



Auxiliary rollers

For the switch measurement option, the trolley has to be provided by two special rollers. The rollers can be lifted up to transport position and activated to measuring position very easily

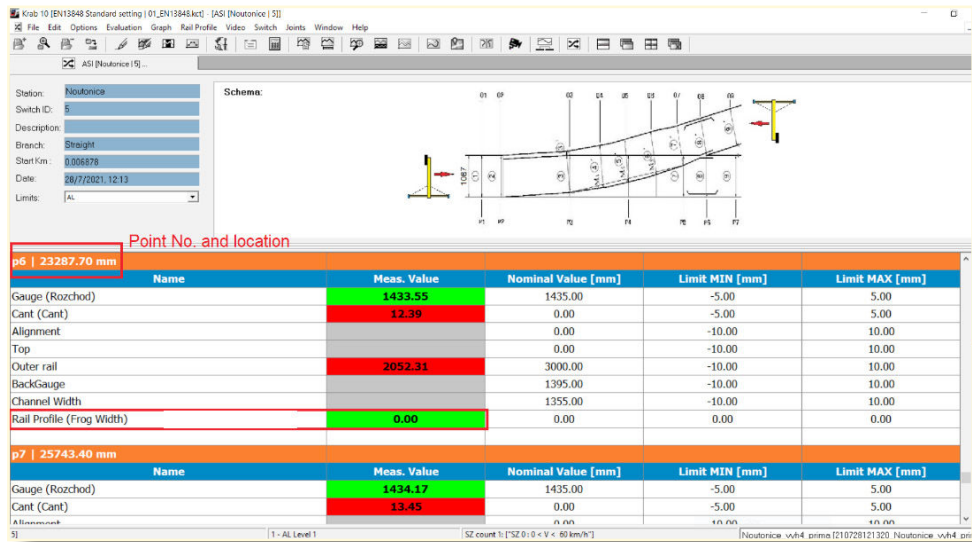
The rollers measure:

- width of open tongues
- groove of the guard rail
- groove of the wing rail and frog
- backgauge

The basic technical data:

Mass of rollers: +1,5 kg each

Accuracy: better than 1 mm for all switch values

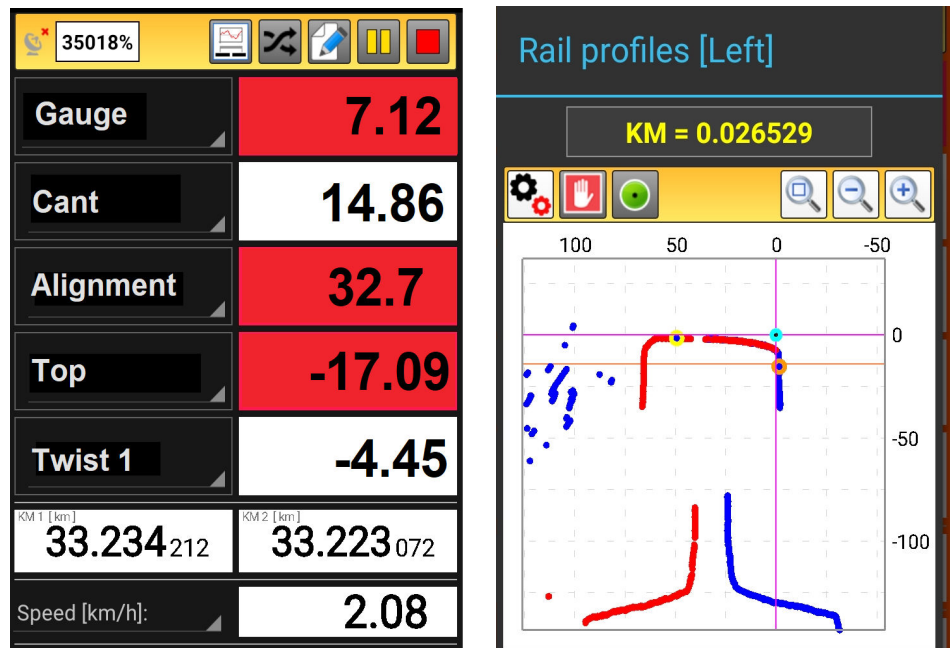


Example of Switch evaluation in Krab 11 software



Measuring software

Extra part of measuring software KrabDroid 2.0 supports the data collecting at discrete switch location in the form of special events. Each such event contains the name of the station, switch nr., measured values and values coming from visual inspection.



