

# EDDY CURRENT & RAIL MILLING NEW TOOLS IN THE RAIL MANAGEMENT ENGINEER'S BOX <sup>1</sup>



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# Network Rail

- **Network Rail owns, operates and develops Britain's railway**
- **20,000 miles of track, 40,000 bridges, tunnels and viaducts**
- **Thousands of signals, level crossings and stations.**
- **We don't own or run passenger or freight trains – this is the remit of train operating companies and freight operating companies.**
- **Devolved day-to-day responsibility for railway businesses to 8 strategic geographical routes**



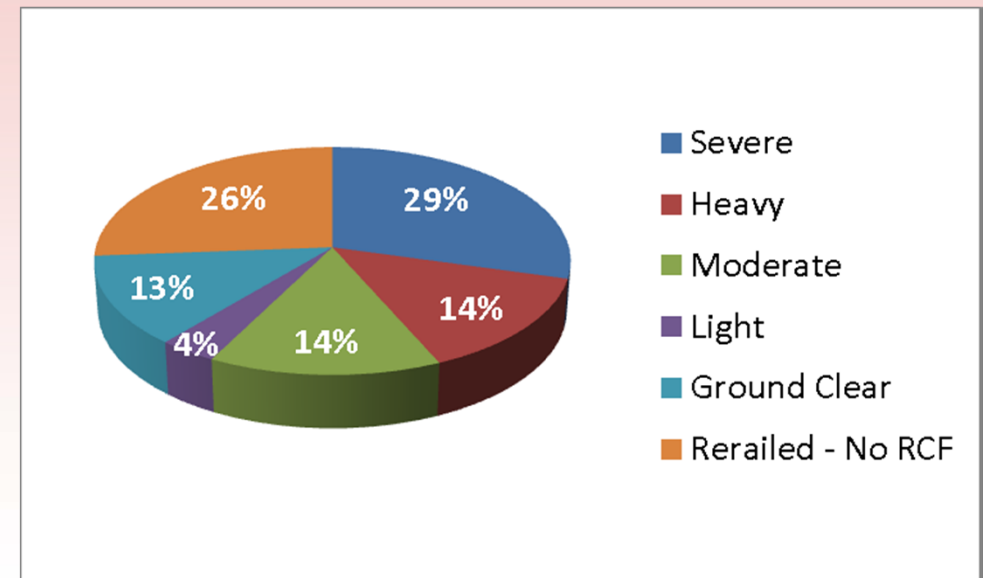
# Route London North East

- Our route is the second largest in Britain
- We carry 20% of the daily rail travelling public in Britain
- Our freight operating companies distribute 25% of British freight and 70% of British coal.
- 3238 Single Track Miles
- 3023 S&C Units
- Maximum Speed 125mph



# RCF in Route London North East

- Rail Defects Management System (RDMS)
  - 1387 Plain Line RCF Sites
  - 225 miles RCF (7%)
  - 781 S&C Sites (13%)



# Current Management of RCF in UK<sup>5</sup>



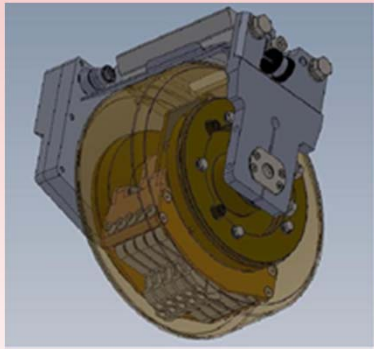
- Preventative Grinding – PL
- Corrective Grinding – PL & S&C
- Rerailing
- Track-Ex
  - Premium Grade Rails
  - Wheel / Rail Friction Management

- Visual Inspections
- Ultrasonic Test Unit (UTU) Train
- Pedestrian Ultrasonic Testing



# New Developments in the Management of RCF in UK

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**Rail Milling**

- Circular milling head with tungsten carbide tipped cutter teeth

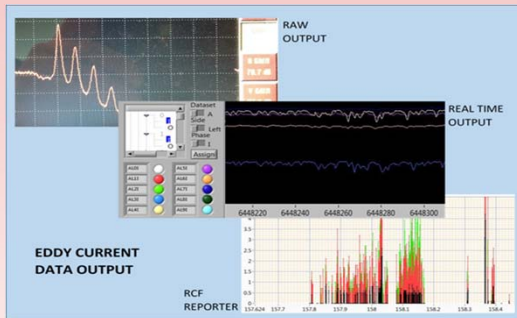


## Eddy Current Testing (ECT)

- Allows accurate measurement of sub-surface cracks and internal material anomalies

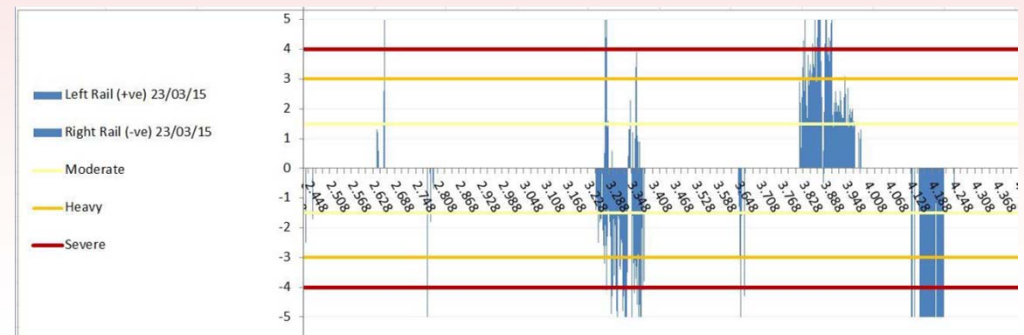


# Eddy Current Data



- The Sperry Ultrasonic Test Unit (UTU) collects Eddy Current (EC) RCF data in 1-yard intervals
- The output is processed, positioned and sent from Sperry Rail to Network Rail for action.

