DEFORMATION MEASUREMENTS ON RAILWAYS

Importance of Railways

• Fast, economical, safe, environmentally friendly and contemporary systems.

• Low energy consumption.

• High Speed

Paris-Lyon:300 km/hour Tokyo-Osaka: 210 km/ hour Eskişehir-Ankara: 250 km/ hour

• High capacity for passenger and cargo transportation.

• It is the least affected transportation system by weather conditions.

• Depending on the statistics is the most reliable transportation vehicle.

The risk of death by rail crash under the same traffic by road is less than 8 times, the risk of injury is less than 200 times.





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LATERAL WEAR



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Route Deformations

Especially in ballasted railways, distortions on rail line axes may occur due to traffic load and weather conditions..

Cant Deformations

In the curves, the amount of cant foreseen in the project is not the same as the amount of real cant, and in alignments it is the difference between the two rail series.



Gauge Deformations

The gauge of a railway track is defined as the clear minimum perpendicular distance between the inner faces of the two rails.



Standard gauge is defined by UIC (1435 mm). Increase or decrease on gauge is named as gauge deformation.

All Railways are constructed according to the criteria set by the International Railway Association, which our country is a member of.



Standards for Rail Line Geometry

Tolerances for horizontal geometryBallasted Lines ±25mmNon-Ballasted Lines ±15mm

Tolerances for vertical geometry

Ballasted and Non-Ballasted Lines ±10-15mm

The line geometry should be checked periodically every 3 months!

Standards for Curve and Cant

When determining the radius of horizontal curves, the minimum radius of curves must be taken into account in order for the vehicle to pass safely through the curves.



Minimum Curve Radius

Passenger transported lines : 150m - 200m

Passenger non-transported lines : 125m - 150m

Tolerances for Cant

Ballasted Lines ±10mm

Non-Ballasted Lines ±7.5mm

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Standards for Track Gauge

Track Gauge	Explanation
1432 mm – 1455 mm	Normal
1426 mm – 1432 mm	Dangerous
1455 mm – 1470 mm	It needs to be fixed.
< 1426 mm	DANGER OF
> 1470 mm	DERAILMENT !!!

The most reliable value determined by UIC is 1435 mm.

If the 1426 mm – 1432 mm and 1455 mm – 1470 mm values are determined, rail line must be fixed in 24 hours.

< 1426 mm ve > 1470 mm

danger of derailment, the line must be closed to traffic immediately.





Only the number of casualties in highway accidents in 2008 > 500

Deformation Measurements on Railways

In Railways, effective and efficient works cannot be done with classical geodetic measurement methods and equipments which are used in superstructure maintenance.

Distortions in the superstructure are detected by using existing measuring systems but measurement process can take a long time.

Considering the cost of rail systems and especially superstructure maintenance costs (average repair and maintenance costs of ballasted lines is 1.000.000 TL), geodetic measurements should be performed efficiently.



TAMPING MACHINE

A tamping machine or ballast tamper is a machine used to pack (or tamp) the track ballast under railway tracks to make the tracks more durable.

Prior to the introduction of mechanical tampers, this task was done by manual labour. As well as being faster, more accurate, more efficient and less labour-intensive, tamping machines are essential for the use of concrete sleepers since they are too heavy (usually over 250 kg (551 lb)) to be lifted by hand.





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Linear variable differential transformer-LVDT



LVDT is a type of electrical transformer used for measuring linear displacement (position).



Linear variable differential transformer-LVDT



LVDT Usage Areas

Power



Bottle Factories Checking Bottle Sizes

Linear variable differential transformer-LVDT

Schaevitz Sensors GCD-SE-2000 LVDT Teknik Özellikleri

Input Voltage	8.5 – 28 VDC
Input Current	6 mA
Operating temperature	-25°C - 85°C
Storage Temperature	-55°C - 95°C
Outout Voltage	0-5 VDC (4 wires) 1-6 VDC (3 wires)
Output Impedance	< 1 Ω
Noise	<10 mV
Linearity	<0.25 % Full Scales
Repeatability	0.0006 mm
Stability	0.1 % Full Scales

2.5277 VDC = 1 inch

1 VDC = 10.0487 mm

Dual Axes Inclinometer



HLPlanar Technik NS-15/V2

Operating Range	±15°
Precision	-3° - +3° 0.03°
	-10° - +10° 0.08°
Resolution	0.001°
Analog Output	-2V(-15°) - +2V(+15°)
Supply voltage	+12 - +24 VDC
Operating temperature	0°C - +70°C
Storage Temperature	-40°C - +85°C



Raylı Sistemlerde Yapılan Deformasyon Ölçmeleri



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