

List of changes into the specification from version 1.00 to version 1.01

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AUCO.159	RE	For new locomotives, the hybrid coupling must be designed so that it is compatible with the installation space in accordance with UIC leaflet 530-1, annex 4a, is decisive for the design of the coupling in westeuropean countries. In easteuropean countries annexe 6a and 6 b are recommended	Muss	Safety, Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	TIS working group				requirement adapted to AUCO 5
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technical Specification automatic coupler for freight wagons/ hybridcoupler for locos (version V1.01)

ID	Requirement	Requirement-text	Wertung	Rationale	Product element EN 15380-2	Status	Change since last release	Source	Comment of owner	Annex to requirement	Requirement type
AUCO.1	--	Automatic couplers									
AUCO.2	--	1 General requirements for the automatic coupler									
AUCO.3	INFO	The AC shall be used exclusively for freight applications. It is not foreseen for passenger applications	Info	General	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.4	RE	Hybrid coupler only The AC shall be compatible with the UIC wagon standard interfaces.	Muss (für Hybridkupplung)	General	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.5	RE	The installation space according to UIC 530-1 annex 4a, is decisive for the design of the coupling in western Europe. For wagons from eastern Europe annexe 6a and 6 b are recommended.	Muss	General	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			General
AUCO.171	RE	No conversions are permitted in this installation space	Muss	General	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			General
AUCO.172		Force transmission into the underframe shall be in accordance with UIC 530-1, Annex 1 to the tension and compression stops according to Section 5 or Annexes 4 and 6.	Muss	General	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			General
AUCO.6	INFO	The AC shall be temporary compatible with the UIC Screw Coupler. Note: The adapter shall be an "coupler- wagon", at one site with UIC- coupler, at the opposite site with an automatic coupling system	Info	General	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.7	INFO	Exception from this requirement (AUCO 5) can be made for wagons in isolated traffic operations	Info	General	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.8	RE	The coupler assembly shall be as simple as possible, but robust.	Muss	General	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.9	RE	The weight of the coupler shall be minimized. Note: The weight of the AC shall not be more than the UIC-Couplingsystem (2 Buffers, screw-coupler and draw hook inclusive draw-gear) At least the coupler shall weight less equal 370-380 kg .	Muss	General	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General

AUCO.10	RE	The coupler head shall restrict a strength from 2.000 kN for pressure forces without any plastic deformations. The coupler head shall restrict a strength from - 1.000 kN for draw forces - 2.000 kN for pressure forces without any plastic deformations (R_p 0,2). <u>Note:</u> This requirement shall forestalling a destruction of the casing of the coupler head in case of a bounce. A nominal breaking point for loads above 1500 kN should be located in the drawbar.	Muss	General	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			General
AUCO.11	RE	The wagon and the components of it shall fulfill TSI WAG, Chapter 4.2.5 Environmental conditions and at least the temperature class T1 to T3 (45°C to -45°C).	Muss	General	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.12	OR	The automatic coupler shall fulfil the requirements of the energy absorption concept for the wagon, incl. Requirements from to TE22 of RID.	Option	Safety	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Safety
AUCO.13	OR	The automatic coupler shall not cause a climbing of car bodies or a derailment in case of collision up to 150 kN vertical force.	Option, gilt nur für RID-Fahrzeuge	Safety	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Safety
AUCO.14	OR	If the automatic coupler has been exposed to unacceptable load that may have caused a damage to the draw and buffing gear, this damage shall be obviously visible. <u>Note:</u> According to coupling sow's guidance (level 2/4/5) a mechanical or automated solution be used	Option, Anzeige bei Ausschöpfung der max. zulässigen Belastung	Safety, maintainability	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Maintenance, Safety
AUCO.15	--	2 Mechanical part									
AUCO.16	RE	The design shall minimize the lateral and vertical efforts transmitted to the wagons, during curve negotiation.	Soll	General	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.17	RE	The vertical gathering range in straight tracks: the couplers shall to interact safe with up to 120 mm difference in height in their centre lines in minimum.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.18	RE	The horizontal gathering range of the coupler head will be in the range of 220 mm minimum at each side.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.19	DR	The distance between pivots and the overhang, in order to define the automatic coupler, should be calculated according to the formula given in UIC 530-1. <u>Note1:</u> Automatic couplings need only be connectable up to a track curve radius R ≥ 150 m. The requirements of UIC leaflet 522 also apply. <u>Note 2:</u> A graphical evaluation of the geometric requirements is permissible.	Soll	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail		UIC 530-1	General
AUCO.20	RE	On straight tracks the coupler shall be able to couple automatically without manual intervention.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General

AUCO.21	DR	Vehicles with automatic coupler shall be coupled with manual intervention on transition curves between straight tracks and curves of a minimum radius of 150 m.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.22	DR	Vehicles with automatic coupler shall be able to couple with manual assistance on reverse curves of a minimum radius of 150m, with a 6 m intermediate straight track.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.23	DR	Vehicles with automatic coupler shall be able to couple without manual assistance on reverse curves of a minimum radius of 190m, without intermediate straight track.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.24	DR	Vehicles with automatic coupler shall allow running on ramps with a maximum inclination of 1/16 when coupled. The practicability of ferryboat ramps with a crease corner from at most 2°30' and a curve radius of 150 m is to be proved. <u>Note:</u> used only by inclinations in the coupled state; no coupling with these inclinations	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.25	DR	proper coupling must be ensured a) in straight track between 2km/h and minimum 7km/h b) in curve radius 150m up to 5 km/h c) in s-bow 190m with 6 m straight track up to 5 km/h d) in s-bow 120 m with 20m straight track up to 5 km/h	Muss	Experience of operators		draft	--	GATX			General
AUCO.26	RE	The automatic coupler shall be mechanical and pneumatical compatible with the coupling type "?". <u>Note:</u> The coupling must be compatible within the coupling family.	Muss	Notification to one type of automatic coupler gives a possibility to let turn freight car everywhere in	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			General
AUCO.27	RE	It shall be possible, by means of a manual operation at the lateral sides of the vehicle, to set the locking mechanism in a position in which the heads remain uncoupled until the vehicles separate and they are ready revert to the coupled position, after separation of the vehicles. It shall also be possible to keep the locking mechanism in the uncoupled position, to prevent undesired coupling, at the hump.	Muss	Safety, Operating conditions for the personnel, Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.28	RE	In event of failure of the horizontal or vertical support the coupler head shall not fall down and reach the track.	Muss	Safety	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Safety
AUCO.29	RE	The main pin of the coupler head shall be lubricated/greased.	Muss	Avoidance of self-lubricating bearings for the main pin because of bad experiences	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance

AUCO.30	DR	The coupling height is 1040 +5/-15 mm from the top of rail (TOR) according to TSI CR.	Muss	Usability	-	draft	--	Shift2Rail / TSI CR		TSI CR	General, Operation
AUCO.31	RE	The automatic coupler shall work unrestricted and reliably under all operational conditions, e.g. rain, pollution, washing water, snow, ice and particularly in hot summers as well as in cold winters. These conditions shall not have any influence on the function of the coupler.	Muss	Reduce maintenance costs, reliability for life time	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.32	RE	Manual Uncoupling shall be possible without external tooling:-	Muss	Use in case of malfunction, during maintenance, in case of emergency / rescue	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Operation
AUCO.33	RE	Manual uncoupling shall be possible by one person with a maximum manual tractive power (tension load) of 200 ... 250 N on the coupler's handle.	Muss	Operating condition	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation
AUCO.34	RE	The manual uncoupling device shall be visible and accessible.	Muss	Operating conditions for the personnel, feasibility in maintenance	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Operation
AUCO.35	RE	The coupler head shall restrict a strength from - 1.000 kN for draw forces - 2.000 kN for pressure forces without any plastic deformations (R_{p0.2}). Note: In case of overload, the coupling head should not be damaged. A nominal breaking point for loads above 1500 kN should be located in the drawbar.	Muss	Safety, acc. to EN 12663 2,	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Strength
AUCO.36	RE	The automatic coupling shall have a long-term firmness for tractive powers and compressive forces of 270 ... 290 kN in service. The actual force is only for prototype coupler. Real forces will be kind during 2020 (TIS value on long value is under construction) <u>Note:</u> Value comes from IGW testing, real this could be 450 kN in relation to the current maximum tractive forces of existing lokos. In the future, higher continuous loads are also possible if locomotives are operated to realise a higher tractive power (e.g.6-axle locos).	Muss	Safety		draft	--				
AUCO.37	RE	The automatic coupling shall have an "buffer position" for shunting operation.	Muss	Experience of operators							General
AUCO.38	INFO	The "buffer position" allows disengagement and re-injection during manoeuvring without a new coupling process.	Info								
AUCO.39	RE	The change from the " buffer position " to the "ready for automatic coupling" position must be possible manually from outside the borderline of the vehicle.	Muss	Experience of operators							General

