Basic description

Turnout mounted in the track enables passing of the vehicle in either straight or branch direction.

Depending on the design we distinguish the following types of turnouts:

- Single turnout
- Curved turnout
- Equal slip
- Symmetrical turnout
- Diamond crossing
- Double slip
- Single slip
- Crossover
- Double crossover
- Rail expansion joint

Turnouts are designed for UIC60, S49, R65 and they may be placed onto either wooden or concrete sleepers. The standard gauge is 1435 mm. The superstructure including fastening, gauge, type of sleepers and requested geometry is modified according to customers’ requirements.

Technical description

Switch part

- Consists of stock rails (quality R260), switch rails (quality R260), slide chairs, base plates in the switch heel, switch rail studs, anti-creed lock
- The drilling in the switch rail is performed depending on the locking device

Intermediate part

- The rails may be equipped with glued insulated joints

Crossing part

- Consists of crossing, running rail, guard rail and base plate
- Crossing may be of following types:
  - Monoblock – manganese steel casting
  - Shortened monoblock – bainitic steel casting
  - Vee crossing
  - Swing nose crossing (SNX)
  - Built-up crossing

Turnouts are suitable for both continuous welded track and jointed track. Standard axle load 22,5 t, running rails of quality R260, guard rails of profile 33C1.
## RAILWAY TURNOUTS

### HIGH-SPEED TURNOUTS

### Description

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### Development of high-speed turnouts with SNX

- **2003**
  - J60E1-1:12-500
    - Length: 45,8 m
    - Branch speed: **65 km/h**

- **2007**
  - J60E1-1:26,5-2500
    - Length: 94,3 m
    - Branch speed: **130 km/h**

- **2016**
  - J60E2-1:33,5-8000/4000/14000
    - Length: 131,9 m
    - Branch speed: **160 km/h**

### Images

- Switch part
- Crossing part
Description

Switch part

Stock rails of profile AREA 136RE, hardness 370 HB, switch rails of AREA 136-TW, hardness 343 HB, rail jaws and integrated roller chairs.

Fixed crossings

Manganese steel casting EDH (min 350 HB), continuing profile AREA136RE.

Swing nose crossing

Rail profile – AREA136RE, hardness 370 HB, tip assembled of rails AREA136-TW, hardness 343 HB, crossing frame: manganese steel casting EDH, rail expansion device is designed with sliding insert between the main tip and the side tip at the front.

Use

- Heavy duty operations
- Mines
- Metallurgical plants
- Freight terminals

Benefits

- Compact design
- Axle load up to 48 tons
Description

The switch consists of the welds of half set of switches with slide chairs which are spaced apart by gauge bars. Switch rails are made from standard R65 rails which is forged and welded using spacers to ensure the perfect alignment with connecting grooved rail. The switch is fitted with switch rail studs so as to withstand the centrifugal forces. The switch may be equipped with heating.

The crossing consists of a block with welded connecting rails. The guard rails are milled to match the flange profile of 57R1 rail and is held in place with fitted liner bolts. The guard rails create a groove narrow enough to guide the wheel flange past the tip of the crossing. The turnouts is suitable for fixing onto wooden or concrete sleepers or onto a concrete slab. Operation of the switch rails into the desired position is achieved by use of manual point machine.

This turnout is designed for axle load up to 25 t. The design of the turnout was adjusted to the standard geometry of the turnout 1:7,5 R=190m and rail profile 57R1, however, the geometry or the rail profile is variable.

Use

- Industrial railway siding
- Ports
- Logistic centres
- Freight terminals

Benefits

- Road vehicle transport across the track are is permitted
**Built-up crossing**

Common crossing with point rail and splice rail manufactured from vignole rail or special crossing rails (S 49). The point rails and the wing rails are of quality R260. Connecting rails may be welded to the points. The wing rails are manufactured from vignole rails and are connected to the point rails with high-strength bolts or HT bolts. The wing rails and crossing vee running surfaces may be heat-treated (perlitization) in the area of the wheel passage from the wing rail to the crossing vee and vice versa. The crossing is placed on ribbed base plates fixed usually with solid clamps.

