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## Foreword

This document (EN 13597:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 256 "Railway applications", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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The annexes A and C and E are informative.

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## Introduction

Designing a suspension diaphragm requires knowledge of the mechanical system of which it forms part. Specific characteristics are therefore needed for each case, which only the customer can specify.

The requirements of the European Standard should operate in conjunction with the conditions for the supply of air spring suspension diaphragms.

This European Standard is the result of studies and research to improve the performances and quality of rubber diaphragms for pneumatic suspension springs in order to meet the requirements of railway rolling stock.

This European Standard is designed for the railway operators, the manufacturers and equipment suppliers of the railway industry as well as for the suppliers of rubber diaphragms for pneumatic suspensions springs.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies:

- characteristics that suspension diaphragms achieves, together with applicable inspection and test methods to be carried out for verification;
- approval procedure to be implemented by the customer;
- guidelines for qualification of the product with specified requirements;
- quality monitoring of diaphragms in manufacture;
- supply requirements.

This European Standard applies to suspension diaphragms designed to be fitted on railway vehicles and similar vehicles running on dedicated tracks with permanent guide systems, whatever the type of rail and the running surface.

The European Standard does not detail the other components of pneumatic suspension assemblies or control systems such as air reservoirs, frames, stiffeners, emergency suspension systems or elastic supports (such as series springs), etc., which will affect the diaphragm performance.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 45020, *Standardization and related activities – General vocabulary (ISO/IEC Guide 2:1996)*.

ISO 31-1, *Quantities and units – Part 1: Space and time*.

ISO 31-3, *Quantities and units – Part 3: Mechanics*.

ISO 36, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Determination of adhesion to textile fabric*.

ISO 48, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD<sup>4)</sup>*.

ISO 471, *Rubber – Temperatures, humidities and times for conditioning and testing*.

ISO 1382, *Rubber – Vocabulary*.

ISO 1431-2, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Resistance to ozone cracking – Part 2: Dynamic strain test*.

ISO 1817, *Rubber, vulcanized – Determination of the effect of liquids*.

ISO 2781, *Rubber, vulcanized – Determination of density*.

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<sup>4)</sup> IRHD : International Rubber Hardness Degrees



ISO 2921, *Rubber, vulcanized – Determination of low-temperature characteristics – Temperature – Retraction procedure (TR test)*.

ISO 4649, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Determination of abrasion resistance using a rotating cylindrical drum device*.

ISO 10209-1, *Technical product documentation – Vocabulary – Part 1: Terms relating to technical drawings: general and types of drawings*.

### 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviations

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions in ISO 1382 together with the following apply.

##### 3.1.1

##### **bead**

end feature of the diaphragm which enables it to be secured and sealed to the surrounding structure

NOTE A diaphragm has two beads.

##### 3.1.2

##### **bead core**

reinforcing core, vulcanized in at both ends of the carcass

NOTE It assures permanent seating on a conical or other specifically shaped mounting part.

##### 3.1.3

##### **carcass**

structure of reinforcing material, typically consisting of heavy duty fabric plies arranged crosswise, embedded in the elastomer for flexible force transmission

##### 3.1.4

##### **diaphragm**

the term "diaphragm" herein applies to the finished product, comprising of carcass and beads for use as part of pneumatic suspension system

NOTE Different types of diaphragms are illustrated in annex A.

##### 3.1.4.1

##### **new diaphragm**

diaphragm in new condition and never yet used

##### 3.1.4.2

##### **grown diaphragm**

diaphragm which has been in use and, as a result, has changed dimensionally

##### 3.1.5

##### **ply**

layer typically made up of rubberized fabric