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1 Background

- 1.01 This document describes the measurement reports from the wheel profiles of ten wheel set assemblies (WSAs).
- 1.02 The ten WSAs were inspected as part of NTSB's investigation into the October 12, 2021 derailment of a WMATA 7000 series car, the derailment occurring between the Rosslyn and Arlington Cemetery Metro stops on Metro's Blue Line.
- 1.03 This report provides only data relative to the measurement of the wheel profiles. It does not contain any analysis with the exception of that noted in 1.04 through 1.07.
- 1.04 The wheel flanges of both wheels from the derailed wheel set showed extreme wear in comparison to the other wheels contained in this report.
- 1.05 They showed, also, extreme flange wear in comparison to the two wheels of the other wheel set in the derailed truck.
- 1.06 While Calipri measurements for the other two wheels were not taken, manual measurements using a standard AAR finger gage were taken. The derailed wheels showed flange wear in excess of 5/8" greater than the flange wear on the other two wheels from the derailed truck.
- 1.07 Note that the AAR finger gage does not measure flange thickness directly. Rather, it determines the amount of metal, in 1/16s of an inch, that must be removed from a wheel in order to restore the wheel to a full flange contour.

2 Measuring Device

2.01 We measured 20 wheel profiles using a NextSense Calipri TZ24 (C42) non-contact measuring device.

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2.02 The Calipri has the following accuracy.

2.02.01	Absolute accuracy	< <u>+</u> 200 μm
2.02.02	Repeatability	< <u>+</u> 100 μm

- 2.03 The Calipri was last calibrated prior to the measurements reported herein on October 21, 2021.
- 2.04 A copy of that calibration is included in Appendix B.

3 Measured Wheel Set Assemblies

- 3.01 The table on the next page outlines the wheel measurements taken.
- 3.02 The location 'Greenbelt' refers to measurements taken by ORX personnel at WMATA's Greenbelt Rail Yard maintenance facility in College Park, Maryland.
- 3.03 The location 'ORX' refers to measurements taken by ORX personnel at its wheel shop in Tipton, Pennsylvania.
- 3.04 The first WSA in the table is the derailed wheel set assembly.
- 3.05 The WSA column shows ORX's wheel set assembly serial number.
- 3.06 The last two columns show the wheel serial numbers for the S-side and T-side wheels. The S-side wheel is the wheel on the gearbox side of the axle. The T-side wheel is its mate wheel.



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REF	DATE	DATE LOCATION WSA		S WHL SN	T WHL SN
1	2021-10-27	Greenbelt	0879	2841	2833
2	2021-10-26	Greenbelt	0903	2808	2864
3	2021-10-26	Greenbelt	1567	3836	4024
4	2021-10-26	Greenbelt	1878	3475	3579
5	2021-10-27	ORX	0676	1456	1412
6	2021-10-27	ORX	0694	1420	1451
7	2021-10-27	ORX	1460	2079	2316
8	2021-10-27	ORX	2063	4407	4379
9	2021-10-27	ORX	2075	4251	4242
10	2021-10-27	ORX	2935	6132	6315

3.07 Calipri Wheel Profile Measurements

4 Calipri Reports

- 4.01 The Calipri-generated reports for each wheel set are included in Appendix A.
- 4.02 Each Calipri report contains four pages.
- 4.03 The first page of each report is a title page.
- 4.04 The second page of the report shows a WSA view with the four measured values.
 - 4.04.01 Fh = flange height
 - 4.04.02 Fw = flange width
 - 4.04.03 FAI = flange angle
 - 4.04.04 W = flange width
- 4.05 The ORX wheel set assembly number is shown below the WSA graphic.

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- 4.06 At the top of page 3, the wheel serial number, labeled 'Wheel Number', is shown, preceded by the side of the axle on which it was mounted, i.e., S or T.
- 4.07 This page shows graphically the new wheel profile (green) and the measured profile (blue). The red 'whiskers' along the new wheel profile have lengths proportional to the deviation of the measured profile from the new wheel profile.
- 4.08 Each whisker is shown at a 3X scale, i.e., three times its actual deviation from the new wheel profile.
- 4.09 Whiskers are not shown for deviations less than 0.010".
- 4.10 The two wheel profiles, new and worn (measured), are aligned at their taping lines, 2.844" from the back face of the wheel.
- 4.11 The profile axes have units of inches.
- 4.12 Below the graphic is a summary of the measurements recorded. The "OK" range is the range established by the specification for the new wheel profile.
- 4.13 Measurements outside of the established "OK" range are red. Measurements within the "OK" range are green.
- 4.14 Page 4 is for the mate wheel of the wheel set assembly and follows the same structure as that described above for page 3.

