



Digitisation: Revolution, Evolution or Hype? An outlook on digitisation in rail freight transport.

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The railway ... on track to Industry 4.0









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Source: Mercedes-Benz Uptime









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Where are we today:

This is how much a wagon owner knows about his wagon during the operation ...



Thus we require a comprehensive maintenance system



MODULAR, UMFASSEND, AKTUELL

ALLE MODULE DES VPI-LEITFADENS AUF EINEN BLICK

Modul	Benennung	Stand	Letzte Änderung mit
VPI E	Einführungshinweise	01.06.2013	Update 3.01
VPI 01	Allgemeiner Teil	01.01.2013	3. Ausgabe
VPI 02	Untergestelle, Drehgestelle	15.10.2013	3. Ausgabe
VPI 03	Fahrzeugaufbauten, Tanks	01.02.2008	2. Ausgabe
VPI 04	Radsätze	01.07.2012	3. Ausgabe
VPI 05	Federn	01.03.2014	3. Ausgabe
VPI 06A	Zugeinrichtungen	01.02.2008	2. Ausgabe
VPI 06B	Stoßeinrichtungen	01.03.2015	3. Ausgabe
VPI 07	Bremsen	01.03.2010	Update 2.3
VPI 08	Elektronischer Datenaustausch	20.02.2016	Update 3.1
VPI 09	Zerstörungsfreie Prüfung	01.07.2015	Update 3.1

... with wide-ranging safety

... where many safety margins are to be considered, there are also inefficiencies.

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Product

Smart Product

One of the basic ideas of Industry 4.0 is to fit the products out with embedded systems that are able to gather data,...

on board:





Smart Connected Product

...to communicate and to network..





So-called asset intelligence is to help, render the system more efficient

... taking stock ...



Source: Bosch Engineering

... asset monitoring geared to the needs of logistics! ... maintenance was not much in the focus thus far!



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Product System







Retrofitting of sensors ... no easy task!

Bild: VTG Rail Europe GmbH

Limiting factors

Lack of power on the wagon for comprehensive monitoring tools.

- Lack of user models or evidence: "It all works fine the way it is!"
- Lack of imagination: "What use is Big Data to my company?"
- Discouraging cost, especially with regard to the existing fleet?

Theft



Deductions from the route profile for the maintenance requirements is not bad!



...but I still don't know the exact wear and tear...

Source: http://europetrain.uic.org

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Manual trending

... takes a lot of effort

Using the example of brake blocks

Point of departure	Destination	Avg. wear of the brake blocks	Avg. mileage	Avg. wear per 1,000km
A	В	20mm	28,000 km	0.714mm
A	С	23mm	31,000 km	0.741mm
A	D	7mm	12,000 km	0.583mm
F	В	20mm	44,000 km	0.452mm
		on average	28,750 km	0.623mm

Source: VTG Rail Europe GmbH

... There is the wish to know more and in a simpler way about the wear and tear of the relevant components.

The solution



... intelligent registering of critical components on rail freight wagons

- ...using the example of brake blocks:
- Upon passing, the camera registers the wagon number or QR code with the wagon identification
- Upon passing, the camera takes photos of the brake blocks per wheel and identifies the best photo using a set of characteristics.
- Subsequently, the brake block is assessed using area integrals and irregularities of the surface.



RailWatch



A system for the automatic vehicle diagnosis of freight wagons



The service



Registering the condition of the components upon the passage of the train. Processing of the information at the local server stations and transmission of the required (determined by customer) limiting measures and damage with a photo to the *RailWatch* server. Processing of the information from the server station and transmission (interface) to the customer or storage in a web application.



The Internet



for wagon owners

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The significant added value

.... the wear trend analysis of RailWatch





The data model ... the 3 product groups (excerpt)