**Benefits & use**

- Low price (economical also when small number of pieces is manufactured)
- Suitable for tracks of low operation load (siding tracks, regional lines)
- Model device is not required

**Crossing with hardened forged nose**

Common crossing with forged heat-treated nose, raised forged wing rails are heat-treated in the area of wheel passage from the wing rail to the crossing vee. The wing rail may be designed without the raised part, heat-treated in the area of wheel passage. The wing rails are connected to the hardened forged nose with HT bolts. The contact patches are ballast-glued. The crossing is placed on base plates fixed with elastic clamps or elastic clips.

**Benefits & use**

- Suitable for tracks of medium operation load (main tracks)
- Model device is not required, economical also when small number of pieces is manufactured
Monoblock crossing – manganese steel

Common crossing with monoblock casting flash-butt welded with connecting rails by means of CrNi insert piece. The casting is from manganese steel. The connecting rails are of Vignole rails of quality R260 or higher. The crossing is placed on ribbed base plates fixed with elastic clamps or elastic clip. This type of crossing may be supplied with the running surfaces explosive hardened.

Benefits & use
- Suitable for tracks of high operation load (main transit corridors)
- Explosive hardening significantly lowers the maintenance requirements and extends the service life

Shortened monoblock crossing – bainitic steel

Common crossing with shortened monoblock casting flash-butt welded with connecting rails.

The casting is from bainitic steel. The connecting rails are of profile 60E1, 60E2, of quality R260 or higher. The connecting rails are welded to the tip with a longitudinal weld on the head and the foot. The wing rails in the area of wheel passage are casted, other part of the wing rails are the rails fixed with high-strength bolts. The crossing is placed on ribbed base plates fixed with elastic clamps or elastic clips.

Benefits & use
- Suitable for tracks of high operation load (main transit corridors)
- Low maintenance cost, high wear resistance, long service life
Swing nose crossing with assembled pieces

Swing nose crossing is made of extended wing rails, which are completed with point studs. In the back part, the wing rails are firmly connected with the immovable part of the swing nose to ensure capturing of the forces from the continuous welded rail track. The swing nose is assembled from switch rails, there is a rail expansion joint at the back.

Benefits & use

- Suitable for tracks of high operation load (main transit corridors)
- Simple design of the swing nose
- Smooth wheel passage thanks to continuous running edge
- Reduced dynamic effect while passing of the railway vehicles
- Long service life

Swing nose crossing with welded frame

Swing nose crossing consists of welded frame, which is connected to the shortened wing rails behind the area of the wheel passage to the point. The frame is completed with the studs. In the back part, the frame is firmly connected with the immovable part of the swing nose to ensure capturing of the forces from the continuous welded rail track. The swing nose is assembled from switch rails, there is a rail expansion joint at the back.

Benefits & use

- Suitable for tracks of high operation load (main transit corridors)
- Smooth wheel passage thanks to continuous running edge
- Reduced dynamic effect while passing of the railway vehicles
- Long service life
Swing nose crossing with casted frame

Swing nose crossing consists of manganese steel casting or bainitic steel casting (min hardness 350 HB). Running rails are welded to the frame in front of the crossing, wing rails are welded to the frame behind the crossing. The wing rails are completed with the studs. In the back part, the frame is firmly connected with the immovable part of the swing nose to ensure capturing of the forces from the continuous welded rail track. The swing nose is assembled from switch rails.

Benefits & use

- Suitable for tracks of high operation load (main transit corridors) and high axle load (heavy duty tracks)
- Compact and robust design
- Smooth wheel passage thanks to continuous running edge
- Reduced dynamic effect while passing of the railway vehicles
- Long service life

Crossing with hardened forged nose and assembled pieces

Swing nose crossing is made of extended wing rails, which are completed with point studs. In the back part, the wing rails are firmly connected with the immovable part of the swing nose. Point rails are welded to the hardened forged nose.

Benefits & use

- Cheapest swing nose crossing
- Suitable for tracks of medium operation load (subways, light rails)
- Smooth wheel passage thanks to continuous running edge
- Reduced dynamic effect while passing of the railway vehicles
- Long service life
**Description**

The device is used to lift the switch rails above the sliding surfaces of the sliding chairs during the operation, which eliminates the necessity of lubrication. In the working position, the switch rails is placed on the sliding surfaces, during the operation and in the distant position of the switch rail the switch rail is placed on the roller of the roller chairs. The chairs are designed as a casting or a weld.