- Corporate Solution - RDMS
- Interim Solution - EC data plot using MS Excel





# Rail Milling Vehicles

- Rail Milling RRV – Strabag SF02 W-FS Truck  
(Linsinger Built)



- Rail Milling Trains
  - Schweerbau HSM
  - Linsinger SF06-FFS



- Mobile Rail Milling Machine (Prototype) – LASA Voestalpine





# Strabag SF02 W-FS Truck RRV

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Manufacturer Linsinger GmbH 00 43 7613 8840		Owner STRABAG Rail GmbH 00 49 30 670 690 692	
Maximum travelling speed	20 mph	Maximum on/off track gradient	Level Track
Maximum working speed	2 mph	Maximum on/off track cant	Level Track
Maximum travelling speed through S & C	5 mph	May be used under LIVE overhead lines	NO
Maximum travelling speed through raised checkrails	5 mph	May travel on LIVE 3 or 4 rail lines	NO
Maximum working cant	150 mm	May be used on isolated & bonded 3/4 rail lines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maximum working gradient	01:25	May be used adjacent to running line	NO
Minimum travelling radius	38 m	Maximum tail swing gauge exceedance	N/A
Minimum working radius	50 m	Minimum height of tail swing above rail level	N/A
Maximum non service braked towed load	N/A	RCI does NOT have a tandem lift mode. <b>NOT PERMITTED OUTSIDE A POSSESSION WORKSITE</b>	
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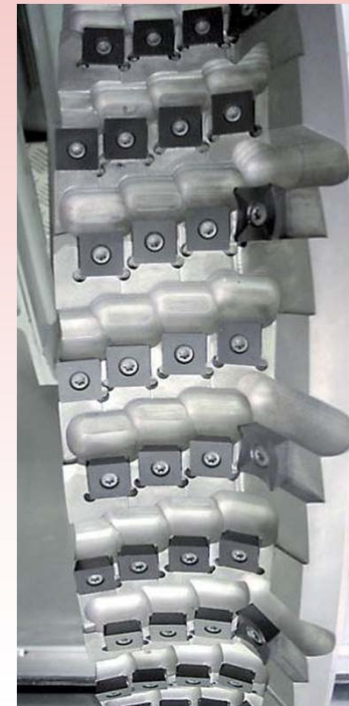
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# Strabag SF02 W-FS Truck RRV

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## PERFORMANCE DATA

- Processing speed 6–15 m/min
- Metal removal rate (surface) 0.3–0.9mm
- Metal removal rate (gauge corner) up to max. 5mm
- Surface roughness 3–5  $\mu\text{m}$
- UK Rail profile 56E1 (1:20)



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# Strabag SF02 W-FS Truck RRV

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## SITE SURVEYS

- Rail to be milled
  - Mileage
  - Type and age of rail, joints, defects
  - Width of rail head
  - Remaining rail head depth
  - Sidewear
- Requested profile and tolerance



# Strabag SF02 W-FS Truck RRV

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## SITE SURVEYS

- Track geometry, e.g. max. track gradient, max. cant, min. curve radius
- Track structures, e.g. stations, level crossings, bridges
- Track furniture or obstacles infringing the gauge for safe travel, operation or on/off tracking of the machine, e.g. lubrication systems, wheel treadles





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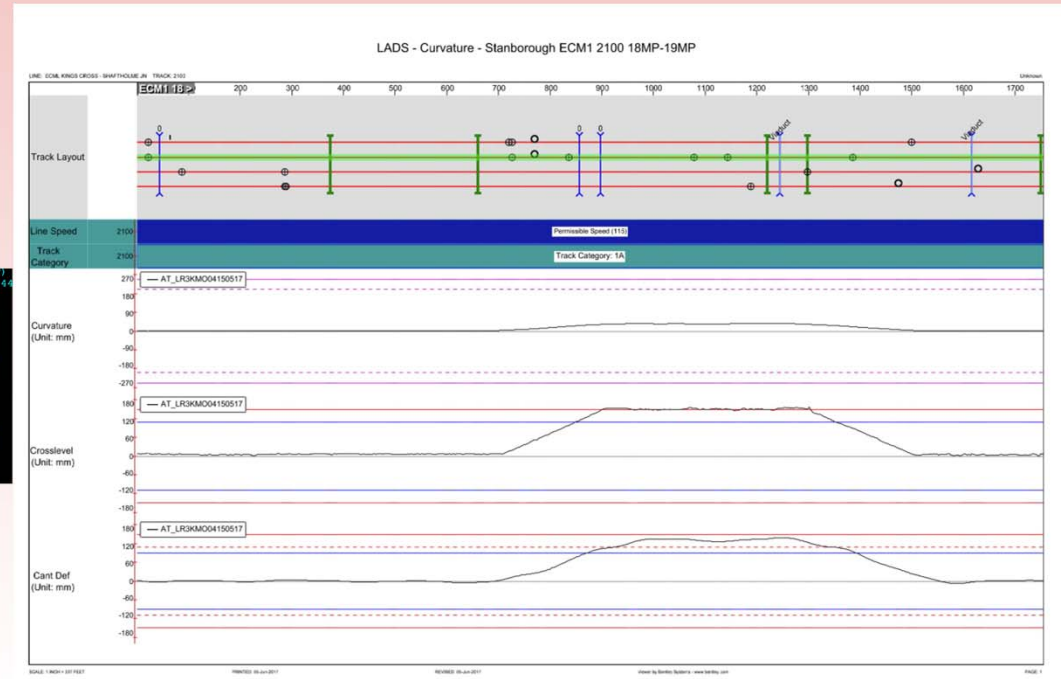
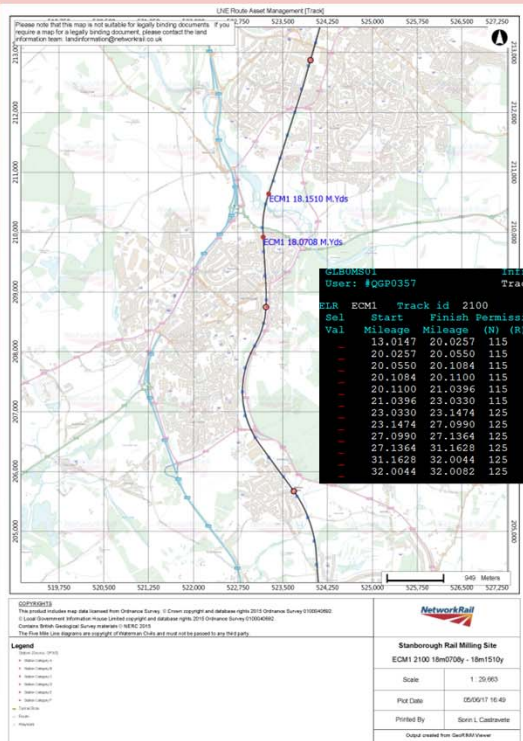
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## SITE SURVEYS

