

## Wheel NOTES:

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- 2. Note: HO standard wheels will work on HO fine track (with adjusted K) but HO fine wheels (code 88) are not standards on HO standard track.
- 3. See RP-25 for recommended Wheel Contour. With Deeper Flanges see STANDARD S4.3.
- 4. Wheels shall have a scale reduction in tread diameter from the prototype.
- 5. The adjusting of the back-to-back spacing in production is highly recommended to meet the target wheel check gauge ('K') specification
- 6. Metric specifications are found on page 2.
- 7. To avoid difficulty with long wheelbase locomotives in curves sharper than 20 degrees, and where guard rails are used on both sides as in special trackwork, the following are suggested: See **RP-8** 
  - Allow lateral movement in driver axles of 1 percent of the rigid wheelbase length.
  - Remove flanges from center drivers.

#### NMRA STANDARDS (METRIC) S-4.2 Standards, Wheels, Standard Scale



## NMRA STANDARD

# **Metric Standards**

**Scale Wheels** 

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|       | Seele  | Standard S4.2 Wheels using Target and Asymmetric Metric (mm) Tolerance |      |       |        |      |       |        |      |      |          |  |  |
|-------|--------|--|------|-------|--------|------|-------|--------|------|------|----------|--|--|
| Scale | Ratio  |  | K    |       |        | В    |       | Ν      | D    | Т    |          |  |  |
|       |        | Target   | Plus | Minus | Target | Plus | Minus | (Nom.) | Max  | Nom  | Tol      |  |  |
| 1"    | 1:12   | 116.31   | 0.05 | 0.41  | 113.13 | 0.05 | 0.41  | 12.83  | 3.96 | 3.18 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| 3/4"  | 1:16   | 85.01  | 0.05 | 0.86  | 82.63  | 0.05 | 0.86  | 10.41  | 3.18 | 2.39 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| F     | 1:20.3 | 67.64  | 0.38 | 0.43  | 66.34  | 0.43 | 0.38  | 7.06   | 2.08 | 1.52 | +.0510   |  |  |
| Fn3   | 1:20.3 | 41.48  | 0.38 | 0.36  | 40.00  | 0.48 | 0.13  | 6.40   | 1.68 | 1.52 | +.0546   |  |  |
| LS    | Varied | Large Scales Shown on Separate Page                                    |      |       |        |      |       |        |      |      |          |  |  |
| 0     | 1:48   | 29.90  | 0.05 | 0.15  | 28.91  | 0.05 | 0.15  | 3.68   | 0.91 | 0.99 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| On3   | 1:48   | 17.86  | 0.05 | 0.15  | 17.07  | 0.05 | 0.15  | 2.95   | 0.76 | 0.79 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| On30  | 1:48   | 15.32  | 0.05 | 0.18  | 14.55  | 0.05 | 0.18  | 2.79   | 0.71 | 0.76 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| On2   | 1:48   | 11.51  | 0.05 | 0.18  | 10.74  | 0.05 | 0.18  | 2.79   | 0.71 | 0.76 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| S     | 1:64   | 21.26  | 0.05 | 0.18  | 20.50  | 0.05 | 0.18  | 2.79   | 0.76 | 0.76 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| Sn3   | 1:64   | 13.13  | 0.05 | 0.18  | 12.37  | 0.05 | 0.18  | 2.79   | 0.76 | 0.76 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| Sn2   | 1:64   | 9.53   | 0.05 | 0.13  | 8.89   | 0.05 | 0.13  | 2.24   | 0.58 | 0.64 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| 00    | 1:76.2 | 17.86  | 0.05 | 0.18  | 17.09  | 0.05 | 0.18  | 2.79   | 0.71 | 0.76 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| HO    | 1:87.1 | 15.32  | 0.05 | 0.18  | 14.55  | 0.05 | 0.18  | 2.79   | 0.71 | 0.76 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| HOn3  | 1:87.1 | 9.53   | 0.05 | 0.13  | 8.89   | 0.05 | 0.13  | 2.24   | 0.58 | 0.64 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| HOn2  | 1:87.1 | 6.20   | 0.05 | 0.10  | 5.69   | 0.05 | 0.10  | 1.83   | 0.56 | 0.51 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| TT    | 1:120  | 11.05  | 0.05 | 0.20  | 10.54  | 0.05 | 0.20  | 2.01   | 0.66 | 0.51 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| TTn42 | 1:120  | 8.15   | 0.05 | 0.10  | 7.65   | 0.05 | 0.10  | 1.83   | 0.56 | 0.51 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| TTn3  | 1:120  | 6.81   | 0.05 | 0.10  | 6.30   | 0.05 | 0.10  | 1.83   | 0.56 | 0.51 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| Ν     | 1:160  | 8.15   | 0.05 | 0.10  | 7.65   | 0.05 | 0.10  | 1.83   | 0.56 | 0.51 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| Nn3   | 1:160  | 5.64   | 0.05 | 0.05  | 5.28   | 0.05 | 0.05  | 1.37   | 0.51 | 0.36 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| Nn2   | 1:160  | 3.68   | 0.05 | 0.05  | 3.33   | 0.05 | 0.05  | 1.37   | 0.51 | 0.36 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |
| Z     | 1:220  | 5.79   | 0.05 | 0.18  | 5.44   | 0.05 | 0.18  | 1.37   | 0.51 | 0.36 | +/- 0.05 |  |  |

