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- *Part 1: Definitions*
- *Part 2: Requirements for geometric design*
- *Part 3: Requirements for wheel/rail interaction*
- *Part 4: Actuation, locking and detection*
- *Part 5: Switches*
- *Part 6: Fixed common and obtuse crossings*
- *Part 7: Crossings with moveable parts*
- *Part 8: Expansion devices*
- *Part 9: Layouts*

Part 1 contains terminology used throughout all parts of this series. Parts 2 to 4 contain basic design guides and are applicable to all switch and crossing assemblies. Parts 5 to 8 deal with particular types of equipment including their tolerances. These use Parts 1 to 4 as a basis. Part 9 defines the functional and geometric dimensions and tolerances for layout assembly.

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## 1 Scope

This document provides an accepted terminology for switch and crossing work. With the assistance of diagrams, the various components are given definitions, and these specific names are regarded as obligatory.

The terms and definitions cover the constituent parts and design geometry of switch and crossing work. Additional terminology of a more specific nature will be defined in the relevant part of the series.

The present definitions set out the terms most generally used for the geometrical form and the construction of switches and crossings.

This document applies to railways running on Vignole rails.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply. ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1 General definitions

#### 3.1.1

##### **customer**

operator or user of the equipment

NOTE This can sometimes be the purchaser of the equipment on the user's behalf.

#### 3.1.2

##### **supplier**

body responsible for the use of this EN in response to the customer's requirements

#### 3.1.3

##### **contact area**

those parts of the rail ensuring the support and/or guidance, inside or outside, of a wheel

NOTE see [Figure 4](#).

#### 3.1.4

##### **running table**

upper surface of the head of a rail

NOTE see [Figures 1](#) and [4](#)