- Planned safety or possession arrangements, e.g. ALO, OLE
- Access to and from work site or stabling or parking location for the support vehicles
- RRAP for on/off tracking incl. access roads and obstacles
- Place for skips for swarf unloading
- Planned timeline, time for milling works or daily maintenance
- Site specific requirements



# Stanborough Severe RCF Site





# Stanborough Severe RCF Site

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## SITE DETAILS

- East Coast Main Line Fast Track
- 4 Track Configuration
- Track Category: 1A
- Tonnage: 39.7 EMGTPA
- Max. Static Axle Load: 21.1t
- Line Speed: 115mph
- Cant: 150mm
- Cant Deficiency: 120mm
- D/E: 80%
- RCF Depth: 5mm+
- Minimum Permitted Head Loss: 11mm – Actual Head Loss: 3mm
  - Residual Head Loss: 8mm



# Stanborough RRV Rail Milling

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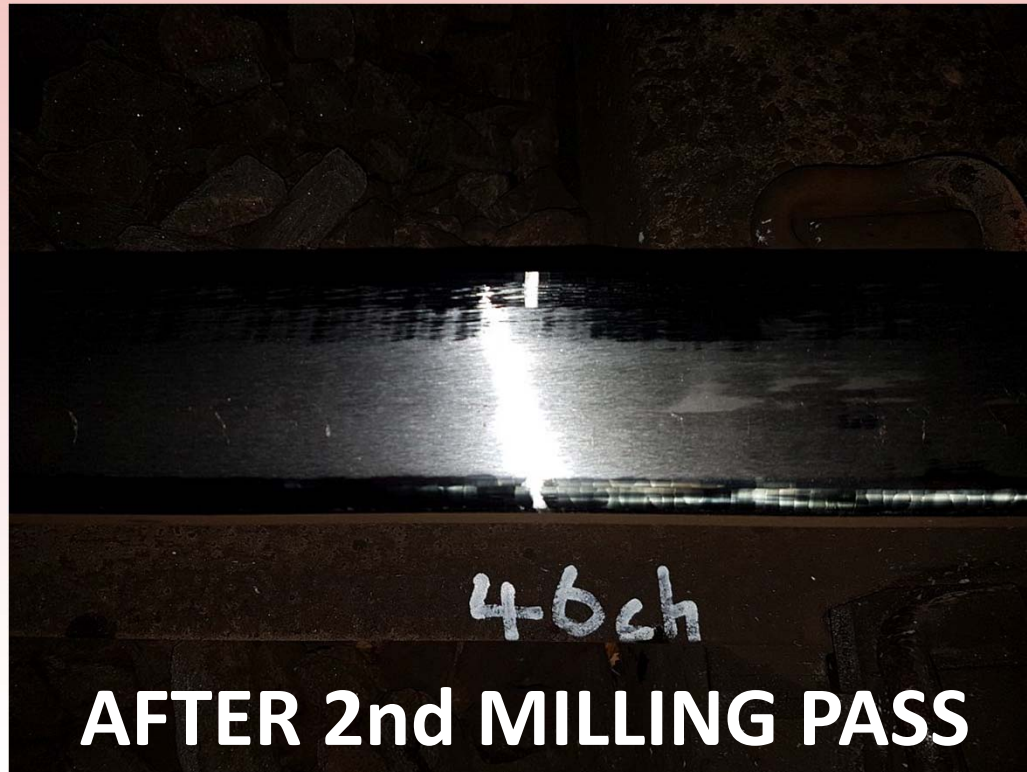


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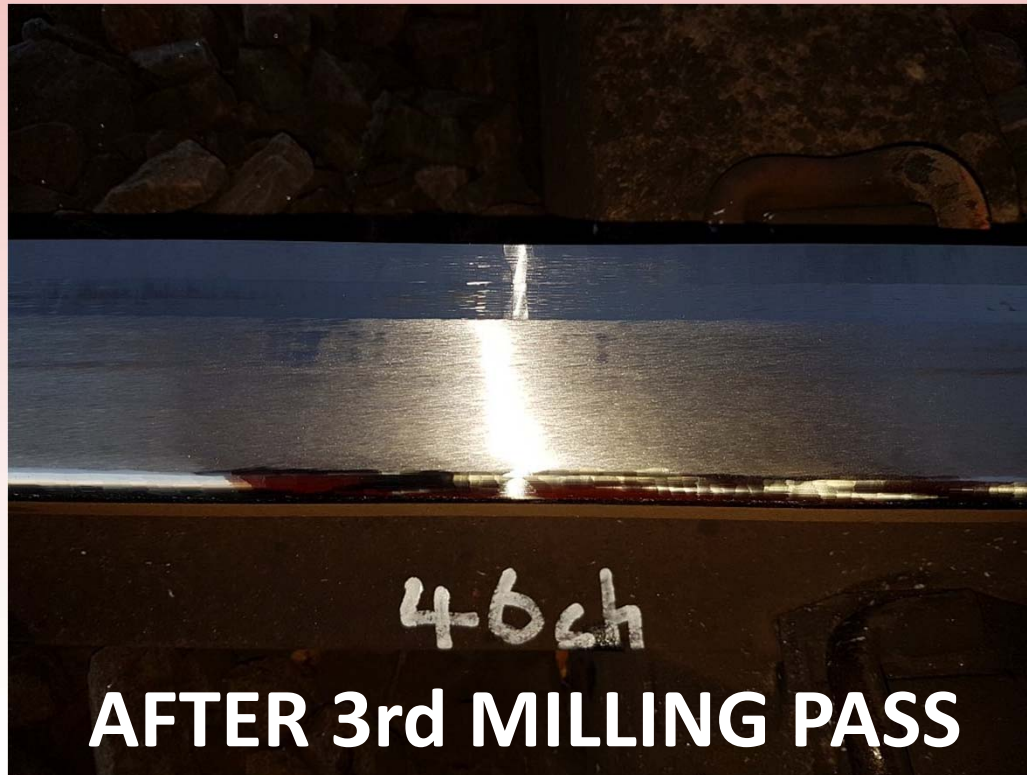
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## Daily Work Report

