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RAILS.

1. The steel for the Rails shall be of the best quality, made by the Steel. acid Bessemer, basic Bessemer, or other approved process, and on analysis shall show that in chemical composition it conforms to the following limits:—

Carbon	from	0.40 to 0.55 per cent.	Chemical
Manganese	,,	0.70 to 1.0 ,,	composition.
Silicon	not to exceed	0.10 "	
Phosphorus	* ** #*/ ;, ;,	0.08 "	
Sulphur	,, ,,	0.08 "	

2. The Manufacturer shall make and furnish to the representative of Chemical Analysis. the Engineer (or of the purchaser) carbon determinations of each cast. A complete chemical analysis, representing the average of the other elements contained in the steel, shall be similarly given for each rolling. Such complete analysis shall be made from drillings taken from the tensile test piece. When the rolling exceeds 100 tons, an additional complete analysis shall be made for each 100 tons or part thereof. Should the Engineer desire to make independent chemical determinations, the necessary specimens and samples shall be furnished by the Manufacturer. For this purpose not more than two Rails in every hundred manufactured shall be selected by the Engineer and drillings taken therefrom, and if, upon being subjected to the specified tests, either fail to comply therewith, then all the Rails in the blow of which the test pieces form a part may be rejected.

In case of difference between the Engineer (or the purchaser) and the Manufacturer, as to the accuracy of an analysis, either party shall have the right to have samples of the steel analysed by an independent metallurgist, to be mutually agreed upon. The expenses attendant upon such independent analysis shall be borne by the party adjudged to be in the wrong.

3. The materials used and the method of manufacture throughout shall be in accordance with the best current practice, and every ingot shall be of ample dimensions to permit of a length of crop of at least 18 inches being cut off each end of a Rail to ensure perfect soundness.

Section.

Manufacture.

4. The Sections of the Rails for straight and curved track shall respectively conform to the "British Standard" (indicated by the Brand and the initials "B.S.") Sections No. and No. C, as recommended by the Engineering Standards Committee.

Weight of Rails.

5. For straight track the Rails of "B.S." Section No. shall weigh lbs. per lineal yard, and for curved track the Rails of "B.S." Section No. C shall weigh lbs. per lineal yard, those which either fall short of, or exceed, such weights by more than 1 lb. per lineal yard may be rejected.

General Dimensions of Rails. 6.

TABLE OF GENERAL DIMENSIONS OF "B.S." RAILS.

			Height.	Width of flange.	N w	ormal eight.
No.	1 " B.S."	Section	$6\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	$6\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	90 lbs.	per lin. yd.
,,	1C	,,	,,	"	96	"
,,	2	"	$6\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	7 ins.	95	"
,,	2C	,,	,,	,,	101	"
,,	3	,,	$6\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	7 ins.	100	• >>
,,	3C	"	, ,,	,,	106	""
",	4	"	7 ins.	7 ins.	105	>>
,,	4C	,,	,,	,,	111	23
,,	5	,,	7 ins.	7 ins.	110	"
,,	5C	"	>>	"	116	"

7. Rails shall be paid for according to actual weights before drilling Payment by or punching; such weights to be ascertained during the rolling, and Weight. computed by weighing sample rails not less than 30 feet long.

Before the general manufacture of the Rails is commenced the Templates. 8. Manufacturer shall (if required by the Engineer or purchaser) supply two sets of templates, internal and external, of approved material, for each "B.S." Section of Rail.

Each template shall be suitably engraved with the purchaser's name, the "B.S." number of the Section, the weight of the Rail in lbs. per lineal yard, the Manufacturer's name and address, and the date of the contract, e.g., Sheffield Corp^{N.} - "B.S." No. 3 - 100 lbs. - Walter Scott L^{TD.}, LEEDS - 1903.

9. The Rails shall be of uniform section throughout, accurately rolled Rails to to conform to the template (with following proviso), and when finished conform to Template and shall be in every respect perfectly sound and free from twists, blisters, flaws, be free from fins, and other defects.

defects.

Provided that a permissible variation in the total height (only) of one thirty-second of an inch $\left(\frac{1}{32}\right)$ under or over shall be allowed, but in the distance between the fishing angles the variation shall not exceed one sixty-fourth of an inch $\left(\frac{1}{64}\right)$ above or below the Standard dimensions.