AUCO.40	INFO	In case that the vehicle is not in any category acc. to EN 12663-2 the value of the pulling force the automatic coupler has to resist can be adapted to the vehicle strength.	Info	-	-	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10		EN 12663-2	General
AUCO.41	RE	The casing of the automatic coupler shall resist a compressive force up to 2000 kN without causing any irreparable damage to the coupler head (e.g. cracks or plastic deformation).	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Strength
AUCO.42	RE	The pivoting range of the automatic coupler shall be +/- 11° in vertical and +/- 20° in horizontal direction.	Muss	Operating condition	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation
AUCO.43	RE	The automatic coupler shall allow the train to operate on slope connections with a radius according to TSI Infrastructure for vertical curves.	Muss	Operating condition	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Operation
AUCO.44	RE	The automatic coupler shall have a centring device.	Muss	Improvement of the ease of use and the reliability of the coupling process	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Operation
AUCO.45	RE	The horizontal support of the automatic coupler shall operate mechanically.	Muss	Use of a reliable design solution	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Operation
AUCO.46	RE	The automatic coupling shall be designed in such a way that it can be used either with cross-beam support or with strut support.	Muss	Use of a reliable design solution	SB	draft		TIS working group			General
AUCO.47	RE	The mechanical connecting elements, horizontal and vertical support of the automatic coupler and its fastening elements shall withstand the operating load during its lifetime./ between 2 heavy maintenance levels. (Note: lifetime 30 years)	Muss	Experience of DB: plastic deformations on two different coupler types	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			General
AUCO.48	INFO	For wagons with automatic couplers it shall be possible to drive on rail curves with R =75 m in the coupled state.	Info	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			General
AUCO.49	RE	The automatic coupler shall stay stable in the uncoupled condition. Appearing relative movements may not lead to the destructions in the vehicle structure	Muss	Safety; to ensure a defined position of the coupler (head)	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Operation
AUCO.50	DR	When using the automatic coupler, connected vehicles shall be able to run through curves with radii $r \geq 120$ m without any restrictions.	Muss	To ensure smooth operation on curves with small radii	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Operation
AUCO.51	DR	When using the automatic coupler, connected vehicles shall be able to run through curves with radii $r \geq 100$ m without any restrictions.	Muss	to ensure smooth operation on curves with small radii	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Operation

AUCO.52	INFO	When using the automatic coupler, connected vehicles shall be able to run through S-curves with radii $r \geq 150$ m with 6 m intermediate track without any restrictions (according to EN 13803 Kap.6.12, Tab.19)	Info	European standard (EN 13803)	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail		EN 13803-2	Operation
AUCO.53	INFO	Track conditions are defined in the TSI Infrastructure chapter "Interfaces with the rolling stock subsystems" too.	Info	-	-	--	--				-
AUCO.173	RE	For the application of automatic couplers, derailment safety according to EN 15839 shall be demonstrated for each vehicle.	Muss	running safety	SB	draft		TIS working group			Safety
AUCO.54	OR	The automatic coupler shall be equipped with an automatically operated uncoupling device. Note: An automatic uncoupling device is mandatory for DAC 5. Nevertheless, the space provided for this purpose must also be taken into constructional consideration in the case of previous versions.	Option bis DAK 4, ab DAK 5 Muss	Improvement of the ease of use when uncoupling	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Operation
AUCO.55	OR	If there is an uncoupling device: The uncoupling device may be pneumatic or an electrical device.	Option bis DAK 4, ab DAK 5 Muss				under review	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			
AUCO.174	RE	If the uncoupling device is a pneumatical device, in according to TSI WAG Annex C9 it's not allowed to take the pressure (air) from the main pipe.		Safety	SB	draft	--	TSI WAG			Safety
AUCO.56	OR	Uncoupling shall be possible from any active drivers cab.	Option bis DAK 4, ab DAK 5 Muss	Safety	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation
AUCO.57	OR	The active driver cab might not be near to the coupler involved into the uncoupling process.	Option bis DAK 4, ab DAK 5 Muss	-	-	--	--				-
AUCO.58	OR	If the uncoupling device is not in action it shall be in an neutral situation (ready to couple position).	Option bis DAK 4, ab DAK 5 Muss	Experience of operators	-	draft	--	Shift2Rail			-
AUCO.59	INFO	The active driver cab shall only be located where coupling or uncoupling is going to be executed (local to the coupler involved).	Info bis DAC 4, Muss ab DAC 5)	Safety	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation
AUCO.60	OR	The active driver cab is located near to the coupler involved in the uncoupling process.	Option bis DAK 4, ab DAK 5 Muss	-	-	--	--				-

AUCO.61	OR	Locos only Automatic uncoupling shall only be possible when the following conditions occur: -Train speed is 0 km/h; -The brake pipe (BP) pressure is lower than 3,5 bar. and -The operator has activated the automatic/manual uncoupling signal/mechanism. <u>Note:</u> Besides, the logic for the speed recognition does not lie on the wagon, only on the locomotive	Option	Safety, experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Operation, Safety
AUCO.62	RE	During the uncoupling process the uncoupling device of the two connected couplers shall work simultaneous.	Muss	Experience of the operators (bad experiences with a certain coupling system)	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Operation
AUCO.63	OR	The contractor shall provide the time required for the replacement of the coupler head including the electrical connections by 2 persons.	Option	Maintenance costs	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.64	RE	The contractor shall provide the time required for the replacement of the coupler head by 2 persons.	Muss	Maintenance costs	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.65	RE	The replacement of a coupler head shall be possible within 60 min by 2 persons.	Muss	Maintenance costs	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.66	RE	The necessary tools, resources and devices for the maintenance and replacement of the automatic coupler or parts of it (including the electrical coupler) shall be agreed with the client.	Muss	Maintenance costs	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Maintenance
AUCO.67	INFO	The use of special tools for maintenance and replacement of the automatic coupler or parts of it shall be avoided.	Info	-	-	--	--				-
AUCO.68	RE	Where the use of special tools for maintenance and replacement of the automatic coupler or parts of it is required the customer shall be provided with the detailed information. This document informs about the operation purpose, which measurements have to be made, which values are acceptable (e. g. system technical threshold value) and how the calibration of the special tools has to	Muss	Maintenance costs	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Maintenance
AUCO.69	RE	Related to the ordered wagon types or wagon series the fixing of the coupler head to the coupler, e. g. with a split collar, shall be the same for all couplers regarding dimensions or diameters.	Muss	Maintenance costs	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Maintenance
AUCO.70	OR	The replacement of an uncoupling device shall be possible within 60 min by 1 person.	Option	Maintenance, experience of the operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.71	RE	The contractor shall provide drawings necessary for maintenance, a maintenance manual / file that includes all required actions for the maintenance of the coupler.	Muss	Maintenance planning	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance

AUCO.72	RE	The contractor shall provide the time required for the maintenance and the different maintenance steps of the automatic coupler (including electrical and data connections).	Nuss	Maintenance planning	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.73	RE	The automatic coupler shall reach a reliability of "Z" %, based on the operating time between the manufacturing and the first complete overhaul or between two complete overhauls. <u>Note:</u> The verification of the achieved percentage regarding	Muss	Maintenance costs	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Operation, Reliability
AUCO.74	RE	The automatic coupler shall reach a reliability in the way that it will reach an operational reliability level of "Y" breakdowns per million km. <u>Note:</u> "Y" and the verification of the achieved reliability level (e. g. minor, major, significant) has to be defined and harmonised with the customer.	Muss	Maintenance costs	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation, Reliability
AUCO.75	RE	The main parts of the automatic coupler (e.g. coupler head, draw and buffing gear, pivot anchor) shall be connected with connecting elements to be solved simply (e.g. screws and nuts).	Muss	Reduction of work during maintenance	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Maintenance
AUCO.76	OR	The automatic coupler, especially the coupler head, shall be equipped with a top protection against rain, washing water, windscreen cleaning agents, or snow and ice.	Option	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation
AUCO.77	RE	The greasing of automatic coupler parts shall be possible without dismounting any main parts, e.g. coupler head, draw bar, electrical coupler, draw and buffing gear, pivot anchor, centring device. The greasing intervall shall be 6 years.	Soll	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Maintenance
AUCO.78	RE	The coupler head, coupler shank (draw bar), draw and buffing gear, electric coupler, centring device and connecting elements shall be indelibly marked with the supplier's brand, the date of manufacturing and the serial	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Maintenance
AUCO.79	RE	The system for manual uncoupling shall work without malfunction or destruction of any parts - except for wearing parts, e. g. cable pull - during the whole life time of the coupler/ between 2 heavy maintenances.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Maintenance
AUCO.80	RE	The manual uncoupling system shall withstand an operating force of at least 2000 N without any measurable plastic deformation during its whole life time. The direction of the force should be in the same direction as the uncoupling system is operated. The application of the force should be where the hand of the operator activates the uncoupling system.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.81	--	3 Energy absorption system									
AUCO.82	RE	The draw bar (draw and buffing gear) shall be equipped with a reversible elastic element for energy absorption.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Damage prevention
AUCO.83	RE	The elastic energy absorption system shall endure a life cycle test analogous to EN 15551, Chapter 5.5 and Annex C. <u>Note</u> The values given in EN 15551 stand for a buffer and must be doubled with regard to the requirements for an	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail		EN 15551	Reliability