STRABAG Rail GmbH										Daily Machine Report										<b>STRABAG</b>												
Business Unit Rail Treatment/Products																																
Bessemerstraße 42b 12103 Berlin/Germany					Phone: +49 30 67069036 Fax: +49 30 670690959					TA Time Available: Ordered Meters: 300 m/h					Machine Type: SF02 W-FS Truck UK Machine No.: 99 70 9919 090-9 Serial No.: 0LH-001					Date: 04.12.2016 Week: 36												
Employer/Client: Network Rail					Geographical Area: Hatfield Stanborough Lakes LNE Stabling Point: Welwyn Garden City Up Sidings, Off track ELR: ECM1 TID: 2100					COSS: Rob Patten Mobile: 07790 012477					Cost Unit: 516 JCCC					Operator/Maintainer Hours												
Start Mileage and chains: 18 Mile 32ch End Mileage and chains: 18 Mile 68.5ch					Transport from: Gretna Green to: Welwyn Garden City km: 290 Miles					Performance		Transport			Supplier			Operator/Maintainer Hours														
Time		Activity			meter		OT Operating Time		Prepare Machine		TT Travel Time		TD Planned Train Delay		CD Client Delay		Travel within Train Connection		Travel by own Power		Shunting		Maintenance		MD Machine Delay		TSD Tip-Store Delay		Supplier (STRABAG) Delay		Comments	
0:01	2:25	Prepare machine and safety briefings							02:24																							
2:25	2:45	On track, the machine in the Up Sidings							00:20																							
2:45	3:00	Leave the sidings and travel past K184 sig and wait										00:15																				
3:00	3:29	Travel down to milling site on the Down Fast										00:29																				
3:29	3:39	Prepare the machine							00:10																							
3:39	5:20	Milling and Grinding 18 Mile 32ch 18M 68.5ch			734	01:41																									1st pass, 0.9mm	
5:20	5:45	Travel back to 18 Mile 44ch and prep the machine										00:25																				
5:45	6:29	Milling and Grinding 18M 44ch 18M 61ch			342	00:44																									2nd pass, 0.9mm	
6:29	6:38	Travel back to 18 Mile 44ch and prep the machine										00:09																				
6:38	7:19	Milling and Grinding 18M 44ch 18M 61ch			342	00:41																									3rd pass, 0.9mm	
7:19	7:27	Travel back to 18 Mile 44ch and prep the machine										00:08																				
7:27	8:11	Milling and Grinding 18M 44ch 18M 61ch			342	00:44																									4th pass, 0.9mm	
8:11	8:50	Prep machine and travel up to K184 and wait										00:39																				
8:50	12:00	Enter the Up Sidings and start the machine maintenance										03:10																			no/wrong skip, unload into STRABAG's big bags	
Page 1 of 3					Pass: 1760 03:50 02:54 05:15					Comments:					metres finished																	
Pre Shift documentation completed: yes/no					Operator/plant certification in order: yes/no					Measurement documentation delivered: yes/no					Performance achieved: yes/no					Quality achieved: yes/no												
					Tim Kravston Employer's Site Representative										Rob Patten +447790012477 STRABAG Machine Supervisor																	



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## Digital transverse profile measuring instrument (DQM)

