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- a) normative references have been updated;
- b) terms and definitions have been revised;
- c) requirements for design have been revised;
- d) requirements for materials have been revised;
- e) requirements for type testing have been revised;
- f) requirements for in-service assessment have been revised;
- g) requirements for markings have been revised;
- h) annexes have been revised.

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## European foreword

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This document supersedes EN 15611:2008+A1:2010.

Compared to the previous edition, the following changes have been made:

- a) normative references have been updated;
- b) terms and definitions have been revised;
- c) requirements on design have been revised;
- d) requirements on materials have been revised;
- e) requirements on type testing have been revised;
- f) requirements on in-service assessment have been revised
- g) requirements on markings have been revised;
- h) annexes have been revised.

This document has been prepared under a standardization request given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive 2008/57/EC.

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## 1 Scope

This document is applicable to relay valves designated to control the brake cylinder pressure of compressed air brakes fitted to railway vehicles, in association with an air brake distributor valve or other control device. It covers one stage relay valves and relay valves adjusting the brake cylinder pressure in response to a change in vehicle speed or load that is either continuously variable or in two or more stages, i.e. empty – loaded.

Relay valves operating with other pressures, in particular the brake pipe pressure, are not included.

This document specifies the requirements for the design, manufacture and testing of relay valves.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 14478:2017, *Railway applications — Braking — Generic vocabulary*

EN 15355:2019, *Railway applications — Braking — Distributor valves and distributor-isolating devices*

EN 15625:2008+A1:2010, *Railway applications — Braking — Automatic variable load sensing devices*

EN 45545-1:2013, *Railway applications — Fire protection on railway vehicles — Part 1: General*

EN 45545-2:2013+A1:2015, *Railway applications — Fire protection on railway vehicles — Part 2: Requirements for fire behaviour of materials and components*

EN 50125-1:2014, *Railway applications — Environmental conditions for equipment — Part 1: Rolling stock and on-board equipment*

EN 60721-3-5:1997, *Classification of environmental conditions — Part 3: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities — Section 5: Ground vehicle installations (IEC 60721-3-5:1997)*

EN 61373:2010, *Railway applications — Rolling stock equipment — Shock and vibration tests (IEC 61373:2010)*

EN ISO 228-1:2003, *Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are not made on the threads — Part 1: Dimensions, tolerances and designation (ISO 228-1:2000)*

ISO 8573-1:2010, *Compressed air — Part 1: Contaminants and purity classes*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 14478:2017, EN 15355:2019 and the following apply.

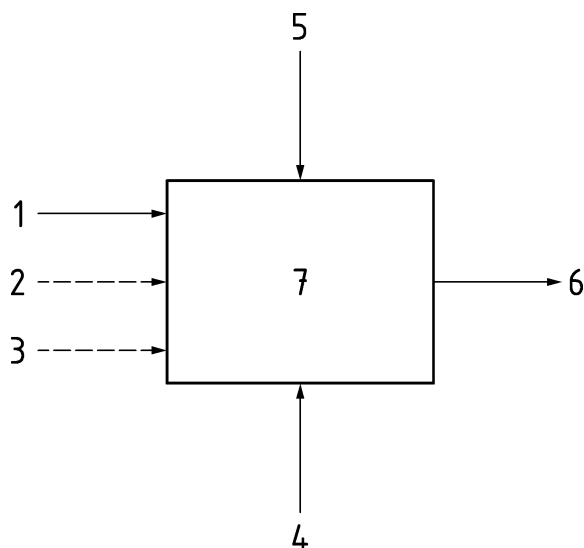
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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1

#### relay valve

device, the main function of which is to control a pneumatic output pressure as a function of the variation of one or more input pressures (see Figure 1)



#### Key

- 1 first input pressure
- 2 second input pressure
- 3 third input pressure
- 4 control signal – continuous load sensing pressure (LCP), or control signal – empty/load signal pressure (LSP), or mechanical input (lever) or electrical input
- 5 auxiliary reservoir pressure, supply pressure (AR)
- 6 output pressure
- 7 relay valve

**Figure 1 — Relay valve, pressures and signals**

### 3.2

#### input pressure

control pressure received by the relay valve

Note 1 to entry: Pressure generally considered as being the output pressure from a distributor or a brake control unit; sometimes referred to as pilot pressure or dummy brake cylinder pressure.

### 3.3

#### output pressure

pressure output from the relay valve, generally considered as being the brake cylinder pressure

Note 1 to entry: This pressure can also be used as the input pressure to another relay valve. The output pressure can obtain one or more fixed levels or it can be changed continuously between a minimum and a maximum or vice versa.

### 3.4

#### relay valve ratio

ratio of the output pressure value to input pressure value