10. The normal length of Rails for straight track shall be either Length of 35 feet, 45 feet, or 60 feet.

Rails for Straight

The maximum proportion of short lengths which shall be accepted is as Track. follows :---

For 35 feet,

21%

	5 % in	number	of the	Rails	to be	accepted	in	lengths	of	30	feet.	
	$2\frac{1}{2}\%$		"		,,		,,			25	,,	
For	45 feet,											
	5 % in	number	of the	Rails	to be	accepted	in	lengths	of	40	feet.	
	$2\frac{1}{2}\%$		"		,,		,,			35	,,	
	$2\frac{1}{2}\%$		"		,,		,,			30	"	
For	60 feet,											
	5 % in	number	of the	Rails 1	to be	accepted	in	lengths	of	55	feet.	
	5 %		"		"		,,			50	,,	
	$2\frac{1}{2}\%$		"		"		,,			40	,,	
	$2\frac{1}{2}\%$		"		,,		,,			30	"	
11.	The nor	mal leng	gth of	Rails f	for cu	rved trac	\mathbf{ks}	shall be	35	fee	et.	
	5 % in	number	of the	Rails	to be	accepted	in	lengths	of	30	feet.	
	$2\frac{1}{2}\%$		"		,,		,,			25	,,	

Length of Rails for Curved Track.

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The normal length of Rails for straight track shall be either Length of 10. 35 feet, 45 feet, or 60 feet.

Straight The maximum proportion of short lengths which shall be accepted is as Track. follows :--

For 35 feet,

	5	% in	number	of the	Rails	to be	e accepted	in	lengths	of 30	feet.
	$2\frac{1}{2}$	%		"		,,		,,		25	,,
For	45 f	feet,									
	5	% in	number	of the	Rails	to be	e accepted	in	lengths	of 40	feet.
	$2\frac{1}{2}$	%		,,		,,		;,		35	,,
	$2\frac{1}{2}$	%		"		• • • •		,,		30	"
For	60 f	eet,									
	5	% in	number	of the	Rails	to be	e accepted	in	lengths	of 55	feet.
	5	%		,,		,,		,,		50	,,
	$2\frac{1}{2}$	%		"		,,		,,		40	"
	$2\frac{1}{2}$	%		"		,,		,,		30	"

The normal length of Rails for curved tracks shall be 35 feet. 11. 5 % in number of the Rails to be accepted in lengths of 30 feet. 25 $2\frac{1}{2}\%$,, ,, ,, ,, 2021% ,, ,, ,, ,,

Length of Rails for Curved Track.

.bewolls quarter of an inch $(\frac{1}{4})$, under or over, from the lengths specified, shall be In the Rails, both for straight and curved track, a variation of one 12.

about one foot at each end also painted white. distinctly painted, in white paint, on each side of the web, and a length of All Rails shorter than the normal length shall have their lengths 13.

all burrs removed before despatch from the Manufacturer's works. The Rails shall be sawn, or planed, true and perfectly square and '₹I

all directions; such straightening shall be done by gradual pressure. Each Rail shall, when cold, be made properly straight and true in 12.

which it has been rolled shall be stamped on the end of each Rail. BARROW STREL Co. LTD., - 1903; and the number of the cast or blow from an inch $\left(\frac{3.1}{4}\right)$ in size, on the web of each rail, e.g., \bigvee No. 3C - 106 the year of manufacture shall be rolled, in letters at least three quarters of lbs. per yard, the Manufacturer's name, initials or other recognised mark, and this Specification ; the No. of the "B.S." Section, the weight of the Rail in to anoitibnos off robum obam bus noitoos brabuated daiting to ai ling off that Work of lish share of the web of the web of the Rail to show '9I

in a horizontal position, head uppermost, on solid iron or steel bearings, sample, and a length of 5 feet shall be cut therefrom; this shall be supported Out of each 80 Rails one may be selected by the Inspector as a ·21

the Rail. fo daw and floor the bloor bettimeness of light word and most serves for Rails of 100 lbs. and over per yard, and in such a manner that the lave a fall of 15 feet for Rails less than 100 lbs. Per yard, and of 18 feet face of which shall have a radius not greater than 9 inches; this tup shall bearings, from a ball or tup weighing not less than 2,240 lbs., the striking Such piece of Rail shall then receive a blow, midway between the placed 3 feet 6 inches apart in the clear, on firm foundations.

rejected, unless it be shown, from a similar trial on two further pieces of Rail, If the Rail fractures under this test, all Rails from that cast may be

that the first piece was not fairly representative of the quality of the steel.

equivalent to not less than 40 tons per square inch, with an elongation of dygnarte elienet etamillu un worle llade and areate teneile etrength gaines and for the sample Rail. Its hall be placed in a testing half a square inch and to a length of 2 inches between test gauge points, and Such test piece shall be prepared to a sectional area equal approximately to by the Engineer) cut a test piece from any Rail selected as a sample Rail. From each 100 tons of Rails the Manufacturer shall (if required .81

not less than 12 per cent. on a length of 2 inches.

length. Variation in Permissible

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Sawing.