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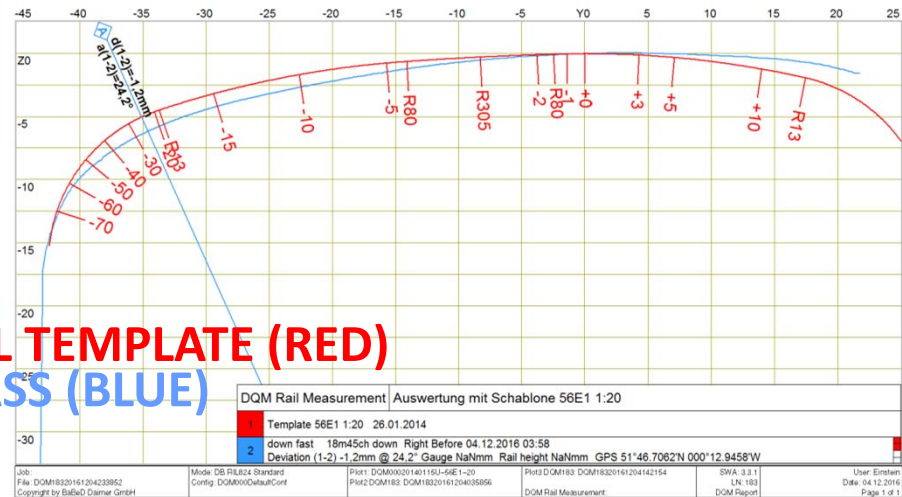
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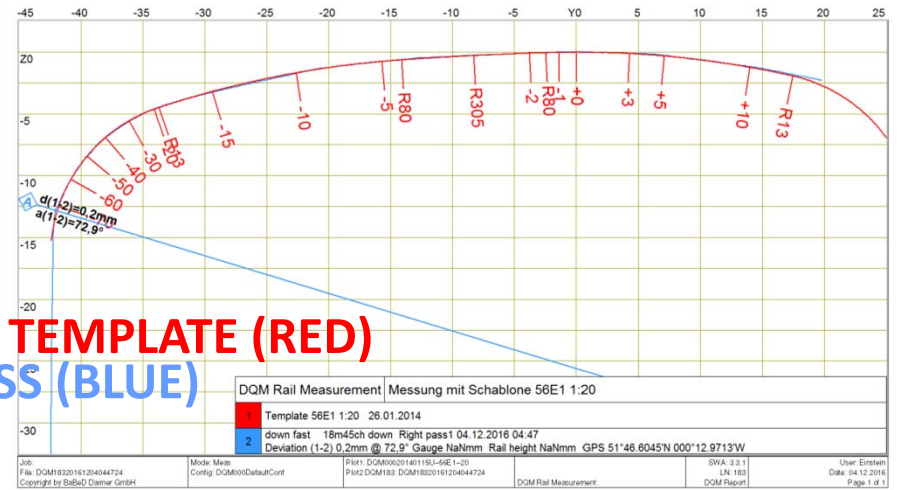
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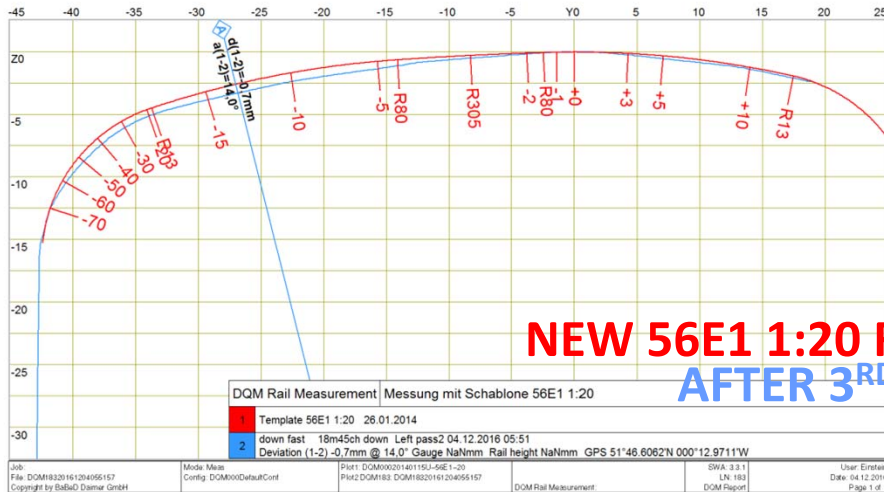


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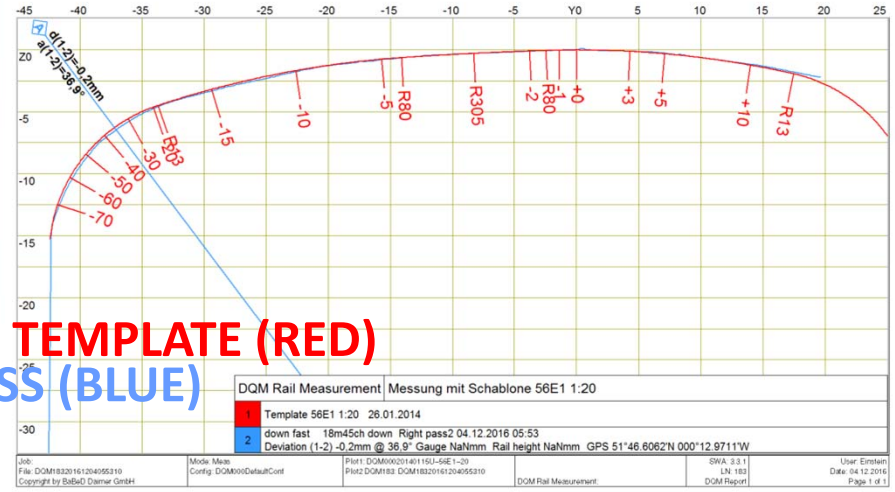
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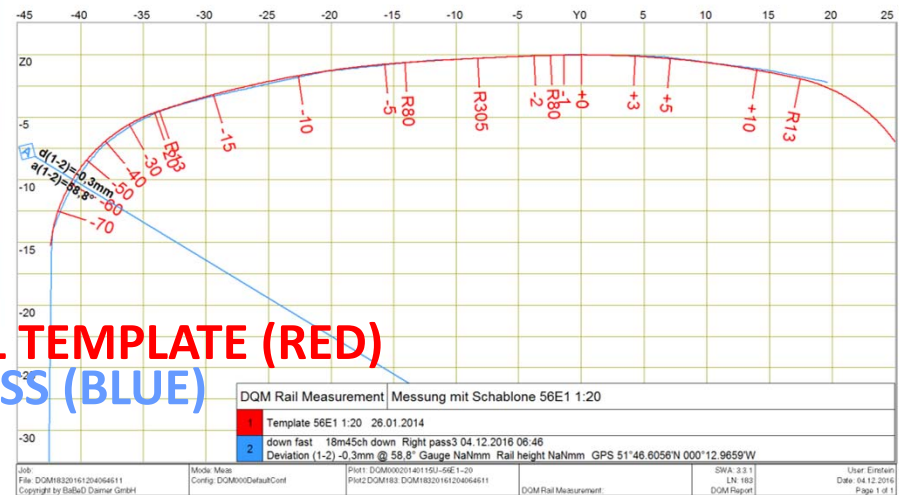


