

Test Train & Loading Gauge

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- RU's declared that they run by "mistake" a P400 train between Bettembourg and Basel on September 2016, creating a doubt on the real gauge limitation through the Vosges tunnels and the Swiss ones at the entrance of Basel.
- During the RAG Meeting on 25th January 2017, the Railway Undertakings expressed the need to have an open discussion with experts of the engineering department of SNCF Réseau.
- The RFC NSM team organized several meetings with RU's and SNCF Réseau to define a common approach the objective of which is to check if the real gauge limitation can allow P394 and P400 trains on the considered RFC NSM section.
- On July 5th and 6th 2017, Lohr made several measures with a round trip test train between Bettembourg and Basel, collecting data measures for 6 French tunnels and 2 Swiss tunnels (at the entrance of Basel).
- For the French tunnels, the results of the RU's study were presented on October 10th, 2017 to SNCF Réseau.



The considered section with 6 tunnels in France





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The considered section with 2 tunnels in Switzerland





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Rastatt incident :

Political awareness : MoT's



- IM's top management is more sensitive to the subject
- The rail freight market stakeholders are putting a more important pressure.

Financial Constraints

- A positive ROI is mandatory for SNCF Réseau investments (But French MoT can invest without this condition)
- Freight path revenues cannot justify such investments



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Further to this study, RFC NSM organized with SNCF Réseau several technical internal meetings :

Dates :

- November 7th, 2017
- November 29th, 2017
- January 16th, 2018
- 3 meetings with RU's were held on October 2017, and December 11th, 2017 and January 30th 2018:

Objectives of these meetings for SNCF Réseau:

- Analyse the measuring data received.
- Compare them to the most recent internal data.
- Check if the loading as described by RU's is compatible with the P400 & P394 repository that is under construction.
- Check the most adapted gauge compatible with P386 semi trailer.
- Check compatibility gauges repository with RFC NSM lines for the main impacting tunnels, including margin variation.
- Identify quick wins actions.



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The first investigations raised the following points:

The SNCF Réseau definition for GP400 & GP394 SNCF Réseau repository (under construction) sticks to the UIC leaflet, but the loading proposed and considered by RU's as P400 standard (i.e T3000 pocket wagon + P400 semi-trailer) does not fit into the GPXXX gauge repository.

☐ → <u>Questions to be deepened</u>:

- Does the 596-6 UIC leaflet fit the current market standard ?
- Do IM's use the same values for technical parameters to define their repositories ? → Ex: centring tolerance
- Do IM's and RU's have the same interpretation of the technical parameters ?



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4. a) Structural technical parameters



• Other parameters to be checked ?



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3. Conclusions of the Working Group

- P400 on standard wagons need infrastructure investments
 - The ongoing definition of the P394 will enable to fine tune the needed investments
 - External investments need to be found
 - SNCF R could be inspired by SBB calculations methods to adjust the gauge envelope as closely as possible.
- An emerging need for the P386
 - but no repository is planned for this gauge
 - ATE (temporary and permanent) can be asked to the BTE

The results of the Swiss part of the Lohr / RUs study are now available

- They show a clearance from the two considered tunnels
- But these results are contradictory to those of SBB
- SBB accepts to recheck and compare these data

- The SNCF R / BTE / CRETE tool can not be challenged as SNCF R decided not to make evolve the software, but to replace it by 202.



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