Railway infrastructure Freight wagon owners **Railway undertakings** companies Maintenance according to Time saving in Increasing safety & productivity, condition train dispatching remuneration system Informationsdienst Güterwagenhalter - Änderungen vorbel AVV Produkte - Änderungen vorbehalten -Informationsdienst Güterwagenhalter - Änderungen vorbel Gruppe Code Infromationstyp Inhalt Maß/Format Bauteile Code Mängel/Kriterium/Hinweise Bemerkung Gruppe Code Infromationstyp Inhalt Maß/Format Radreifen/Vollrad Flachstellen Länge, links/rechts mm 1.1. Radreit .1.1 Dicke weniger als, für 120km/h zugelassen Wagen (Wagen die das Zeich Nebenprodukte Wagengewicht Gewicht kg Unrundheit, links/rechts .1.1 Dicke weniger als, überige Wagen 30mm Polygone mm Vebenorodukte Wagennummer UIC Wagennu UIC Wagenr Radprofil Sourmaß (SR) 1.1.2 Radreifen, gebrochen Verifizierung Nebenprodukte Wagenlänge Länge m 1.1.3 Radreifen lose, unreiner Klang Verifizierung Radorofil Abstand der inneren Stirnfläche (AR) mm Nebenprodukte Ladungsnummer Conainernummer(n) Containernu 115 Radreifen seitliche verschoben, Sprengring lose oder sichbil/Verifizierung Radprofil Radreifen-/Radkranzbreite (BR), links/n mm dB(A) Nebenprodukte Lärm Lärmemmission (interpoliert) .1.6 Schaden am Sprengring (gerissen / gebrochen / fehlt) Verifizierung Radprofil Spurkranzdicke (Sd), links/rechts Nebenorodukte Bremssohle K-Sohle / Grauguss- Sohle K/G 1.2. Voltad 1.2.1 Die Rille zur Kennzeichnung der Mindestdicke ist nicht mehr über ihren o Radprofil Spurkranzhöhe (Sh), links/rechts mm 2.2 Thermische Überbeanspruchung durch die Bremse, Angeschmolzene Bi Radprofil Dicke des Radreifens in Meßkreiseben mm .2.3 Thermische Überbeanspruchung durch die Bremse, Beschädigung der L Radorofil Spurkranzflankenmaß (gR), links/rechts mm 2.2 Angeschmolzen de Brenssohlen oder Beschädigung der Lauffläche mit N Radorofil Hohlauf, links/rechts 1.2.2.2 Angeschmolzende Bremsschlen oder Beschädigung der LauVerifizierung Raddurchmesser Durchmesser, links/recht mm .3 Radreifen 1.3.1.1 Breite B >139 mm und ≤ 140 mm Breite oben remssohler Bremssohlen mm .3.1.2 Breite B >140 mm. < 133 mm bei Vorhandensein einer Bremssohlen Breite mitte mm 32 Lauffläche stellenweise eingedrückt, ungleichmäßige Kontaktflächen ode Bremssohlen Breite unter mm 1.3.3.1 Flachstellen Rad -Ø≥ 630 mm und Flachstellen mit einer Länge von > 6 Bremssohler Ausbröckelung mm² 1.3.3.2 Flachstellen Rad -Ø < 630 mm und Flachstellen mit einer Länge von > 3 mm² Bremssohlen Risse 1.3.4.1 Rad Ø≥<u>630 mm und Materialauftragungen mit einer Länge von > 60 mm</u> jpg./tif. Bremssohler Foto 1.3.4.2 Rad Ø≥ 630 mm und Materialauflagerungen mit einer Länge von > 10mm Achs lager Achs lage Annomlie Lagerringe (potenzieller Defel Ja/Nein 1.3.4.3 Rad Ø≥ 630 mm und Materialauftragungen mit einer Länge von > 30 mm Achslager Fettfüllstand zu hoch Ja/Nein 1.3.4.4 Rad Ø≥ 630 mm und Materialauftragungen mit einer Länge von > 10 mm

incl. GPS for maintenance

fehlen, nicht leste Wagennummer

Fettfüllstand zu niedrig

fehlen, nicht lesb: Zeichen "RIV" oder ein Zeichen der Zul Ja.

WagonScan

- ...per component on wagon
- ...as monthly flat fee

Achslager

TrainScan

1345

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1.4.1

.4 Sourkra

... per train passage (flexible booking) ... as individual price or flat rate

Löcher, Ausbröckelungen oder Abblätterungen an der Lauffläche mit eine Spurkranzhöhe Shigrößer als 36 mm, Lauffläche des Rades eingelaufen

Dicke des Sourkranzes Sd. Rad-Ø≥ 840 mm Sd < 22 mm. Verifizierung

via mobile data transmission

Terminal-RailGate

- ... 100% registration
- ... 99% availability
- ... rental or purchase

Ja/Nein

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Advantages for freight wagon owners

... reducing the maintenance cost & increasing the availability

- Avoiding additional cost through a preventative maintenance management. No reaction but taking proactive action.
- Thus, avoiding unplanned wagon downtimes and augmenting the availability. There is an increase in productivity with a simultaneous reduction in the number of required wagons.
- Evidence pursuant to GCU on operational defects or quality defects may be provided for the RUs, freight wagon workshops and component manufacturers.
- Cost saving through extension of the maintenance cycles (Life Cycle) on the basis of operational live data, which may be stochastically condensed.
- New version or further development of the maintenance manual is possible. Know-how advantage for the design of freight wagons, improved components.





Advantages

for the terminal and railway undertakings

... more safety on the infrastructure & increase of productivity

- Identification of wagons that are unfit for operation to avoid accidents and disruption of production on the rail infrastructure.
- Higher productivity of the rail infrastructure
 - through simplification of the technical inspection of the wagon before the train's departure, operational set of rules, e.g. General Contract of Use for Wagons (GCU).
 - Through early recognition of defects and identifying freight wagons unfit for operation before loading/renewed loading
- Identification of wagons with wheel flats that cause damage to the rail surface, possibly holding liable the party at fault or levying a user charge dependent on the wear (pricing system).
- Check with regard to the correct levying of the user charge, depending on the design of the remuneration system (wagon weight, wheel flats, etc.)







Advantages

for the entire railway market

- ... networking of the freight wagons among one another
- ... let machines talk

Automatic analysis of the cause (automatic vehicle diagnosis) with regard to

- technical vehicular problems (e.g. axle bearings)
- rail operational problems (e.g. chipping)
- infrastructural problems (e.g. polygons)













Thank you very much!

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