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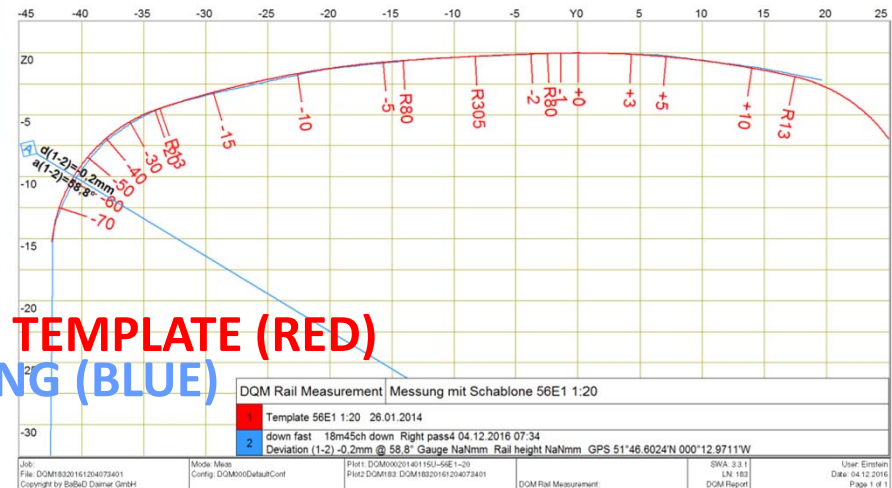


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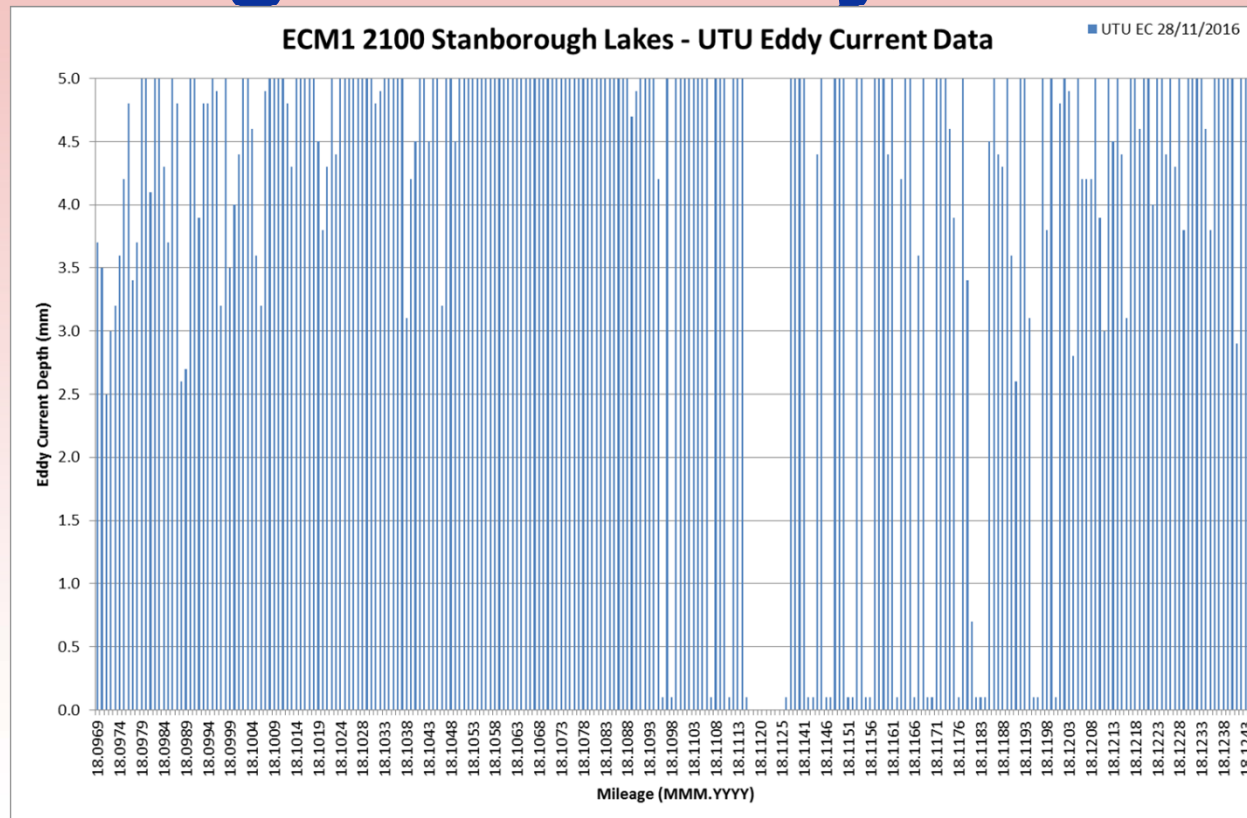
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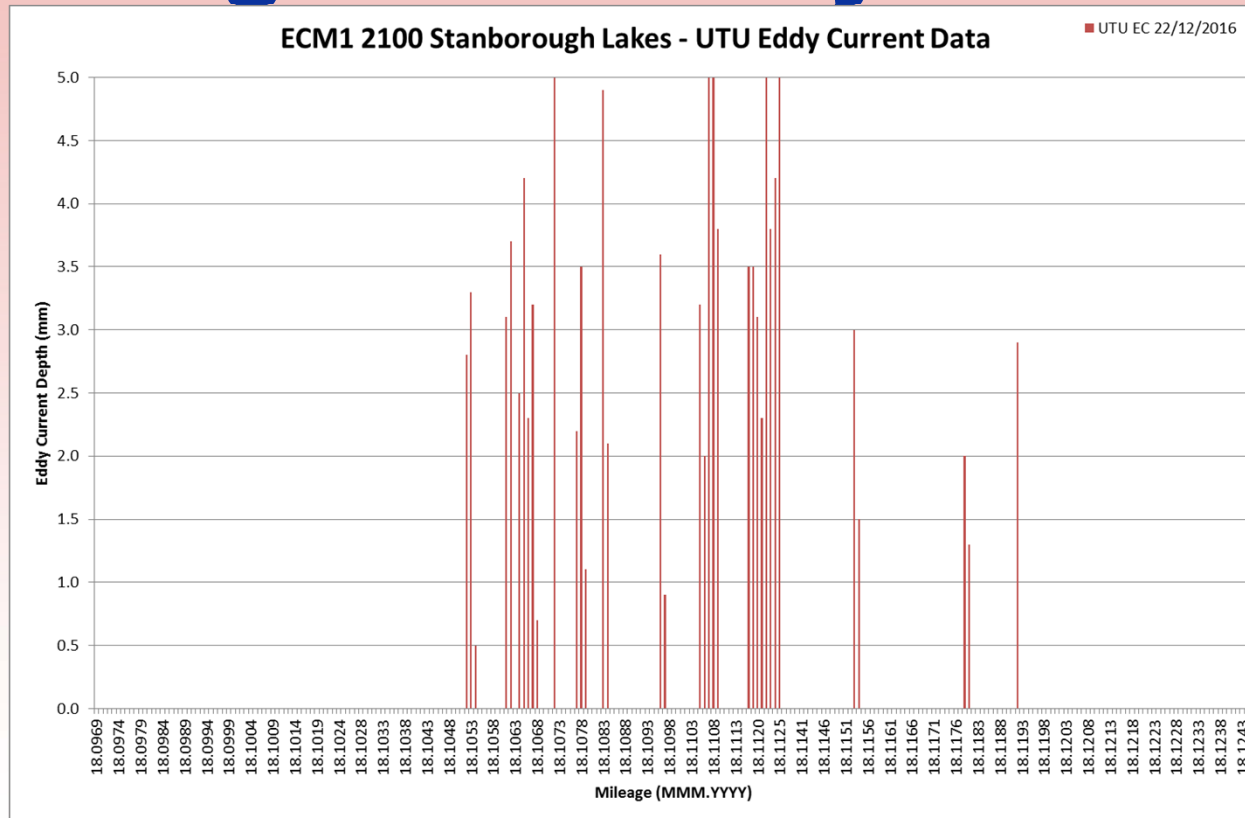