**Use**

- New turnouts without inclination or with inclination 1:40
- Superstructure UIC 60, S 49

**Benefits**

- Elimination of the need for sliding chairs lubrication
- Reduction of the operational resistance
- Extending the service life operational mechanism components
- Low maintenance cost
- Eco-friendly service
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Use

- New or existing turnouts for railway tracks, industrial railway siding and gravity yard
- Superstructure UIC 60, S 49

Benefits

- Elimination of the need for sliding chairs lubrication
- Reduction of the operational resistance
- Extending the service life operational mechanism components
- Low maintenance cost
- Eco-friendly service
- Possibility of additional installation into existing turnouts

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<td>Weight</td>
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Description

The principle of the increasing of the switch rail resistance consists in increased diagonal section of the switch rail on the running edge in the area of wheel passage from the stock rail to the switch rail. There are two basic methods of increasing the switch rail resistance:

1. The diagonal section is carried out towards the stock rail. The way of stock rail machining along the whole length of the switch rail should then correspond with this type of switch rail machining.
2. The increased resistance is carried out across the theoretical running edge. This method is enabled to the exclusion of the extension of the gauge in the turnout.

Benefits

- Longer service life
- Increased resistance against chipping and crumbling of the tip of the switch rail
- Reduced maintenance costs

Switch rail with increased resistance in the track
Description

Pearlitisation is a technology consisting in rail head heat treatment, when fine pearlite structure of required parameters is reached. The whole process consists in controlled induction heating to austenization temperature, keeping this temperature for a certain time, followed by controlled cooling.

The result of the pearlitisation process

- Fine pearlite structure
- Depth of hardened layer in the vertical direction of min 15 mm
- Surface hardness 350 – 390 HB, 15 mm under the surface of min 300 HV 30
- Tensile strength min 1160 Mpa
- Pearlitised layer elongation is min 9% (assuming that the basic material elongation before pearlitisation equals to min 12%)

Use

- Turnouts for tracks of high operation load (national and regional tracks)
- Turnouts run mostly in one direction
- Curved turnouts – outer design

Benefits

- Longer service life
- Increased resistance against wear and cracking (min 1,5 times compared to the parts with no heat treatment)
- Increased resistance against chipping, crumbling, lipping and other defects
- Reduced maintenance costs

The microstructure before and after pearlitisation process
Description

- DTZ locking device (DTZ1 – DTZ6) is used for mechanical operation of the switch rails in standard railway systems with gauge 1435 mm up to the speed 350 km/h depending on the design and customer’s requirements
- The modular design of the locking device enables creation of multi-locking systems of switches and movable nose by sequential connecting of other locking devices
- It enables automatical operation of the switch as well as manual operation using the handle, alternatively emergency manual operation and its mechanical locking in extreme positions
- Mechanical locks of the cylinders work in the oil filling, securing long service life and high reliability
- The hydraulic drive enables effective, highly efficient and quiet transmission of the hydroaggregate power, from one central location as for the multi-locking device
- The device(s) is installed on one concrete or wooden sleeper and does not significantly exceed its width – therefore the ballast tamping is easy to be carried out
- The setting force is continuously adjustable within a wide range using a single adjustable element – relief valve
- The locking device secures a non-destructive cut of the turnout with speed max 40 km/h
- The firm bond between the switch rail and the stock rail consists of movable frame
- The device is characterized by great strengthening force of the switch rail to the stock rail
- High stability of the locking test
- The device is equipped with an easily accessible visual indication of the mechanical locking status
- Modular design with possibility of quick repairs by exchanging the identical devices
## Technical description

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<td>250 km/h (DTZ1), 350 km/h (DTZ6)</td>
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<td><strong>Voltage</strong></td>
<td>3 x 400 V AC / IT, 50Hz</td>
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<td><strong>Power input</strong></td>
<td>550 W (DTZ1) – 2 200 W (DTZ6) / 1 420 – 935 rev. min⁻¹ (depending on the number of locking device)</td>
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<td><strong>Operation force</strong></td>
<td>Continuously adjustable up to 7000 N according to the customer’s requirement</td>
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<td>2 s (DTZ1) – 6 s (DTZ6) depending on the opening of the switch rail and customer’s requirement for the force</td>
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<td>up to 60 s (DTZ1) – 180 s (DTZ6) at ca. 60-100 r.p.m. of the handle</td>
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<td>$F_p &gt; 50 000$ N (switch point locking to the stock rail)</td>
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<td>Electric motor IP 55, switchboard (including terminal boards) IP66 and sensors IP 67</td>
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