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SPECIAL MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS NO. RDSO/ELRS/SMI/189 WEARING STRIPS FOR PANTOGRAPH AM12 TYPE AND OF SIMILAR DESIGN

- MATERIAL SPECIFICATION This supersedes RDSO SMI No.
- GENERAL REQUIREMENTS 85 dated 14.09.1981

1. Object

1.1 In order to ensure that the steel used for the manufacture of main and End wearing Strips of Pantograph is of correct grade meeting the requirements for presence of various constitutents, this SMI lays down the basic guide lines and general requirements of pantograph strips with correct chemical composition and hardness of the material.

2. INSTRUCTIONS

All the user Railways, Production units and POH Shop are advised to ascertain that the steel used in the fabrication of pantograph main and end wearing strips conforms to the following requirements:

2.2 Main Wearing strip:-

- **2.2.1** Reference Specification = IS 3885 (PtI) 1992.
- **2.2.2** Grade-4.
- **2.2.3** Designation-55517
- **2.2.4** Oil hardening type
- 2.2.5 constituent percentage-

 Carbon
 0.5 to 0.6

 Silicon
 1.5 to 2.0

 Maganese
 0.8 to 1.0

 Sulphur
 0.050 max

Phosphorous - 0.050 max.

Hardness - 245 Brinell max.

2.2.6 The permissibe variation in the case of product analysis, from the limit specified above shall be as follows:-

Phosphorous - + 0.005

2.3 End Wearing Strip:-

- **2.3.1** Reference Specification No. IS 513-1994.
- **2.3.2** Grade- Ordinary (o)
- **2.3.3** Constitutent percentage

Carbon - 0.15 max.

Manganese - 0.60 max.

Sulphur - 0.055 max.

Phosphorous - 0.055 max.

Hardness - Min. 60 to max. 75 (HRB) Rockwell Hardness

Scale B

2.3.4 The maximum permissible variation in the case of product analysis from the limit specified in para 2.3.3 shall be as follows:

 Carbon
 0.02

 Manganese
 0.03

 Sulphur
 0.005

Phosphorous - 0.005

- 2.4 The surface of the strips shall be smooth with radioused edge, free from distortion, twists and kinks, the edge radious shall normally be approximately equal to thickness of the material.
- 2.5 For any ordered quantity, the supplier shall submit the test result of chemical analysis of the product and this should meet the requirements of product as stipulated in para 2.2.5 and 2.3.3
- **2.6** Brinell hardness shall be checked on each main wearing strip before use. the hardness in any case should not be more than 245 BHN.
- 2.7 Both main wearing strips and end wearing strips shall be checked for conformity with the requirements of dimensions and tolerances as mentioned in RDSO/Drg. No. SK. EL. 4329(ALt.1) and SK. EL. 4402
- **2.8** Each strip shall have a stamp with the name or trade mark of the manufacturer, grade and designation of the steel on the opposite face of the current collecting surface. This will facilitate the follow-up of the performance of the strips.

3. <u>INSTRUCTION DRAWING</u>

RDSO Drawing No. SK. EL. 4329 (Alt.1) and SK. EL. 4402 shall be followed for dimensional checks.

4. <u>APPLICATION</u>

All electric locomotives and EMUs fitted with pantograph AM12 type or of similar design.

5. <u>AGENCY FOR IMPLEMENTATION</u>

All electric loco sheds, EMU car sheds and POH shops.

Encl: SK. EL. 4329(Alt.1)

SK. EL. 4402