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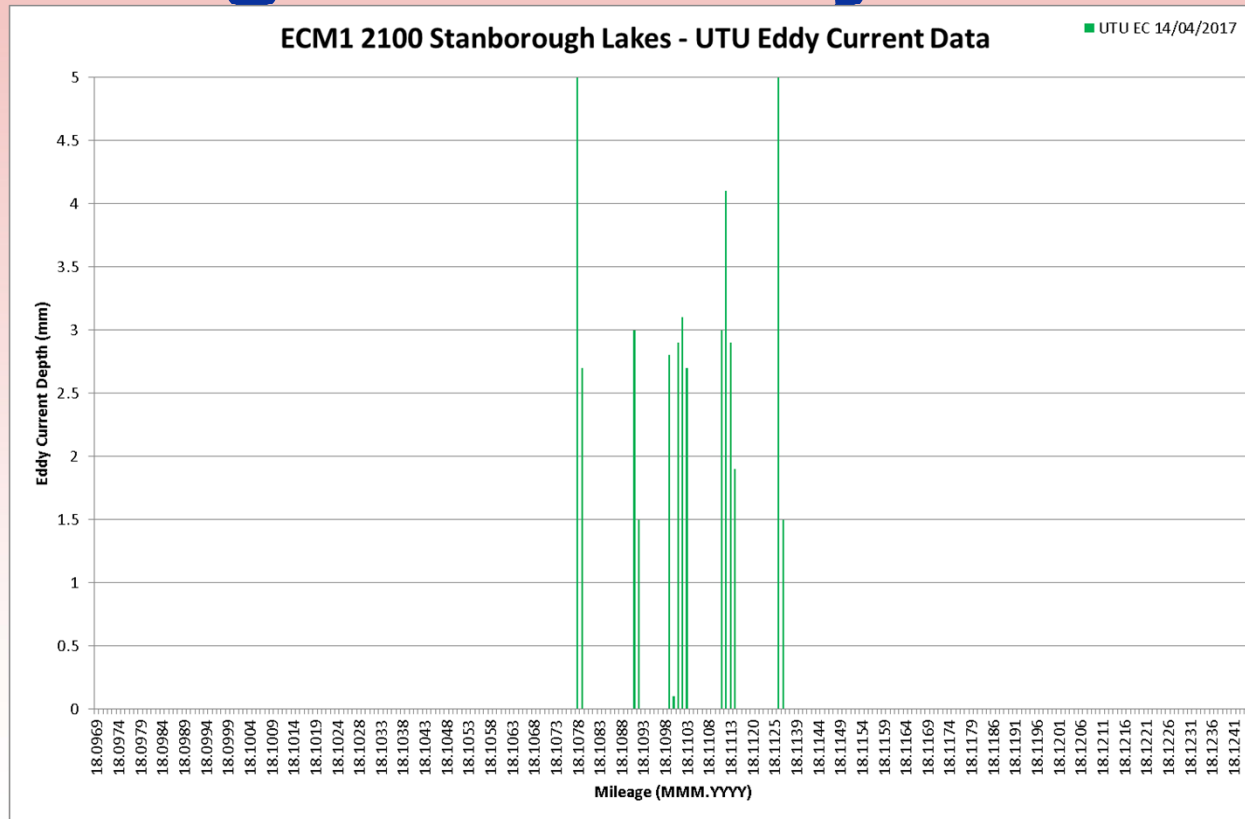


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# Stanborough UTU Eddy Current Data