AUCO.97	RE	The automatic coupler shall be pneumatically compatible with the coupling type "Y".	Muss	To offer interoperability between different vehicles, to reduce number of different adaptors;	SB	draft	--				Operation
AUCO.98	INFO	Regarding other coupler types further information has to be provided by the operator.	Info	-	-	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			-
AUCO.99	RE	The pneumatic connection of the automatic coupler shall be done automatically after or simultaneously to the mechanical connection.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Safety
AUCO.100	RE	The disconnection of the pneumatic connection shall be done automatically before or simultaneously to the mechanical uncoupling.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Safety
AUCO.101	RE	If the automatic coupler is unintentionally disconnected, an emergency braking of the train shall be initiated.	Muss	General, Safety	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Safety
AUCO.102	RE	The diameter of the pipe lines inside the automatic coupler shall be 5/4 ".	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10		EN 16019	Safety
AUCO.103	RE	The brake pipe valve shall be directly mechanically activated by working of the mechanical coupling device of	Muss		SB	draft	--	Shift2Rail			Safety
AUCO.104	RE	When not in use, the air pipes must be protected against the penetration of dirt and humidity.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft		TIS working group			Safety
AUCO.105	--	5 Electrical and data connections of the automatic coupler (mechanical part)		-	-	--	--				-
AUCO.106	RE	The electrical coupler shall have the protection class IP 54/55 (during coupled and uncoupled condition).	Muss	Acc. to EN 60529 no rain water is allowed to reach the	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Reliability, Safety
AUCO.107	RE	The electrical coupler shall fulfil the requirements according to EN 50124-1 regarding clearances and creepage distances for equipment.	Muss	Acc. to EN 50124-1	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10		EN 50124-1	Reliability, Safety
AUCO.108	RE	Single contacts of the electrical coupler shall be replacable from the front without removing or replacing the complete electrical coupler.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.109	RE	The electrical contacts of the automatic coupler shall ensure the connection of control signal lines, data bus lines, lines for transmitting signals and voltage between coupled vehicles and between the train and the loco(s). <i>Note: Actually the voltage is to be limited to 110 V with a current of 50 amperes.</i>	Muss	Safety, experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation, Safety
AUCO.110	INFO	The signal transfer between the couplings can also be realised as a WiFi, NFC or via bluetooth.	Info								

AUCO.111	RE	The mechanical, pneumatic and electrical connections shall be made within a period of 10 seconds.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation
AUCO.112	RE	The electrical coupling shall be made within a certain period of time (2 to 6 seconds), after a complete mechanical and pneumatic coupling has been made.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation
AUCO.113	INFO	The maximum time expended for these connections does not impair any other vehicle functions, e. g. of the TCMS.	Info	-	-	draft	--				-
AUCO.114	RE	The mechanical and pneumatic uncoupling shall be made within a certain period of time (2 to 6 seconds), after a complete electrical uncoupling has been made.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			
AUCO.115	RE	The connection and separation of the mechanical and electrical connection shall be done automatically (without additional activities by the operating personnel).	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation
AUCO.116	OR	If the electrical/ data coupler is separate from the mechanical coupler: The electrical coupler shall automatically move to the back position (uncoupling position) only if it is operated by the automatic uncoupling device. Alternative: The electric connecting component should go after separation to a parking position.	Option	-	-	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			-
AUCO.117	RE	Locos only: The electrical coupler shall have a "mechanical isolation switch".	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.118	INFO	Locos only: The "mechanical isolation switch" is used for the manual separation or isolation of the electrical coupler and is activated by the maintenance personnel.	Info	-	-	--	--				-
AUCO.119	OR	Only for electrical coupler separate from the mechanical coupler: If the "mechanical isolation switch" of the electrical coupler is used (activation of the switch) the electrical coupler shall stay steady and shall not automatically move. If the "mechanical isolation switch" of the electrical coupler is used again (deactivation of the switch) the electrical coupler shall stay in the current position as well (no automatic movement).	Option	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.120	OR	Only for electrical coupler separate from the mechanical coupler: If the "mechanical isolation switch" of the electrical coupler has been activated the electrical coupler shall offer the possibility to be moved manually.	Option	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.121	RE	Locos only: The position or the state of the "mechanical isolation switch" shall be visible to the maintenance personal outside of the vehicle.	Muss (Locos only)	Safety, experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.122	INFO	The electrical coupler shall have an "electrical isolation switch" that is used by the operating personnel. <u>Note:</u> The electrical isolation switch is part of the delivery of the vehicles manufacturer.	Info	-	-	draft	--				Operation

AUCO.123	INFO	The "electrical isolation switch" is used for the electrical separation or isolation of the electrical coupler and is activated by the operating personnel.	Info	-	-	draft	--				-
AUCO.124	INFO	The "electrical isolation switch" for the operating personnel shall be located in a cab (adjacent to the coupler). Note: The electrical isolation switch is part of the delivery of the vehicles manufacturer .	Info	-	-	draft	--				Operation
AUCO.125	OR	The "electrical isolation switch" shall be operated from the active cab and shall switch off all current to the (corresponding) electrical coupler, including cables and connectors.	Option	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation
AUCO.126	RE	The "electrical isolation switch" shall offer the possibility to be locked and secured against unauthorised unlocking.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation
AUCO.127	INFO	Further information about the number of contacts, the contact arrangement and the contact assignments shall be given in the specification module "Vehicle control system" .	Info	-	-	--	--				-
AUCO.128	INFO	The train manufacturer shall provide the coupler manufacturer with all required information regarding the number and arrangement of contacts that have to be connected by the electrical coupler.	Info	-	-	--	--				-
AUCO.129	INFO	Further information about environmental conditions shall be given in the specification module "System specification" of the technical requirement specification.	Info	-	-	draft	--				-
AUCO.130	RE	The electrical contacts of the automatic coupler shall not be damaged during normal operation (when electrical coupling and/or uncoupling is successful as well as unsuccessful).	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance, Operation
AUCO.131	RE	Checking and adjusting the position of the electrical coupler shall be required a maximum once at 6 years.	Muss	Experience of operators; reduction of work in maintenance	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.132	RE	The train bus bar (main power line between wagons and between train and loco) shall be coupled by the automatic coupler.	Muss	Innovation	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			General
AUCO.133	RE	The electrical coupler shall be equipped with a protection of the pins against influences from outside (when the electrical coupler is not connected to another one).	Muss	Experience of operators; protection against humidity and dirt	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Soiling prevention
AUCO.134	RE	The potential interferences between the seals and the protection or between the seals and the body of the electrical coupler shall not generate any disturbance to the protection.	Muss	Bad experiences of operators with covers that did not open or close properly because of problems with	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Operation
AUCO.135	RE	In case of a collision the protection shall prevent the electrical coupler from making short circuits.	Muss	Safety	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Safety

