction

A series of tests is used to assess the suitability of fastening systems for use in railway track, i.e. for type approval of complete fastening systems. This document only sets requirements considered relevant to ensure the safe, long-term operation of the track system. The test methods are described in other associated standards.

The various Categories of rail fastenings used in this document are defined in EN 13481-1:2012.

1 Scope

This document is applicable to fastening systems, in Categories A – D as specified in EN 13481-1:2012, 3.1 for attaching rails to the uppermost surface of concrete or steel elements in ballastless tracks, including tracks on open deck bridges, and for embedded rails in ballastless tracks, for maximum axle loads and minimum curve radii in accordance with Table 1.

Table 1 — Fastening category criteria

Category	Maximum design axle load kN	Minimum curve radius m
A	130	40
B	180	80
C	260	150
D	260	400
NOTE The maximum axle load for Categories A and B does not apply to maintenance vehicles.		

The requirements apply to:

- fastening systems which act on the foot and/or web of the rail including direct fastening systems and indirect fastening systems;
- fastening systems for rail sections included in EN 13674-1 (excluding 49E4), or EN 13674-4.

This document is not applicable to fastening systems for wood or polymer composite sleepers used in ballastless track, which are included in EN 13481-3.

This document is not applicable to rigid fastening systems, special fastening systems used at bolted joints or glued joints or special low clamping force fastenings used to mitigate track-bridge interaction effects.

This document is for type approval of complete fastening systems. In track forms in which there are rail seat blocks or sleepers mounted in “boots” (under-sleeper pads) the concrete element and its resilient support are considered to be parts of the elastic fastening system. If the track form includes floating slabs, (i.e. resiliently supported concrete elements with more than one fastening per rail) those concrete elements and their resilient supports are considered to be parts of the ballastless track and not of the fastening system.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 13146-1:2019, *Railway applications — Track — Test methods for fastening systems — Part 1: Determination of longitudinal rail restraint*

EN 13146-4:2020, *Railway applications — Track — Test methods for fastening systems — Part 4: Effect of repeated loading*