Straightening.

Branding.



Impact Test.

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Should the test piece fail to fulfil these conditions, the Inspector may require the Manufacturer to test another Rail from the same cast in a similar manner, and if the second Rail fails to comply with the specified requirements, the whole of the Rails rolled from that cast may be rejected.

Should the Engineer desire to have independent tests made, the Manufacturer shall provide the necessary test pieces, properly shaped and prepared, as above described.

19. From each 100 tons of Rails, the Manufacturer shall (if required Bending. by the Inspector) test by bending, when cold, a Rail selected as a sample Rail. Such Rail shall be bent sideways, by pressure, to a curve of 30 feet radius, and shall not show signs of cracking; if it does, two further Rails shall be similarly bent, and should these also fail the Rails rolled from that cast may be rejected.

20. On the rejection of any cast of Rails, the acceptance of the Rails Acceptance of Rails. Acceptance of Rails. Rails. Rails. Rails. Rails. Rails. Rails selected, will depend upon the satisfactory passing of similar tests of a sample Rail selected from each cast.

21. The following holes shall (if required by the Engineer or purchaser) Holes in be made in each Rail without extra charge, all necessary templates and Rails. gauges being supplied by the Manufacturer.

22. For Fish Bolts, three round holes in the web of the Rail at each Holes for end, $1\frac{3}{16}$ inches in diameter; the centre of the hole nearest the end shall be 2 inches therefrom, the remaining holes shall be 4 inches pitch, centre to centre.

Vertically the centres of the holes shall be :---

 $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches from the underside of flange of a Rail $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep.

3 inches from the underside of flange of a Rail 7 inches deep.

23. For Electric Bonds, two round holes in the web of the Rail at each Holes for Electric Bonds, three quarters of an inch $(\frac{3}{4}'')$ in diameter.

In a horizontal position the distance apart, centre to centre, for corresponding holes, when two Rails are butted close up to each other, shall be 2 feet 5 inches, the upper hole being $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches from one end of the Rail and $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches at the other, while the lower hole shall be $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches from one end of the Rail (where the upper hole is $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches) and $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches at the other (where the upper hole is $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches). In a vertical position the centres shall be respectively three quarters of an inch $(\frac{3}{4})$ above or below the horizontal centre line of the Fish Bolt holes.

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Additional Slots for Tie Bars shall be made, of such a number and at three quarter inches (24") from the underside of flange.

such a distance apart, as the Engineer (or purchaser) shall require.

6à inches wide, and at 5 inches centres in flange 7 inches wide. pitch as for Fish Bolts and transversely at 45 inches centres in flange end, seven eighths of an inch $\binom{7}{8}$ in diameter, of the same longitudinal For Joint Plates, six round holes in the flange of the Rail at each 25.

at the Rail ends. longitudinal pitch, and transversely at the same centres as for similar holes midway between the ends, seven eighths of an inch $\left(\frac{7}{8}\right)$ in diameter, 6 inches For Intermediate Plates, six round holes in the flange of the Rail '97

thoroughly removed. Making Holes. be drilled. All holes shall be perfectly square and clean cut, all burrs being 27. The slots for Tie Bars may be punched, but all other holes shall

-: noitosleu Roles. lo anciensmil following, will render the Rail wherein such error occurs liable to Error in 28. Any error in the position, diameter, or size, greater than the

an inch (1 of the second secon Holes for Fish Bolts, maximum error permissible, one sixteenth of

diameter. an inch $\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$ in position, one thirty-second of an inch $\left(\frac{1}{32}\right)$ in Holes for Electric Bonds, maximum error permissible, one eighth of

inch $\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$ in height. position, one quarter of an inch $(\frac{1}{4})$ in length, one eighth of an Slots for Tie Bars, maximum error permissible, half an inch (2) in

an inch (132) in diameter. one sixteenth of an inch (1,") in position, one thirty-second of Holes for Joint and Intermediate Plates, maximum error permissible,

the rolling. order that arrangements may be made for the presence of the Inspector at writing, before the rolling of any subsequent lot of Rails, is commenced, in rolling of the first lot of Rails, and at least 3 clear days' previous notice, in his Inspector, at least 7 clear days previous notice, in writing, before the The Manufacturer shall give to the Engineer (or the purchaser), or .62

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Tie Bars.

