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**Flat bottom (Vignole) railway rails  
43 kg/m and above**

*Rails Vignole de masse supérieure ou égale à 43 kg/m*

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# Flat bottom (Vignole) railway rails 43kg/m and above

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the terms and definitions, information to be supplied by the purchaser, tolerances for dimensions, length, technical requirements, inspection rules, identification, certification, and a quality assurance system for as-rolled and heat-treated steel rails for railways.

This International Standard specifies flat bottom (vignole) railway rails with linear mass of 43 kg/m and above, for conventional and high-speed railway track usage.

There are 19 pearlitic steel grades specified, covering a 200 HBW to 400 HBW hardness range and including “non-heat-treated” carbon manganese steels, “non-heat-treated” alloy steels, “heat-treated” carbon manganese, and “heat-treated” low alloy steels.

## 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.

ISO 1099, *Metallic materials — Fatigue testing — Axial force-controlled method*

ISO 3887, *Steels — Determination of depth of decarburization*

ISO 4967, *Steel — Determination of content of non-metallic inclusions — Micrographic method using standard diagrams*

ISO 4968:1979, *Steel — Macrographic examination by sulfur print (Baumann method)*

ISO 4969:2015, *Steel — Etching method for macroscopic examination*

ISO 6506-1, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

ISO 12108, *Metallic materials — Fatigue testing — Fatigue crack growth method*

ASTM E45, *Standard test methods for determining the inclusion content of steel*

ASTM E399, *Standard Test Method for Linear-Elastic Plane-Strain Fracture Toughness  $K_{Ic}$  of Metallic Materials*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **heat**

liquid steel melt tapped out of a converter or electric arc furnace which includes, after continuous casting, a given number of blooms relating to the weight of the heat and the extension of the mixing zone

Note 1 to entry: In the case of sequence casting, the blooms belonging to the mixing zone should be clearly defined.