# Rail Milling – Future Developments<sup>30</sup>

## Rail Milling Trains

- **Schweerbau HSM**
  - **Turnkey Lease Contract**
  - **Planned start mid 2018**



- **Linsinger SF06-FFS**
  - **Purchase Contract**
  - **Planned start end 2019**



# Rail Milling – Future Developments<sup>31</sup>

## Schweerbau HSM

- 3 car train – 2 milling cars + 1 polishing car
- 4 milling units, Ø 1.40m
- 720 cutters per milling head



- Productivity 600 m/hr – 2000 m/hr
- Up to 5mm of metal within a single pass





# Rail Milling – Future Developments<sup>32</sup>

## Schweerbau HSM

- Fully automated and computer controlled milling
- Free of dust, sparks and interference with the clearance gauge



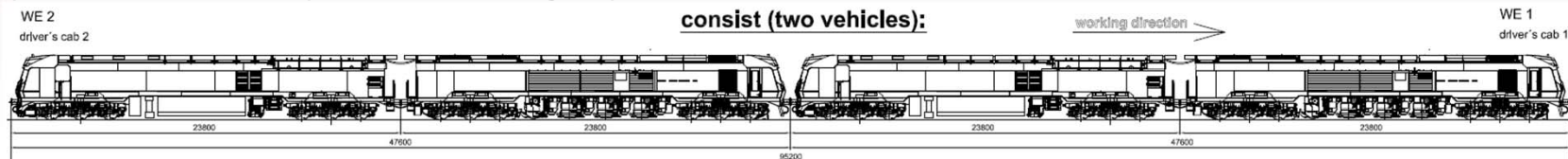
- Each cutter can be used on average 6 times before it needs replacing
- Average cutting distance before cutters need to be turned 7000 meters



# Rail Milling – Future Developments<sup>33</sup>

## Linsinger SF06-FFS

- Duplex 4-car Consist – Each machine can be split into 2 independent rail milling machines
- 8No. Milling units per Consist
- Processing Speed up to 20m/min
- Individual material removal from 0.3 up to 5mm one working pass with a processing speed of 1 km/hr.



# Rail Milling – Future Developments<sup>34</sup>

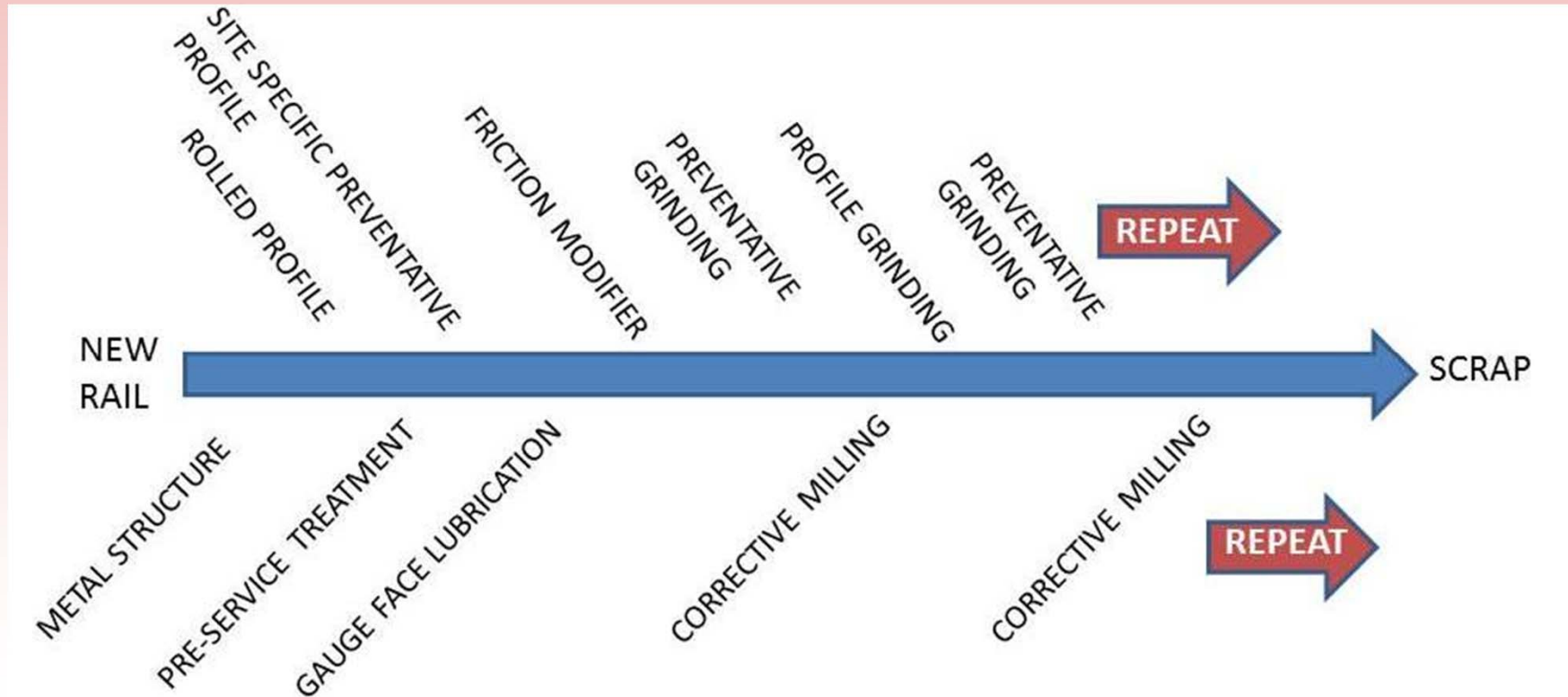
## Linsinger SF06-FFS

- Switches and Crossings can be machined
- Tier 4 Final engine
- Sparks and Dust free milling operation
- Machine is equipped with transverse and longitudinal measurement equipment, head check detection equipment, rail height measurement equipment



# Rail Management Life Cycle

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