Tol 21012

Joint Plates. TOT SAIOH

Plates. **Intermediate** Tol 2910H

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Permissible

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30. All Rails shall be inspected for approval at the works of the Facilities for Manufacturer. The Inspector shall have access, at all working hours, to those parts of the rolling mills where work under his inspection is being performed, and shall have all reasonable facilities afforded him to carry out his duties.

The Manufacturer shall provide and maintain in complete working order all necessary apparatus to enable the Inspector to make all tests named in this Specification, and he shall also provide, free of extra charge, all labour, and render all reasonable assistance in making such tests.

31. All Rails accepted by the Inspector to be stamped in his presence.

Marking of Accepted Rails.

FISH PLATES.

32. The steel for the Fish Plates shall be in all respects similar to that Manufacture. used in the manufacture of the Rails, and all General Specifications as to manufacture, chemical and tensile tests, and the furnishing of templates, shall be equally applicable to both.

33. The Fish Plates shall conform to the template for "B.S." Section Section. No. , as recommended by the Engineering Standards Committee, and shall be quite straight and smooth on all bearing surfaces, free from twists, cracks, blisters, flaws, or other defects, and shall have all fins and burrs carefully removed.

The accuracy of fit between the Rails and the Fish Plates is to be regarded as a matter of special importance, and sample Rails shall be joined together at the works whenever the Engineer or Inspector desires to test the fitting of the Fish Plates.

34. The Brand (see sketch), the number of the "B.S." Section, the Branding. Manufacturer's name, initials, or other recognised mark, and the year of manufacture shall be rolled in raised letters, at least half an inch $(\frac{1}{2}'')$ in size, on the outside of each Fish Plate, e.g., $\bigvee N^{0.} 3 - B.V. - 1903$.



35. The Fish Plates shall, when cold, and before being punched, be Bending. capable of being bent to a right angle, round a bar 4 inches in diameter, without showing fracture on the outside. Size and Weight.

The Fish Plates shall be sawn square, in lengths of 24 inches, and 36.weighed, before punching :---Weight of Weight of

							Inner Fish Plate.	Outer Fish Plate.
For	Rails of No.	1	and No.	1C	"B.S." Section	 	$22\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	$27\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
	,,	2	,,	2C	,,	 	$22\frac{1}{2}$,,	27 ,,
	,,	3	,,	3C	,,	 	$22\frac{1}{2}$,,	$26\frac{1}{2}$,,
	,,	4	,,,	4C	"	 	26 ,,	$30\frac{1}{2}$,,
	,,	5	,,	$5\mathrm{C}$	"	 	26 "	$30\frac{1}{2}$,,

Holes.

The Fish Plates shall have 6 holes punched in each, with centres 37. in position to correspond exactly with the centres of the holes in the web The holes shall be punched clean and true and shall have of the Rails. all burrs carefully removed.

The holes in the outer, or large, Fish Plates shall be $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches square, and the holes in the inner, or small, Fish Plates shall be round of $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches diameter.

38. An error greater than one sixteenth of an inch $\left(\frac{1}{16}''\right)$ in either Permissible Error in position, or size, of any hole will render the Fish Plate wherein such error Dimensions of occurs liable to rejection.

39. All gauges for checking the size and position of holes shall be Gauges to be furnished by furnished by the Manufacturer.

Annealing.

If Fish Plates have been punched when cold, then they shall be 40. afterwards properly annealed.

41. Any Fish Plates that require straightening shall, after the holes have been punched, be straightened in a machine with proper dies of exact section, and any bulge, caused by punching or otherwise, completely removed.

Rejected Fish Plates.

Should any Fish Plates be rejected, they shall be destroyed. 42.

Dipping and Bundling.

43. All approved Fish Plates shall be dipped into hot boiled linseed oil, or other liquid approved by the Engineer, and shall, if required, be wired up in bundles.

Payment by Weight.

44. Fish Plates shall be paid for according to actual weights.

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