AUCO.136	RE	The contact resistance for energy transmission and ep brake must be less than 5 mOhms (7 mOhms including reserve over lifetime). Info: This includes the transition from the line of one wagon through the coupling and into the line of the following wagon.	Muss	Reduction of power losses at the coupler interfaces to provide sufficient power over	SB	draft					Operation
AUCO.137	RE	The contact resistance for data transmission must be less than 25 mOhms. Info: This includes the transition from the line of one wagon through the coupling and into the line of the	Muss	Provide reliable signal transfer between two	SB	draft					Operation
AUCO.138	RE	The insulation resistance between the electrical power contacts (110 V level) and coupler ground shall be at least 800 MOhms.	Muss	Provide sufficient isolation resistance in the whole train configuration	SB	draft					Operation
AUCO.139	RE	The dielectric withstand test is to be conducted with 1500 V according to EN 50155 (for operating voltages of 72 V to 125 V DC).	Muss	Fulfillment of EN 50155	SB	draft					Operation
AUCO.140	--	6 Safety									
AUCO.141	RE	The entire automatic coupler shall be earthed according to UIC 533.	Muss	Safety	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10		UIC 533	Safety
AUCO.142	RE	The occurrence of an unintentional mechanical disconnection without working of the brake on the hauled train or / and the leading train shall not exceed 10 ⁻⁹ per operation hour.	Muss	Safety and risk analyses	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Safety
AUCO.143	RE	The occurrence of unintentional uncoupling shall not exceed 10 ⁻⁶ per operating hour.	Muss	Safety and risk analyses	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Safety
AUCO.144	--	7 General requirements (part of the system requirement specification)									
AUCO.145	RE	Each attachment point at the coupler where there is made a mechanical connection (e.g. by bolts or screws) shall not be secured by a locking plate.	Muss	Maintainability	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.146	RE	Attachment points at couplers shall be secured e. g. by the use of self-locking nuts.	Muss	-	-	draft	--				-
AUCO.147	RE	The coupler and the spring device should operate for a period of at least six years without requiring maintenance. This does not include ordinary day-to-day maintenance to be carried out during service hours, such as greasing and cleaning of the parts subject to particularly heavy wear.	Muss	Maintainability	SB	draft	--	EuroSpec automatic coupler type 10			Maintenance
AUCO.148	RE	X % (e.g.: 98%) at least of the DAK must be produced with recyclable materials	Muss	Environment	SB	draft		TIS working group			

AUCO.149	INFO	It will happen during a long period, because of the workshops capacities and availabilities. This means that we will start to replace first the couplers of block trains, and of the locomotives. But what about the isolated railcars, and what about the engines owned by the private sidings which move the railcars at our client's plants? It could be interesting also to ask for the development of a specific tool able to connect (in particular conditions of	Info			--					
AUCO.150		8 Hybrid coupler (special case)									
AUCO.151	INFO	Hybrid couplings (Hyco) represent a special design of the couplings.	Info	basic requirement	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			
AUCO.152	INFO	They allow coupling not only to the automatic coupling as well to the conventional UIC coupling system.	Info	basic requirement	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			
AUCO.153	INFO	Hybrid couplings should only be used on locomotives.	Info	basic requirement	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			
AUCO.154	RE	The hybrid coupling shall, in the 'automatic coupling' position, fulfil all the requirements of the automatic coupling, in particular the requirements for safety, passable track geometry and strength.	Muss	Safety	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			
AUCO.155	RE	If the connective element is a draw hook The draw hook of the hybrid coupling for connection to the UIC coupling shall fulfil the requirements for the 1.5 MN draw hook in accordance with EN 15566.	Muss	Safety	SB	draft	--	TIS working group		EN 15566	
AUCO.156	RE	If the connective element is a screw coupler The screw coupler of the hybrid coupling for connection to the UIC coupling shall fulfil the requirements for the 1.5 MN screw coupler in accordance with EN 15566.	Muss	Safety	SB	draft	--	TIS working group		EN 15566	
AUCO.157	RE	The used buffers shall fulfil the requirements for category "C" buffers for freight wagons according to EN 15551.	Muss	Safety	SB	draft	--	TIS working group		EN 15551	
AUCO.158	RE	The hybrid coupling must be able to be mounted on/ into the underframe of the existing locomotive without major structural changes to the vehicle structure.	Muss	Safety, Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			
AUCO.159	RE	For new locomotives, the hybrid coupling must be designed so that it is compatible with the installation space in accordance with UIC leaflet 530-1, annex 4a, is decisive for the design of the coupling in westeuropean countries. In easteurpean countries annexe 6a and 6 b are recommended.	Muss	Safety, Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			
AUCO.160	RE	If the automatic coupling function is not required, the automatic coupling head shall not affect the function of the UIC coupling point.	Muss	Safety, Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			
AUCO.161	RE	If the automatic coupling function is not required, the automatic coupling shall be secured against unintentional movement.	Muss	Safety, Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			
AUCO.162	RE	If the automatic coupling function is not in use, the spaces to be respected according to the clearance gauge according Chapter 4.2.2 of TSI CR/ EN 16839 shall not be	Muss	Safety	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			
AUCO.163	RE	The hybrid coupling shall be designed in such way that, when it is used or when changing from automatic coupling mode to UIC coupling mode, the physical strain on the operator is kept to a minimum (e.g. 150...170 N).	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	TIS working group			

AUCO.164	OR	The change between the operating modes may take place via pneumatic, electrical or mechanical activation.	Option	Experience of operators		draft	--	TIS working group				
AUCO.165	RE	If components to be carried on the vehicle are required for mode change, their single weight shall not exceed 25 kg.	Muss	Compliance with work safety and health regulations	SB	draft	--	TIS working group				
AUCO.166	RE	The mode change does not require any tools (e.g. wrench, pincer, hammer...).	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	TIS working group				
AUCO.167	RE	When using the UIC coupling point the pneumatic connection between the vehicles shall be made manually.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	TIS working group				
AUCO.168	RE	The pneumatic connection between the vehicles with different coupling systems shall be made via a UIC/TSI compliant interface.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	TIS working group				
AUCO.169	RE	When the UIC coupling point use the electrical and signal connections between the vehicles this shall be made manually.	Muss	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	TIS working group				
AUCO.170	OR	The connection for the electrical signal transmission between the rolling stock shall be made via a UIC/TSI compliant interface.	Option	Experience of operators	SB	draft	--	TIS working group				

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Sequence no.	Name of test	Requirement type	Tests performed	Requirements covered	Results expected	Results achieved, by manufacture	Free text field	additional comments
Tests on single wagon								
1	Weighing the coupling to determine its net mass	Mandatory		AUC0.9	Total weight of a coupling ≤ 380 kg			
2	Coupling of the automatic coupling against a UIC coupling point (side buffers and screw coupling) without the use of adapters (special test for the hybrid coupler of	Mandatory	Coupling test for the automatic coupling with a vehicle with buffers and screw coupling without the use of adapters		A coupling can be achieved without an special adapter			
2.1.	Creating buffer contact on a straight track (only locos with dual mode coupler)	Mandatory						
3	Coupling tests with couplings of the same type under the following conditions (before the tests begin, the couplings are equipped with sensors to record compressive and tensile forces, distances and acceleration measurements)	Mandatory						All tests from chapter 3 and 4 shall be carried out in the vehicle combination full-full, empty-full and empty-empty.
3.1	On straight track							
3.1.1	At v= 2 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.1.2	with v= 4 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.1.3	with v= 6 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.1.4	with v= 8 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.1.5	with v= 10 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						Attention: the max. speed depended from maximum force level of 2.000 kN for which wagons are designed. Based on requiremenrt for standard buffer test (max. 3.000kN/wagon end) force shall not become higher than 3.000 kN
	Wagon 50% loaded	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						

Sequence no.	Name of test	Requirement type	Tests performed	Requirements covered	Results expected	Results achieved, by manufacture	Free text field	additional comments
3.1.6	At v= 12 km/h (simulated impact running down from the hump without a rail brake)	Mandatory	Coupling tests with identical coupling types, 5 test attempts per requirement	AUCO 10 to 36	Coupling provides a reliable connection under the defined track geometries, boundary conditions and speeds, including electrical connection of the contacts.			Attention: the max. speed depended from maximum force level of 2.000 kN for which wagons are designed. Based on requirement for standard buffer test (max. 3.000kN/wagon end) force shall not become higher than 3.000 kN
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.2	In curved track R 190 m							
3.2.1	At v= 2 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.2.2	At v= 4 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.2.3	with v= 6 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.2.4	At v= 8 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.3	Curved track R 150 m, manual alignment of the couplings permitted							
3.3.1	At v= 2 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.3.2	with v= 4 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.3.3	At v= 6 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.3.4	At v= 8 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.4	S-curve 190 m							
3.4.1	with v= 2 km/h	Mandatory						

Sequence no.	Name of test	Requirement type	Tests performed	Requirements covered	Results expected	Results achieved, by manufacture	Free text field	additional comments
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.4.2	At v= 4 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.5	S-curve 150 m, manual alignment of the couplings permitted							
3.5.1	At v= 2 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.5.2	At v= 4 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.6	S-curve 150 m, with 6 m intermediate straight, manual alignment of the couplings permitted							
3.6.1	At v= 2 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
3.6.2	At v= 4 km/h	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4	Running on various track geometries in the coupled state							
4.1	Passage through curved track 190 m,							
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.2	Passage through curved track 190 m, pushed							
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.3	Passage through curved track 150 m,							
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.4	Passage through curved track 150 m, pushed							
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.5	Passage through S-curve 190 m, pulled							
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.6	Passage through S-curve 190 m, pushed							
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.7	Passage through S-curve 150 m, pulled							
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.8	Passage through S-curve 150 m, pushed							
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.9	Passage through S-curve 150 m with 6 m intermediate straight, pulled							
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						

