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

- a) introduction of the application for fastenings on polymeric composite sleepers;
- b) inclusion of tests for fastenings with very low stiffness;
- c) changes to the loading conditions for Category B fastenings;
- d) inclusion of details of in-service testing, replacing the reference to EN 13146-8, which is to be withdrawn;
- e) editorial changes to make clear which requirements are based on laboratory testing.

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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 systems. 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.

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1 Scope

This document is applicable to fastening systems, in Categories A – E as specified in EN 13481-1:2012, 3.1 for use on wood or polymeric composite sleepers in ballasted or ballastless track, including track on open deck bridges, with respective maximum axle loads and minimum curve radii as shown in 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
E	350	150

NOTE The maximum axle load for Categories A and B does not apply to maintenance vehicles.

The requirements apply to:

- fastening systems that 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 13674-1:2011+A1:2017 (excluding 49E4) or EN 13674-4:2019.

This document is not applicable to fastening systems for other rail sections, 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.

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 13145:2001+A1:2011, *Railway applications — Track — Wood sleepers and bearers*

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

EN 13146-2:2012, *Railway applications — Track — Test methods for fastening systems — Part 2: Determination of torsional resistance*

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

EN 13146-5:2012¹, *Railway applications — Track — Test methods for fastening systems — Part 5: Determination of electrical resistance*

EN 13146-6:2012, *Railway applications — Track — Test methods for fastening systems — Part 6: Effect of severe environmental conditions*

EN 13146-7:2019, *Railway applications — Track — Test methods for fastening systems — Part 7: Determination of clamping force and uplift stiffness*

EN 13146-9:2020, *Railway applications — Track — Test methods for fastening systems — Part 9: Determination of stiffness*

EN 13146-10:2017, *Railway applications — Track — Test methods for fastening systems — Part 10: Proof load test for pull-out resistance*

EN 13481-1:2012, *Railway applications — Track — Performance requirements for fastening systems — Part 1: Definitions*

EN 13674-1:2011+A1:2017, *Railway applications — Track — Rail — Part 1: Vignole railway rails 46 kg/m and above*

EN 13674-4:2019, *Railway applications — Track — Rail — Part 4: Vignole railway rails from 27 kg/m to, but excluding 46 kg/m*

EN 17343:2020, *Railway applications — General terms and definitions*

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions given in EN 13481-1:2012, EN 17343:2020 and the following apply.

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

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

¹ As impacted by EN 13146-5:2012/AC:2017.