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- 2. Note: HO standard wheels will work on HO fine track (with adjusted K) but HO fine wheels (code 88) are not standards on HO standard track.
- 3. See **RP-25** for recommended Wheel Contour. With Deeper Flanges see **STANDARD S4.3**.
- 4. Wheels shall have a scale reduction in tread diameter from the prototype.
- 5. The adjusting of the back-to-back spacing in production is highly recommended to meet the target wheel check gauge ('K') specification
- 6. Imperial specifications are found on page 1.
- 7. To avoid difficulty with long wheelbase locomotives in curves sharper than 20 degrees, and where guard rails are used on both sides as in special trackwork, the following are suggested: See **RP-8** 
  - Allow lateral movement in driver axles of 1 percent of the rigid wheelbase length.
  - Remove flanges from center drivers.

#### NMRA STANDARDS (IMPERIAL) S-4.2 Standards, Wheels, Standard Scale



| NMRA STANDARD                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Imperial and Metric Standards  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Large Scale Wheels             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# LS WHEELS (S4.2 Standard Scale):

| Scale | Scale<br>Ratio | Standard S4.2 Wheels using Target and Asymmetric Imperial (inch) Tolerance |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|-------|----------------|--|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
|       |                | K  |       |       | В      |       |       | N     |       | D     | Т     |       |       |  |
|       |                | Target   | Plus  | Minus | Target | Plus  | Minus | Min   | Max   | Max   | Nom   | Plus  | Minus |  |
| LS    | Varied         | 1.633  | 0.015 | 0.014 | 1.575  | 0.019 | 0.005 | 0.236 | 0.271 | 0.066 | 0.059 | 0.002 | 0.018 |  |

| Scale | Scale<br>Ratio | Standard S4.2 Wheels using Target and Asymmetric Metric (mm) Tolerance |      |       |        |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |
|-------|----------------|--|------|-------|--------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
|       |                | K  |      |       | В      |      |       | N    |      | D    | D T  |      |       |
|       |                | Target   | Plus | Minus | Target | Plus | Minus | Min  | Max  | Max  | Nom  | Plus | Minus |
| LS    | Varied         | 41.48  | 0.38 | 0.36  | 40.01  | 0.48 | 0.13  | 5.99 | 6.88 | 1.68 | 1.50 | 0.05 | 0.46  |

## LS Wheel NOTES:

- 1) The term "LS" for "Large Scales" standards covers all common commercial scales running on LS 45mm gauge track (1:32, 1:29, 1:24, 1:22.5, and 1:20.3) without regard as to whether the trains are standard or narrow gauge.
- 2) Due to the inherent nature of large scale trains, the wheel and track standards for "Standard" (Sx.2) and "Deep Flange" (Sx.3) are identical except in terms of flange width and depth.
- 3) Developing a single wheel profile for all of large scale is not recommended nor needed due to the fact that there are multiple scales running on the same LS 45mm gauge track. Each scale has developed its own scale-specific profile, all of which conform to LS 45mm gauge standard.
- 4) While there is a stated "target" wheel width, manufacturers should take into consideration the scale of their models in determining where in that spectrum their wheels would best fall. For instance, .271" scales out to the proper width for a 5.5" wheel in 1:20.3, but would be oversized for a 1:32 model, for which .236" is more appropriate.
- 5) With regard to 1:20.3 (also designated "F" scale), trains built to that scale running on LS 45mm gauge track are also classified Fn3. Standards for Fn3 wheels are identical to those for LS, with exception the wheels are given more specific targets for tread width and flange depth. Track standards for Fn3 are to be identical to those used for LS 45mm gauge.
- 6) The standards do not specify a fillet between the tread and flange, but common practice has proven such to be beneficial to the performance of the wheel. A fillet radius between .020" and .030" depending on the proportional width of the tire is highly recommended.
- 7) A wheel tread taper of 3 degrees is recommended for all wheels.
- 8) It is traditionally viewed in the large scale community that the back-to-back spacing on the wheels is a primary dimension. Should a manufacturer or modeler opt to use flanges greater than 0.076", the back-to-back spacing should be narrowed from the published Target Value to compensate and still fall within Check-gauge tolerances for the wheels. Adjusting back-to-back spacing, 'B', is highly recommended to meet the Target wheel Check-gauge, 'K', specification using the following relationship: B = K-T.