Sequence no.	Name of test	Requirement type	Tests performed	Requirements covered	Results expected	Results achieved, by manufacture	Free text field	additional comments
4.10	Passage through S-curve 150 m with 6 m intermediate straight, pushed							
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.11	Passage through curved track 100 m,							
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.12	Passage through curved track 100 m, pushed							
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.13.	Passage through curve 75 m	Mandatory						
4.14	Navigating a ramp with 2°30' pitch, pulled	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.15	Navigating a ramp with 2°30' pitch, pushed	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.16	Navigating a ramp with 2°30' pitch and overlapping with a 150 m curved track, pulled	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
4.17	Navigating a ramp with 2°30' pitch and overlapping with a 150 m curved track, pushed	Mandatory						
	Wagon empty	Mandatory						
	Wagon fully loaded	Mandatory						
5.	Coupling under defined climatic conditions							
5.1	Coupling in cold conditions	Mandatory						
5.1.1.	Coupling at 0°C, dry	Mandatory						
5.1.2.	Coupling at 0°C, spray	Mandatory						
5.1.3.	Coupling at -10°C, covered in snow, dry	Mandatory						
5.1.4.	Coupling at -10°C, covered in snow, coupling iced, layer thickness 5 mm	Mandatory						
5.1.5.	Coupling at -20°C, covered in snow, dry	Mandatory						
5.1.6.	Coupling at -20°C, covered in snow, coupling iced, layer thickness 5 mm	Mandatory						
5.1.12.	Coupling at -25°C, covered in snow, dry	Mandatory						
5.1.7.	Coupling at -25°C, covered in snow, coupling iced, layer thickness 5 mm	Mandatory						
5.2.	Coupling at 40°C, dry	Mandatory						
6.	Measurement of the response speed when braking/releasing brakes	Mandatory	Proof of the brake response time in accordance with UIC 544-1 and breakdown velocity in accordance with EN 14198, 5 test attempts each	AUCO 102	Coupling reliably creates a connection under the defined climatic conditions at the first attempt, ncluding electrical connection of the contacts.			
7.	Recording the operating force of the manual uncoupling equipment	Mandatory	Proof of compliance with the permissible operating force, 5 test attempts each	AUCO 33	The specified release force of the manual uncoupling equipment remains within the range 150 ... 170 N			

Sequence no.	Name of test	Requirement type	Tests performed	Requirements covered	Results expected	Results achieved, by manufacture	Free text field	additional comments
8.	Impact tests to determine the strength of the coupling head and the forces and accelerations occurring in the vehicle	Mandatory	Proof of required strength against plastic deformation of the coupling head and the acceleration that occurs in the vehicle as well as the forces acting on the vehicle-coupling interface, 5 test attempts per requirement, Measurement of the acceleration impact on the electric coupler (test concept chapter 2.3.4).	AUCO 902 to 92	Complies with the specified requirements			
8.1.	Determination of the maximum forces occurring in the coupling head at an impact speed of 8 km/h and 90t against	Mandatory			Force occurring in the coupling head ≤ 2000 kN			
8.2.	Determination of the maximum forces occurring in the connection between the coupling head and the base frame at an impact speed of 8 km/h and 90t against 80t	Mandatory			Force occurring at the interface to the base frame ≤ 2000 kN			
9.	electrical connections							
9.1	Contact resistance per coupler interface (chapter 2.2.1 in testing concept)	Determination of contact resistance of all coupler contacts in coupled state.		Contact resistance below the specified value (refer to the testing concept and / or manufacturer specification)				
9.2	Isolation resistance (chapter 2.2.6 in testing concept)	Determination of isolation resistance of all coupler contacts to the coupler ground.		Isolation resistance above the specified value (refer to the testing concept and / or manufacturer specification)				
9.3	Data transfer between wagons (chapter 2.2.3 in testing concept)	Determination of communication capability of the coupler, including the hard-wired CAN communication, powerline communication and radio communication.		Successful data transfer according to the specifications.		These tests will be defined and executed by OWITA.		
9.4	Power transfer along the train (chapter 2.2.2)	successful power transfer along several wagons (up to 12)		refer to testing specification				
9.5	Data transfer along the train (chapter 2.2.4)	Test of successful data transfer along several wagons (up to 12)		refer to testing specification		These tests will be defined and executed by OWITA.		
10.	Test dismantling/assembly of the coupling head by 2 persons	Mandatory	Test dismantling/assembly of the coupling head by 2 persons in a workshop	AUCO 52 to 62	Coupling head can be replaced by 2 persons within 60 minutes, no special tools required (except lifting equipment).			
11.	Test dismantling/assembly of the automatic coupling equipment by 1 person in 60 minutes (if available)	Mandatory	Test dismantling/assembly of the automatic coupling equipment by 1 person in 60 minutes in a workshop	AUCO 62	Replacement of automatic decoupling equipment by 1 person in 60 minutes, no special tools required.			

Sequence no.	Name of test	Requirement type	Tests performed	Requirements covered	Results expected	Results achieved, by manufacture	Free text field	additional comments
11.1	Test replacement of the electric contacts (chapter 2.2.10 in the electric testing concept)	Test exchange of single contacts from the front without removing / replacing the complete electric coupler.	AUCO. 108	Test exchange of single contacts from the front using only the manufacturer-specified tools and successfully executed within the time specified by the manufacturer.				
12.	Final examination of the coupling	Mandatory						
12.1.	Measurement of the couplings	Mandatory	Separate protocols must be produced for these measurements based on the manufacturer's data.		No dimensional changes outside the manufacturing tolerance range			
12.1.1.	Inspection of the main dimensions of the coupling	Mandatory			No dimensional changes outside the manufacturing tolerance range			
12.1.2.	Inspection of the functional dimensions	Mandatory			No dimensional changes outside the manufacturing tolerance range			
12.1.3.	Recording the actual characteristic curve for the damping unit	Mandatory			Permissible deviation from the target characteristic curve within			
12.2.	Inspection for damage visible to the naked eye, e.g. breaks, plastic deformations, fractures, cracks in the visible area of the	Mandatory	Separate protocols must be produced for these inspections. Guidelines for the assessment and admissibility of the recorded properties after the completion of the test must be agreed separately with the manufacturer. Professional supervision can be provided by DB Systemtechnik GmbH, TT.TVE 31(2).					
12.3.	Step-by-step disassembly of the couplings into the main subassemblies with inspection for damage visible to the naked eye, e.g. breaks, plastic deformation, fractures, cracks, abrasions together with manufacturer	Mandatory						
12.3.1.	Measurement of components from 12.2.	Mandatory						
12.3.2.	NDT inspection of parts in the load path from 8.2 (optional)	Mandatory						
12.8	Test lubrication during service	Mandatory	Test lubrication of all possible lubrication positions by 1 people.		Wear elements can be lubricated by 1 people within 2 minutes without any special tools.			

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Tests on the demonstrator train							
1.	Coupling procedures with couplings of the same type under the following conditions (before the tests begin, the couplings are equipped with sensors to record compressive and tensile forces, distances and acceleration measurements, couplings at the coupling point are of the same type)	Mandatory	Coupling tests with couplings of the same type, 5 test attempts per requirement, train constellation with mixed loads	AUCO 17, AUCO 19 to 32, AUCO 103 to 105, AUCO 118 to 123	Coupling provides a reliable connection under the defined track geometries, boundary conditions and speeds		
1.1.	On straight track	Mandatory					
1.1.1.	At v= 2 km/h	Mandatory					
1.1.2.	At v= 4 km/h	Mandatory					
1.1.3.	At v= 6 km/h	Mandatory					
1.1.4.	At v= 8 km/h	Mandatory					
1.2.	In curved track R 190 m	Mandatory					
1.2.1.	At v= 2 km/h	Mandatory					
1.2.2.	At v= 4 km/h	Mandatory					
1.3.	Curved track R 150 m, prior manual alignment of the couplings permitted	Mandatory					
1.3.1.	At v= 2 km/h	Mandatory					
1.3.2.	At v= 4 km/h	Mandatory					
1.4.	S-curve 190 m	Mandatory					
1.4.1.	At v= 2 km/h	Mandatory					
1.4.2.	At v= 4 km/h	Mandatory					
1.5.	S-curve 150 m, prior manual alignment of the couplings permitted	Mandatory					
1.5.1.	At v= 2 km/h	Mandatory					
1.5.2.	At v= 4 km/h	Mandatory					
1.6.	S-curve 150 m, with 6 m intermediate straight, manual alignment of the couplings permitted, coupling in the	Mandatory					
1.6.1.	At v= 2 km/h	Mandatory					
1.6.2.	At v= 4 km/h	Mandatory					
2.	Running on various track geometries as a train	Mandatory	Running on track geometries as a train, 5 test attempts per requirement, train constellation with mixed loads	AUCO 16 to 23, AUCO37 and 38, AUCO 43 to 46	Able to run on the described track geometries without restriction, as both a pulled and pushed unit		
2.1.	Passage through curved track 190 m,	Mandatory					
2.2.	Passage through curved track 190 m, pushed	Mandatory					
2.3.	Passage through curved track 150 m,	Mandatory					
2.4.	Passage through curved track 150 m, pushed	Mandatory					
2.5.	Passage through S-curve 190 m, pulled	Mandatory					
2.6.	Passage through S-curve 190 m, pushed	Mandatory					
2.7.	Passage through S-curve 150 m, pulled	Mandatory					
2.8.	Passage through S-curve 150 m, pushed	Mandatory					
2.9.	Passage through S-curve 150 m with 6 m intermediate straight, pulled	Mandatory					
2.10.	Passage through S-curve 150 m with 6 m intermediate straight, pushed	Mandatory					
2.11.	Passage through curved track 100 m,	Mandatory					
2.12.	Passage through curved track 100 m,	Mandatory					

