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1 Scope

This European Standard is applicable to brake pipe accelerator valves designed to vent the brake pipe of railway vehicles when an emergency brake application is initiated, without taking the type of vehicles and track-gauge into consideration.

This European Standard specifies the requirements for the design, manufacture and testing of brake pipe accelerator valves.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 14478:2005, *Railway applications — Braking — Generic vocabulary*

EN 14601, *Railway applications — Straight and angled end cocks for brake pipe and main reservoir pipe*

EN 15355, *Railway applications — Braking - Distributor valves and distributor-isolating devices*

EN 50125-1, *Railway applications — Environmental conditions for equipment — Part 1: Equipment on board rolling stock*

EN 60721-3-5:1997, *Classification of environmental conditions — Part 3: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities — Section 5: Ground vehicle installations (IEC 60721-3-5:1997)*

EN 61373:1999, *Railway applications — Rolling stock equipment — Shock and vibration tests (IEC 61373:1999)*

EN ISO 228-1, *Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are not made on the threads — Part 1: Dimensions, tolerances and designation (ISO 228-1:2000)*

ISO 8573-1:2001, *Compressed air — Part 1: Contaminants and purity classes*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 14478:2005 and the following apply.

3.1

brake pipe accelerator valve

device connected to the brake pipe of a vehicle, which operates in response to seeing a rapid fall in brake pipe pressure to ensure a continuing rapid fall to below 2,5 bar

3.2

braking mode “goods”

braking mode “freight”

braking mode “G”

braking mode characterized by slow brake application and release times specific for distributor valves used on freight trains for slow speed