KrabDroid 2.0 measuring software



Super low weight measuring trolley

KRAB S-Light

for track geometry

The KRAB S-Light system is the latest step of Krab evolution. It was designed with focus on low weight and easy operation. The measurement speed is limited to approx. 15 km/h. The trolley weighs app. 32 kg, only one operator is capable to take it away from the track. On-board computer has enough memory for at least 1000 km; its battery works 8 hours without charging. The trolley has versatile adjustable nominal gauge in wide range as an option (e.g. 760 mm - 1676 mm). Compliant with EN 13848.



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Trolley Design

The trolley’s central body is made of a square profile, which increases stiffness and robustness of the system. The electrically insulated wheels are provided by flanges. Permanent contact of the wheel flanges and running rail edge is provided by springs. A special apparatus having two degrees of freedom in translation is at the central part of the longitudinal chord. It scans vertical and lateral rail versine.

The wheel surface treatment is executed in hard chromium. The trolley surface finish is yellow powder paint.

The arresting mechanism is controlled by rope & bowden and two levers on pushing rod when the trolley passes through the frog.

Measuring Principle

During the measuring run the following so called primary track values are scanned in space interval of 0,25 m:

- **gauge** (potentiometer transducer on the left wheel)
- **alignment** (lateral versine) of the right rail
- **top** (vertical versine) of the right rail
- **cant** (new, high reliable and precise inclinometer)
- **quasi-twist** on the twist base 0,9 m (option; it increases the precision of the final cant measuring)
- **track gradient** (option)
- **track distance** (odometer-optical encoder)
- **measuring speed**
- **rail profile scanning** (optional rail profile scanners)

On Board Computer

The real time processing of signals from the sensors is performed by rugged measuring computer - smartphone (Android based system) with KrabDroid 2.0 measuring software, whereby the following items are determined:

- reading and scanning of signals given above
- on-line processing of the signals:
 - anti-aliasing
 - smoothing of long wave part
 - optical signaling when the geometry data exceed the selectable thresholds
- display of numerical values of the geometry data
- display graph of the rail profile
- entry of the geometry data into non-erasable storage of on-board computer at the distance 0,25 m (the measuring distance is limited by computer memory, typically 1000 km)
- entry of the information describing the track section to be measured
- entry selected events (e.g. mud spots in ballast, damaged sleepers etc.) with the exact position along the route

Evaluation of the Collected Data by Krab 11 Software

After the measuring, the collected raw geometry data are transferred from the measuring computer into any PC computer. Sophisticated evaluation software Krab 11 computes so called actual geometry (with unit transfer function) in the waveband λ=1÷25 m via FFT (Fast Fourier Transformation) technique. Thus the following items are available:

- actual alignment and level in waveband λ=1÷25 m
- separation of all geometric signals into long wave (λ>25 m) and short wave (λ<25 m) parts
- so called section evaluation - statistic evaluation of the track geometry based on standard deviation and quality index
- Rail profile (wear and plastic flow) evaluation
- table of local defects, print out of geometrical lay and tables

