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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This Standard specifies track geometry standards for design, construction, commissioning, monitoring, maintenance and modification of rail tracks in Australia.

1.2 Scope

This Standard covers rail networks classified in AS 7630, with the exception of high speed passenger (HSP) lines.

This Standard is not specifically intended to cover urban on-street tramway or light rail networks, cane railways, or heritage railways operating on private reservation, but items from this Standard may be applied to such systems as deemed appropriate by the relevant Railway Infrastructure Manager.

This Standard is not intended for use in the design and operation of HSP lines, monorail networks, or miniature or amusement park railways.

Geometric defects of welds and corrugations in rails are covered in AS 7640.

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There are two types of control contained within RISSB Standards:

(a) mandatory requirements

(b) recommended requirements

Each of these types of control address hazards that are deemed to require controls on the basis of existing Australian and international Codes of Practice and Standards.

A **mandatory** requirement is a requirement that the standard provides as the only way of treating the hazard.

Mandatory requirements are identified within the text by the terms *shall* or *must*.

A **recommended** requirement is one where the standard recognises that there are limitations to the universal application of the requirement and that there may be circumstances where the control cannot be applied or that other controls may be appropriate or satisfactory, subject to agreement with the Rail Infrastructure Manager and/or Rail Safety Regulator.

Recommended requirements are to be considered when compliance with the standards is being assessed.

Recommended requirements are identified within the text by the term *should*.

Hazards addressed by this standard are included within the text. *Refer to the RISSB website for the latest Hazard Register Guideline :* www.rissb.com.au.

1.4 Referenced documents

1.4.1 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this Standard:

(a) National Rail Safety Law

(b) AS 7630 Railway Infrastructure - Track Classification

(c) AS 7640 Railway Infrastructure - Rail Management.