2.14.	Navigating a ramp with 3°20' pitch, pulled	Mandatory					
2.15.	Navigating a ramp with 3°20' pitch, pushed	Mandatory					
2.16.	Navigating a ramp with 3°20' pitch and overlapping with a 120 m curved track,	Mandatory					
2.17.	Navigating a ramp with 3°20' pitch and overlapping with a 120 m curved track, pushed	Mandatory					
2.18.	Creating buffer contact on a straight track	Mandatory					
3.	Coupling under defined real climatic	Mandatory					
3.1.	Coupling in cold conditions	Mandatory					
3.1.1.	Coupling at 0°C, dry	Mandatory					
3.1.2.	Coupling at 0°C, spray	Mandatory					
3.1.6.	Coupling at -10°C, covered in snow, dry	Mandatory					
3.1.7.	Coupling at -10°C, covered in snow, coupling iced, layer thickness 5 mm	Mandatory					
3.1.10.	Coupling at -20°C, covered in snow, dry	Mandatory					
3.1.11.	Coupling at -20°C, covered in snow, coupling iced, layer thickness 5 mm	Mandatory					
3.1.12.	Coupling at -25°C, covered in snow, dry	Mandatory					
3.1.13.	Coupling at -25°C, covered in snow, coupling iced, layer thickness 5 mm	Mandatory					
3.2.	Coupling in warm conditions	Mandatory					
3.4.9.	Coupling at 40°C, dry	Mandatory					
3.4.10.	Coupling at 45°C, dry	Target					
4.	Measurement of the response speed when braking/releasing brakes	Mandatory					
4.1.	Measurement of the brake wave propagation speed when applying/releasing brakes within a wagon group with the same type of coupling.	Mandatory					
4.2.	Measurement of the brake wave propagation speed when applying/releasing brakes throughout the train. The measurement must be taken at the last wagon in the train. The length of the train must be specified [in	Mandatory					
5.	Recording the operating force of the manual decoupling equipment This test can be combined with the coupling tests from Sequence no. 1.	Mandatory					

6.	Impact tests to determine the strength of the coupling head and the forces and accelerations occurring in the vehicle	Mandatory			Complies with the specified requirements		
6.1.	Determination of the maximum forces occurring in the coupling head at an impact speed of 8 km/h between a loaded wagon group and a non-braked wagon group standing on the track.	Mandatory	Proof of required strength against plastic deformation of the coupling head and the acceleration that occurs in the vehicle as well as the forces acting on the vehicle-coupling interface, 5 test attempts per requirement, tests to be performed in accordance with DIN EN 15551:2017, Table E3 Test No. 3 to 5 from Categories B and C	AUCO 92 to 96	Force occurring in the coupling head ≤ 2000 kN		
6.2.	Determination of the maximum forces occurring in the connection between the coupling head and the base frame at an impact speed of 8 km/h between a loaded wagon group and a non-braked wagon group standing on the track.	Mandatory			Force occurring at the interface to the base frame ≤ 1500 kN		
6.3.	Determination of the maximum accelerations occurring in the vehicle at an impact speed of 8km/h and 90t against 80	Mandatory			Acceleration $\leq 2g$		
6.4.	Determination of the maximum forces occurring in the coupling head at an impact speed of 12 km/h between a loaded wagon group and a non-braked wagon group standing on the track.	Mandatory			Force occurring in the coupling head ≤ 2000 kN		
6.5.	Determination of the maximum forces occurring in the connection between the coupling head and the base frame at an impact speed of 12 km/h between a fully loaded wagon group and a non-braked fully loaded wagon group standing on the	Mandatory			Force occurring at the interface to the base frame ≤ 1500 kN		
6.6.	Determination of the maximum accelerations occurring in the vehicle at an impact speed of 12km/h between a fully loaded wagon group and a non-braked fully loaded wagon group standing on the track.	Mandatory			Acceleration $\leq 3g$		
7.	Free tests						
7.1	Überwachung der Kräfte an der Kupplung und an der Schnittstelle Kupplung/ Fahrzeugstruktur im Fahrbetrieb						
7.2	Kuppeln/ Entkuppeln der Fahrzeuge im Rahmen des Fahrzeugumlaufs, Zielstellung sind 20 Kuppel/ Entkuppelvorgänge je Kuppelstelle und Woche						

8.	Test dismantling (after testing of the demonstrator train has been completed)						
8.1.	Test dismantling/assembly of the coupling head by 2 persons		Test dismantling/assembly of the coupling head by 2 persons	AUCO 52 to 63	Coupling head can be replaced by 2 persons within 60 minutes, no special tools required (except lifting equipment).		
8.2.	Test dismantling/assembly of the automatic coupling equipment by 1 person in 60 minutes (if available)		Test dismantling/assembly of the automatic coupling equipment by 1 person in 60 minutes	AUCO 63	Replacement of automatic decoupling equipment by 1 person in 60 minutes, no special tools required.		
9.	Final examination of the coupling						
9.1.	Inspection for damage visible to the naked eye, e.g. breaks, plastic deformations, fractures, cracks in the visible area of the couplings	Mandatory	Separate protocols must be produced for these inspections. Guidelines for the assessment of recorded properties and damage after the completion of the test must be agreed separately with the manufacturer. If the dismantling and evaluation of the couplings cannot be performed by the manufacturer, an authorised workshop of DB AG (e.g. for Voith Product --> factory in Kassel, SA3 derivative > factory in Paderborn) must be commissioned to perform the work. Professional supervision can be provided by TT.TVE 31(2).				
9.2.	Step-by-step disassembly of the couplings into the individual parts with inspection for damage visible to the naked eye, e.g. breaks, plastic deformation, fractures, cracks, abrasions together with manufacturer	Mandatory					
9.2.1.	Measurement of components from 8.2.	Mandatory					
9.2.2.	NDT inspection of parts in the load path from 8.2 (optional)	Mandatory					
9.2.3.	Recording the actual characteristic curve for the damping unit	Mandatory					
					Permissible deviation from the target characteristic curve within the range of $\pm$ -20%		

Test instructions

Functional testing of an automatic coupling for rail freight transport at an ambient temperature of +40°C and in increments down to -25°C

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1. Objectives

- Functional testing of the coupling head (with e-contact coupling) and air coupling of the automatic coupling for freight trains at ambient temperatures from +40°C to -25°C
- Prove the mechanical, pneumatic and electrical automatic and manual decoupling functions operate

2. Test setup

- Two automatic couplings, or at least the corresponding coupling heads, are set up in a climate test
- Selected contacts of the e-contact coupling are connected to the electrical continuity test
- The pneumatic air supply is connected to the air coupling

3. Method

3.1. Tests at +40°C

- The couplings are ready to be coupled

Temperatur	Duration of heating
+40°C	at least 4 h
- The couplings must be coupled and decoupled 6 consecutive times - After coupling, a continuity test must be performed on the air coupling and the selected contacts in the e-contact coupling - Check the display of the coupling state - The decoupling must be performed 5x automatically and 1x manually 3.1.1. <u>Tests at +40°C ambient temperature and 90% humidity</u> - The couplings are ready to be coupled - Enrichment of the air humidity to 90%	
Temperatur	Humidity overlay
+40°C	at least 1 h

- Immediately before and during the mechanical, pneumatic and electrical coupling test, the coupling is a sprinkled with water using spray nozzles
- The couplings must be coupled and decoupled 6 consecutive times
- After coupling, a continuity test must be performed on the air coupling and the selected contacts in the e-contact coupling
- Check the display of the coupling state
- The decoupling must be performed 5x automatically and 1x manually. The sprinkler must be turned off before manual decoupling.

