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## Introduction

This European Standard is intended to be used by customers, designers and specifiers of ballastless track systems as well as for reference and development by suppliers and construction contractors.

The content and relationship between part 1, 2 and 3 are shown in Figure 1.

This part of the series EN 16432 covers the general requirements for ballastless track systems.

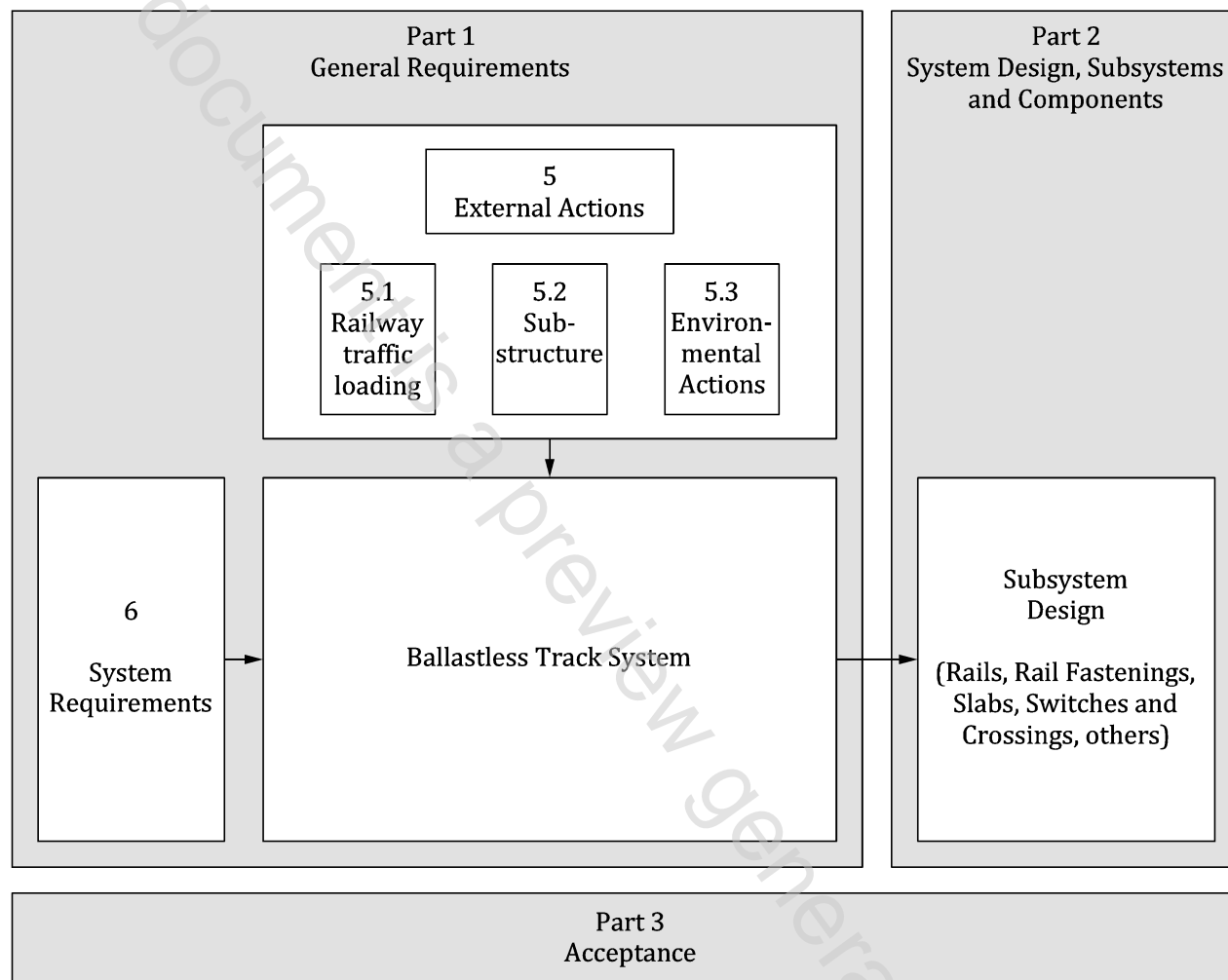


Figure 1 — Structure of EN 16432-1, EN 16432-2 and EN 16432-3

## 1 Scope

This European Standard defines the general requirements concerning the design of ballastless track systems.

It does not include any requirements for inspecting, maintaining, repairing and replacing ballastless track systems during operation.

This European Standard is applicable to all railway applications up to 250 kN axle load.

The requirements of this standard apply to:

- plain line track, switches and crossings and rail expansion joints;
- various substructures like embankments and cuttings, tunnels, bridges or similar, with or without floating slabs;
- transitions between different substructures;
- transitions between different ballastless track systems;
- transitions between ballasted and ballastless track systems.

NOTE Requirements for characterization of the substructures listed above are included in this standard. Design of the substructures is covered by other European Standards, e.g. EN 1992-2, EN 1997-1, etc..

## 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 1991-2:2003, *Eurocode 1: Actions on structures - Part 2: Traffic loads on bridges*

EN 1997-1, *Eurocode 7: Geotechnical design - Part 1: General rules*

EN 50122 (series), *Railway applications - Fixed installations - Electrical safety, earthing and the return circuit*

EN 13481-5, *Railway applications - Track - Performance requirements for fastening systems - Part 5: Fastening systems for slab track with rail on the surface or rail embedded in a channel*

EN 13848-5, *Railway applications - Track - Track geometry quality - Part 5: Geometric quality levels - Plain line*

EN 13848-6, *Railway applications - Track - Track geometry quality - Part 6: Characterisation of track geometry quality*

EN 14363, *Railway applications - Testing and Simulation for the acceptance of running characteristics of railway vehicles - Running Behaviour and stationary tests*

EN 15273-3, *Railway applications - Gauges - Part 3: Structure gauges*

EN 15528, *Railway applications - Line categories for managing the interface between load limits of vehicles and infrastructure*

EN 16207, *Railway applications - Braking - Functional and performance criteria of Magnetic Track Brake systems for use in railway rolling stock*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### **design life**

assumed period for which a ballastless track system, or part of it, is to be used for its intended purpose with planned maintenance but without major repair

#### 3.2

##### **Electromagnetic Compatibility**

##### **EMC**

ability of equipment or system to function satisfactorily in its electromagnetic environment without introducing intolerable electromagnetic disturbances to anything in that environment

#### 3.3

##### **floating slab**

track system where a designed elasticity is introduced between the ballastless track system and substructure

EXAMPLE For vibration mitigation.

#### 3.4

##### **substructure**

earthworks (embankment, cutting or at-grade) or bridges (or similar civil structures) or tunnel floor that lie below the ballastless track system

#### 3.5

##### **static action**

action that does not cause significant acceleration of the structure or structural members

#### 3.6

##### **quasi-static action**

dynamic action represented by an equivalent static action in a static model

#### 3.7

##### **dynamic action**

action that causes significant acceleration of the structure or structural members

#### 3.8

##### **exceptional load**

infrequent load which exceeds the limit for the relevant operational conditions

#### 3.9

##### **track stability**

resistance of the track to buckling