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1 Scope

This European Standard defines technical criteria and control procedures which are satisfied by hollow sleepers and bearers used in ballasted track with Vignole rails. The hollow sleepers and bearers designed for ballasted track can also be used in ballastless track. In this case, the requirements are defined by the customer.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 13481 (all parts), *Railway applications - Track - Performance requirements for fastening systems*

EN 13146-3, *Railway applications - Track - Test methods for fastening systems - Part 3: Determination of attenuation of impact loads*

EN 13146-5, *Railway applications - Track - Test methods for fastening systems - Part 5: Determination of electrical resistance*

EN 13146-6, *Railway applications - Track - Test methods for fastening systems - Part 6: Effect of severe environmental conditions*

EN 13146-9, *Railway applications - Track - Test methods for fastening systems - Part 9: Determination of stiffness*

EN 50125-3, *Railway applications - Environmental conditions for equipment – Part 3: Equipment for signalling and telecommunications*

EN ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials - Verification of static uniaxial testing machines - Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines - Verification and calibration of the force-measuring system (ISO 7500-1)*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

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

3.1.1
hollow sleepers
sleepers and bearers with hollow structure, with support for Vignole rails on ballasted or ballastless track, including the fastenings systems and all components, with a minimum of 50 % of the cross sectional-area hollow throughout its length

3.1.2
body
hollow structure which is in contact with the ballast/slab and supports the fastening system and other components

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