After this phase of the test, the humidity in the climate test stand must be reduced until the couplings and their components are dry. Then incrementally reduce the temperature in the climatic test stand to -25°C for tests 3.2 to

3.2. Tests at 0°C

- The couplings are ready to be coupled

Temperatur	Duration of cooling
0°C	at least 4 h

- Using a spray bottle, create a layer of ice (approx. 1 mm thick) on the coupling, repair flaws in this layer caused by the coupling tests
- The couplings must be coupled and decoupled 6 consecutive times

- After coupling, a continuity test must be performed on the air coupling and the selected contacts in the e-contact coupling
- Check the display of the coupling state
- The decoupling must be performed 5x automatically and 1x manually

3.3. Tests at -5°C

- The couplings are ready to be coupled

Temperatur	Duration of cooling
-5°C	at least 2 h

- Using a spray bottle, create a layer of ice (approx. 3-5 mm thick) on the coupling, repair flaws in this layer caused by the coupling tests
- The couplings must be coupled and decoupled 6 consecutive times
- After coupling, a continuity test must be performed on the air coupling and the selected contacts in the e-contact coupling
- Check the display of the coupling state
- The decoupling must be performed 5x automatically and 1x manually

3.4. Tests at -10°C

- The couplings are ready to be coupled

Temperatur	Duration of cooling
-10°C	at least 2 h

- Using a spray bottle, create a layer of ice (approx. 3-5 mm thick) on the coupling, repair flaws in this layer caused by the coupling tests
- The couplings must be coupled and decoupled 6 consecutive times
- After coupling, a continuity test must be performed on the air coupling and the selected contacts in the e-contact coupling
- Check the display of the coupling state
- The decoupling must be performed 5x automatically and 1x manually

3.5. Tests at -15°C

- The couplings are ready to be coupled

Temperatur	Duration of cooling
-15°C	at least 2 h

- Using a spray bottle, create a layer of ice (approx. 3-5 mm thick) on the coupling, repair flaws in this layer caused by the coupling tests
- The couplings must be coupled and decoupled 6 consecutive times
- After coupling, a continuity test must be performed on the air coupling and the selected contacts in the e-contact coupling
- Check the display of the coupling state
- The decoupling must be performed 5x automatically and 1x manually

3.6. Tests at -20°C

- The couplings are ready to be coupled

Temperatur	Duration of cooling
-20°C	at least 2 h

- Using a spray bottle, create a layer of ice (approx. 3-5 mm thick) on the coupling, repair flaws in this layer caused by the coupling tests
- The couplings must be coupled and decoupled 6 consecutive times
- After coupling, a continuity test must be performed on the air coupling and the selected contacts in the e-contact coupling

- Check the display of the coupling state
- The decoupling must be performed 5x automatically and 1x manually

3.7. Tests at -25°C

- The couplings are ready to be coupled

Temperatur	Duration of cooling
-25°C	at least 2 h

- Using a spray bottle, create a layer of ice (approx. 3-5 mm thick) on the coupling, repair flaws in this layer caused by the coupling tests
- The couplings must be coupled and decoupled 6 consecutive times
- After coupling, a continuity test must be performed on the air coupling and the selected contacts in the e-contact coupling
- Check the display of the coupling state
- The decoupling must be performed 5x automatically and 1x manually

3.6. Tests at -20°C

- The couplings are ready to be coupled

Temperatur	Duration of cooling
-20°C	at least 2 h

- Using a spray bottle, create a layer of ice (approx. 3-5 mm thick) on the coupling, repair flaws in this layer caused by the coupling tests
- The couplings must be coupled and decoupled 6 consecutive times
- After coupling, a continuity test must be performed on the air coupling and the selected contacts in the e-contact coupling
- Check the display of the coupling state
- The decoupling must be performed 5x automatically and 1x manually

3.7. Tests at -25°C

- The couplings are ready to be coupled

Temperatur	Duration of cooling
-25°C	at least 2 h

- Using a spray bottle, create a layer of ice (approx. 3-5 mm thick) on the coupling, repair flaws in this layer caused by the coupling tests
- The couplings must be coupled and decoupled 6 consecutive times

- After coupling, a continuity test must be performed on the air coupling and the selected contacts in the e-contact coupling
- Check the display of the coupling state
- The decoupling must be performed 5x automatically and 1x manually

Tests with digital automatic coupling (DAC)

In the digital automatic coupling (DAC) project, automatic freight car couplings are provided for test purposes by the currently designated manufacturers for testing on individual cars. The vehicle types serving as test carriers are to be selected and named. At present, a total of 4 couplings per manufacturer is assumed for single wagon testing.

The couplings are to be tested for compliance with technical requirements under almost real conditions in order to test the functionality of each type of coupling. For the time being it is assumed that the mechanical and pneumatic functionality will be tested. On the automatic couplings there are E contact couplings which are used for tests of the interaction of the mechanical component and the E contact coupling and for continuity measurements as well as functional tests.

Conditions linked to track geometries are tested in real driving tests. Conditions that are linked to climatic requirements are tested both in a climatic chamber and later at the demonstrator train.

For the single wagon test, freight cars are equipped with the automatic coupling and a train is assembled from these cars. Each of the freight cars, with exception of the end cars, will be equipped with an automatic coupler from the participating manufacturers at both ends of the car. The couplings are mounted in such a way that similar couplings are opposite each other and can be coupled.

At one end of the end cars there is an automatic coupling, while the UIC interface (side buffer, screw coupling and draw hook) is retained at the other end of the car. This guarantees the possibility of coupling to the traction units.

The attached test requirements are derived from the requirements and bundled, because partly several specifications from the SPEC AK Güt EUROPA can be tested in the same way. The reference to the specifications is made by a corresponding reference to the specification number (e.g. AUCO.XYZ). AUCO stands for "automatic coupler".

Structure of the test overview

The test overview is structured in tabular form and divided into tests on the single wagon.

The test concept for demonstrator train is under development.

current no.	test designation	test execution	covered requirements	bided result	reached result	result complied	free text field
Tests on single wagon / demonstrator train							

Running number indicates the sequential number of the test

Test name	names the test
test execution	describes the test and, if necessary, the number of individual tests
covered requirements	reference to the request number from the "SPEC AK Güt EUROPE Requirements (e.g. AUCO XYZ)
bided results	describe the bided result
reached result	describe the reached result of the automatic coupling
result complied	marked in the columns with
	 fully met
	 for not fulfilled to be marked.

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If a requirement is only partially fulfilled, it shall be considered as "not fulfilled" in the assessment. The results achieved in the corresponding test(s) shall be documented.

Free text field

here insert further additions/ information

Tests on single wagons/
demonstrator train

serves to differentiate between single car test and test on the demonstrator train. However, the test requirements are listed in different documents.

Test execution and period

Single car tests

According to the schedule of the DAC project, the single car tests will be carried in 2020.

For the tests, the vehicles are to be used both unloaded and fully loaded.

The test end for the single wagons is planned for the 1st quarter of 2021.

The couplers are to be tested with the vehicles, as far as possible, on tracks and in a climate chamber. The test period is planned for the 2nd and 3rd quarter of 2020, as the evaluation of the results is to be incorporated into the couplers which will be procured for the demonstrator train, if possible.

Objective: To prove the functionality of the DAC to potential operators

Construction of the test train

With the single wagon test the following basic conditions are to be considered:

- Test of coupling systems DAC type 4 (Schwab, 2x system "Scharfenberg"®, SA3) from four different manufacturers,
- with these four coupling systems DAC four same carriage groups by three freight cars in each case are to be equipped as follows (a total of twelve carriages),
- Carriages 1 in front: Screw coupling (because of incompatibility of the different coupling systems)
- Carriages 1 behind: DAC (of the respective manufacturer)
- Carriages 2 in front and behind: DAC
- Carriages 3 in front: DAC
- Carriages 3 behind: Screw coupling

Static tests

In the absence of a complete coverage of the test requirements by standards/regulations of technology, the following specifications are to be used for this purpose and tests are to be carried out by analogy:

- DIN EN 15551, Annex D
- UIC 522 (2) approval automatic coupling
- MB 523 technical conditions for automatic couplers
- UIC 530 (1) constructive measures underframe quality for automatic couplers

Dynamic tests

- DIN EN 15551, Annex E
- DIN EN 15566, Annex A
- MB 524 (1) Spring apparatus for automatic freight couplers 1978-01-01 incl. modification 1 to 6 d
- MB 530 (2) Freight wagon driving safety

During the dynamic tests, forces, accelerations and displacements occurring both at the coupling itself and at the interface between coupling and vehicle structure shall be recorded and documented.

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As a minimum, measuring points for the force measurement shall be provided:

- clutch lock
- coupling head casing/ housing
- connection coupling head housing - coupling arm
- coupling clutch/ arm
- connection clutch arm - spring mechanism / damping device
- connection of spring system/damping device to the vehicle structure.