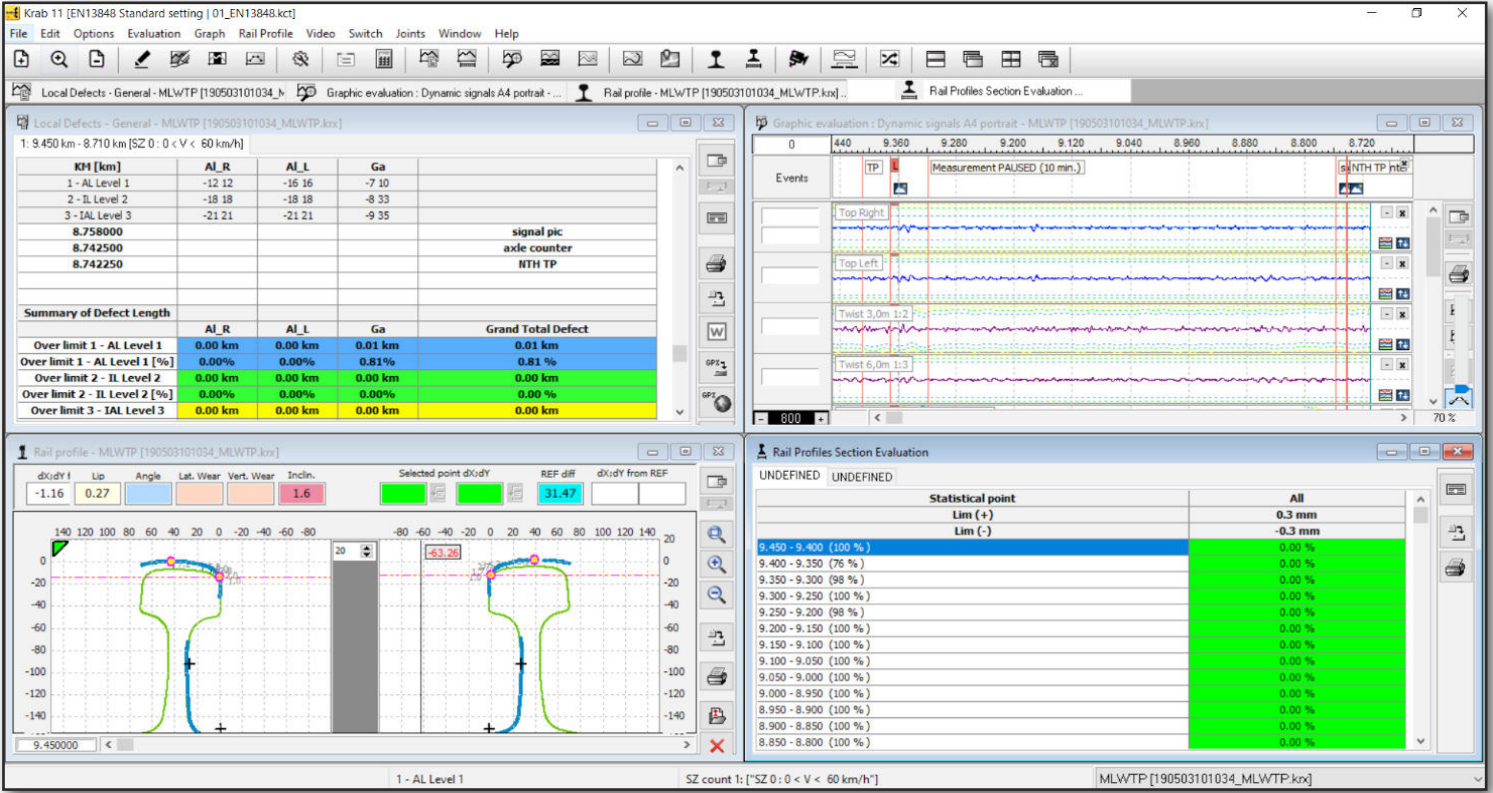
The Accuracy of the Reported Geometry Values, See Tab.:

Geometric quantity to be measured	Resolution	Reproducibility 95% [mm]	Range ²⁾ [mm]
Vertical alignment - Top (waveband 1÷25 m)	0,1 mm	± 0,7	± 50
Horizontal alignment (waveband 1÷25 m)	0,1 mm	± 1,0	± 50
Gauge	0,1 mm	± 0,45 ¹⁾	-20+50
Gauge variation (typically mm/2m)	0,1 mm	± 0,5	-
Cant (the relative value for twist calculation)	0,1 mm	± 0,7 ³⁾	-
Cant (the absolute value)	0,2 mm	± 1,0 ³⁾	± 225
Twist (any twist base)	0,1 mm	± 0,7/ℓ ³⁾	± 13
Speed	0,3 km/h	0,3 km/h	<15 km/h
Track distance	1,0 mm	1 ‰	No limits

¹⁾ excluding temperature effect, ²⁾ range of the primary values, ³⁾ arm of quasi-twist used



For easier transportation the trolley can be easily folded



The example of evaluation in Krab 11

The Basic Technical Data:

- Mass: 32 kg basic form
- 2,5 kg auxiliary twist arm
- 8 hours without battery charge
- Working temperature: -5÷55 °C

Switch Measurement

KRAB S-Light can be used for switch point inspection as an option. The extra auxiliary rollers for flange groove width measuring have to be mounted on the basic trolley. Measuring program is provided by special part of switch point measuring. Krab 11 software provides analysis of the Switch measured data and printing the Switch report out. The switch point measurement is understood as an integral part of the track. So the regular scanning of the track geometry values runs at background and important discrete location of the switch points are measured in detail when the trolley passes a switch.



Rail profile scanners

