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## **European foreword**

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## **Introduction**

This European Standard relates to the EN 13230 series when the sleepers or bearers are manufactured with Under Sleeper Pad (USP). The USP is an elastic layer fixed to the bottom surface of the sleepers or bearers. This standard applies to the system constituted of the concrete sleepers or bearers and the Under Sleeper Pad.



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## 1 Scope

This European Standard is applicable to concrete sleepers or bearers with Under Sleeper Pads (USP) physically bonded to concrete used in ballast track and define the test procedures and their evaluation criteria. This standard provides particular information in the following areas:

- test methods, test arrangements and evaluation criteria of Under Sleeper Pads;
- test methods, test arrangements and evaluation criteria of concrete sleepers and bearers with Under Sleeper Pads;
- data supplied by the purchaser and by the supplier;
- definition of general process of design approval tests;
- definition of routine tests.

This standard defines the specific test procedures for design approval tests, routine tests and tests concerning the determination of relevant properties of Under Sleeper Pad with or without concrete sleepers and bearers:

- fatigue tests;
- tests of capability for stacked stocking of concrete sleepers or bearers fitted with USP;
- pull-out test;
- severe environmental condition test.

This standard also sets out procedures for testing fitness for purpose and provides information on quality monitoring as part of quality assurance procedures. This standard does not, however, contain requirements pertaining to the properties of Under Sleeper Pads. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to define these requirements

## 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 206, *Concrete - Specification, performance, production and conformity*

EN 1542, *Products and systems for the protection and repair of concrete structures - Test methods - Measurement of bond strength by pull-off*

EN 10027 (all parts), *Designation systems for steels*

EN 13230-1:2016, *Railway applications - Track - Concrete sleepers and bearers - Part 1: General requirements*

EN 13230-2:2016, *Railway applications - Track - Concrete sleepers and bearers - Part 2: Prestressed monoblock sleepers*

EN 13230-3:2016, *Railway applications - Track - Concrete sleepers and bearers - Part 3: Twin-block reinforced sleepers*