As a minimum, measuring points for acceleration absorption shall be provided:

- coupling head
- connection coupling - vehicle structure
- vehicle structure (underframe of the wagon)
- electric coupler

As a minimum, measuring points for distance measurements shall be provided:

- coupling clutch/ arm with regard to horizontal and vertical deflection
- spring mechanism/ damping device regards to maximum strokes in tension and shock direction
- electric coupler actuation (conformity with allowed timespan for completed acutation)

Tests on pneumatics / brakes

The tests for the pneumatic connection and effectiveness of the brake are concerned both with maintaining the functionality and adherence to braking and release times. The form basis for carrying out the corresponding tests are:

- EN 14198
- EN 15355
- EN 15611
- UIC 540
- UIC 544 (1)

Tests on the E contact coupling

Freight wagons must be equipped with electric and electronic components. Single wagon tests will be executed on wagons which are part of the test train described above (four different types of automatic couplers, three wagon variants per coupler type). The electric interfaces of the provided automatic couplers shall comply with the requirements defined in the document "Requirements for the electrical contacts in the coupling" in its latest version.

Tests on the data communication shall be planned, executed and evaluated separate. They are not part of this document.

Testing overview single wagons

The following tests shall be carried out

1. *Contact resistance per coupler interface*

This test shall be executed in standstill on one coupler interface (two wagons), with the respective contacts being electrically isolated from the wagon circuits. See test specification sequence 9.1.

2. *Insulation resistance of the power net*

This test shall be executed on the power net (110 V circuit) on a wagon decoupled from other wagons, with all respective contacts of the power net being short-circuited, and the insulation resistance shall be measured against wagon ground. See test specification sequence 9.2.

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3. *Contact formation during coupling*

Target of this test is to show successful electric contact formation during coupling and stable electric contacts in the coupled state. The tests shall be executed in conjunction with the mechanical tests of the coupler, test specification sequences 3, 4, and 5.

During the tests at different temperatures (sequence 5), the requirement concerning the allowed timespan for completed acutation of the electric coupler shall be verified.

4. *Field test of coupling shock*

Test of coupling shock (accelerations in three dimension) on the e-coupler during coupling and operation. See test specification sequence 9.4.

5. *Power transfer along the train*

In this test, the transfer of electric power from the locomotive to the last freight car shall be shown in a configuration of all 12 cars (three cars for each of the four automatic coupler types). Power transfer shall take place via electric couplers, connection cables at the screw couplers and the wiring on the cars. See test specification sequence 9.5

6. *Test of the electromagnetic compatibility*

Test shall demonstrate compliance of the electric and electronic equipment of the freight car with admissible electromagnetic emission. During these tests, the power transfer along the train shall be working as well as data transmission, especially over the wireless channels.

7. *Charging and discharging of the buffer battery*

This test shall demonstrate the functionality of the buffer batteries on each car. It shall verify the ability to charge the batteries from the power net, maintain electric functionality upon disconnection and recharge the batteries upon recovery of the power supply. See test specification sequence 9.6.

8. *Replacement of electric contacts*

This test shall verify that an exchange of single contacts in the electric coupler is possible with reasonable effort. Contacts shall be exchangeable from the front without removing or replacing the complete electric coupler. See test specification sequence 11.1.

Coupling tests in different track geometries

The coupling tests shall be performed 5 times per test. The following vehicle combinations shall be selected:

- wagon fully loaded with wagon empty
- wagon fully loaded with wagon fully loaded
- wagon empty with wagon empty.

1. *Coupling on straight track*

Both vehicles to be coupled are facing each other on a straight track. The distance between the couplings must be at least 2 m. Exceptions are coupling speeds above 4 km/h. Here the distance is to be selected so that the specified speed is reached when the couplings meet.

The passive-coupling vehicle stands free and is not braked; the active-coupling vehicle is pushed onto the passive-coupling vehicle at the specified speeds.

2. *coupling in curves without an intermediate straight line*

a. Single curve

Both vehicles to be coupled are positioned in the track curve. The distance between the couplings must be at least 2 m. Exceptions are coupling speeds above 4 km/h. Here the distance shall be selected so that the specified speed is reached when the couplings meet.

The passive coupling vehicle is free standing and not braked, the active coupling vehicle is pushed onto the passive coupling vehicle at the specified speeds. The passive-coupling vehicle is positioned in such a way that the coupling plane is in the transition from the straight track to the curved track.

b. S- curve

Both vehicles to be coupled are positioned in the track curve. The distance between the couplings must be at least 2 m. Exceptions are coupling speeds above 4 km/h. In this case, the distance shall be selected so that the specified speed is reached when the couplings meet.

The passive coupling vehicle is free standing and not braked, the active coupling vehicle is pushed onto the passive coupling vehicle at the specified speeds.

The position of the coupler is to be selected so that it is in the transition from the track curve to the opposite curve.

3. *coupling in S-curves with intermediate straight*

Both vehicles to be coupled are positioned in the track curve. The distance between the couplings must be at least 2 m. Exceptions are coupling speeds above 4 km/h. Here the distance shall be selected so that the specified speed is reached when the couplings meet.

The actively coupling vehicle is pushed on at the specified speed.

The passive coupling vehicle is positioned in such a way that the coupling position is in the middle of the intermediate straight.

Impact tests

The impact tests are carried out to assess the behaviour of the vehicles at different impact speeds. These tests are carried out 5 times in all combinations of loading conditions. The aim is to absorb the forces occurring at the specified measuring points and to determine accelerations acting on the vehicle and the load from recorded force and travel data.

The overrun test at 12 km/h, which is intended to simulate a shunting impact with failed track brakes and non-existent brake shoes, is to be carried out as the last test series.

Documentation of the results

The performance and results of all tests shall be documented in the form of a report. The specific test conditions shall also be addressed.

The recorded data shall be clearly summarized and presented in a corresponding tabular form. Achieved minimum and maximum values shall be highlighted in different colors. In addition, the data shall be presented in graphical form over the entire test procedure.

The partners of the TIS working group "Project DAK" are to be included.

These partners will accompany the tests, at least temporarily.

A joint evaluation of the test results based on the documentation to be prepared is planned.

Additional information

documentation to be provided by the manufacturer (minimum scope)

- Assembly instructions on the vehicle/interface definition (including details of relevant tightening torques)
- Operating instructions for the component, including permissible tensile and compressive forces (Rp0.2), minimum coupling speed, total weight, partial weights of the individual assemblies, designed swivel angles horizontally and vertically, designed spring deflections for compression and tension, design of energy absorption ...
- Maintenance documentation for service / maintenance in operation
- complete documentation of the product, including strength certificates (test protocols, alternatively FEM calculations, test certificates etc.) of the safety-relevant components lying in the force flow, material specifications, manufacturing certificates (e.g. welding design test part I and part II, approval certificates of the subcontractors, material certificates)

Demonstrator Train (Preview)

The demonstrator train is formed from 24 wagons. Besides, all wagons are equipped with the same coupling type. Aim position is to simulate a real operational service by this train. In the demonstrator train the same types of car are used, like in the single carriage test, however, on the suitable aim number increased, i.e., the number of the vehicles is doubled.

Aim position of the demonstrator train is also to be used in all European climate areas.

With the demonstrator train, experiments are carried out in circulation with the target to simulate a real service.

The "climate tests" under wintry conditions occur in winter, mainly in northern countries (e.g., Sweden).

During the European circulation coupling and uncoupling should be carried out. Aim position is to realise 10.000 coupling-/uncouplings.

Besides, the demonstrator train is to be equipped completely with measuring equipment and at every coupler place the following data are to be generated:

- Strength effect with coupling processes on the coupling head, coupling rod, damping equipment and interface coupling vehicle structure
- Recording accelerations in the named areas with the coupling-/uncoupling
- Recording active forces and accelerations under service

The recorded data are to be processed in tabular form. Besides, minimum values and maximum values are to be marked, in addition, in colour.

In addition, a graphic representation, in each case separate is to be generated from the data table for forces, accelerations and ways.

In parallel with recording the precalled identity values a test of the electric equipment and the data connections occurs. In addition there exists a separate description.

The electric tests on the demonstrator train shall demonstrate the reliability and availability of the electric coupler and the electric power supply including the buffer batteries. During the field tests with the demonstrator train, relevant electrical parameters will be monitored and recorded. The values are given in the test specification, chapter 2.3.2. Data shall be readily accessible, ideally via mobile connection with the traction vehicle.

In addition to the continuously measured values, recurring tests have been specified:

- Contact resistance per coupler interface
- Isolation resistance of the electric coupler
- Power transfer along the train
- Charging and discharging behaviour of the buffer battery

Additional tests concerning the communication functionality and equipment are planned. They will be executed and realized separate.