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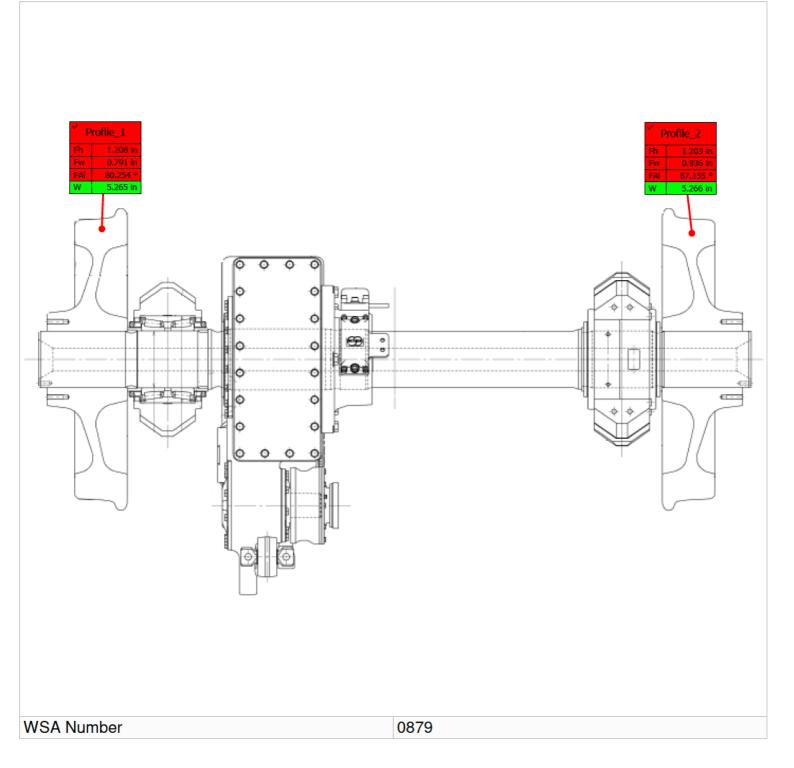
APPENDIX A

Calipri Wheel Profile Reports (40 pages)

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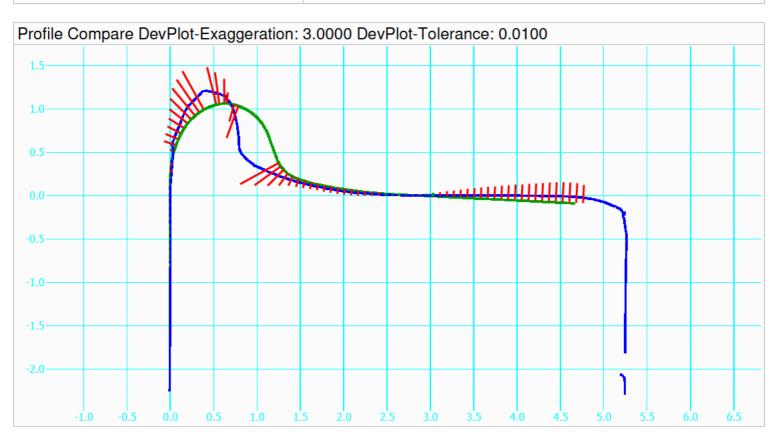






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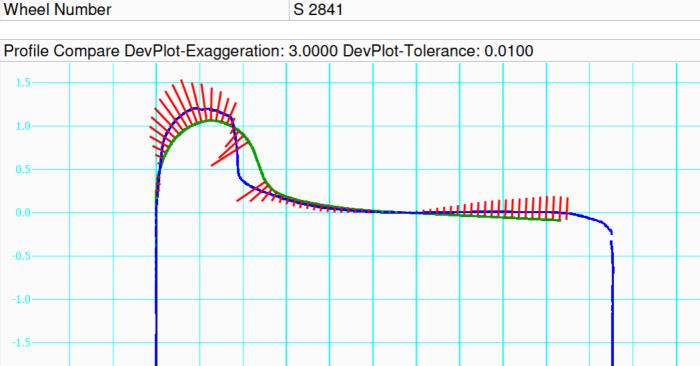
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		OK: 1.156 - 1.218
Flange angle	FAI	80.254 ° (Rejected)
		OK: 69.500 - 70.500
Width	W	5.265 in (OK)
		OK: 5.125 - 5.375



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Flange angle	FAI	87.155 ° (Rejected)
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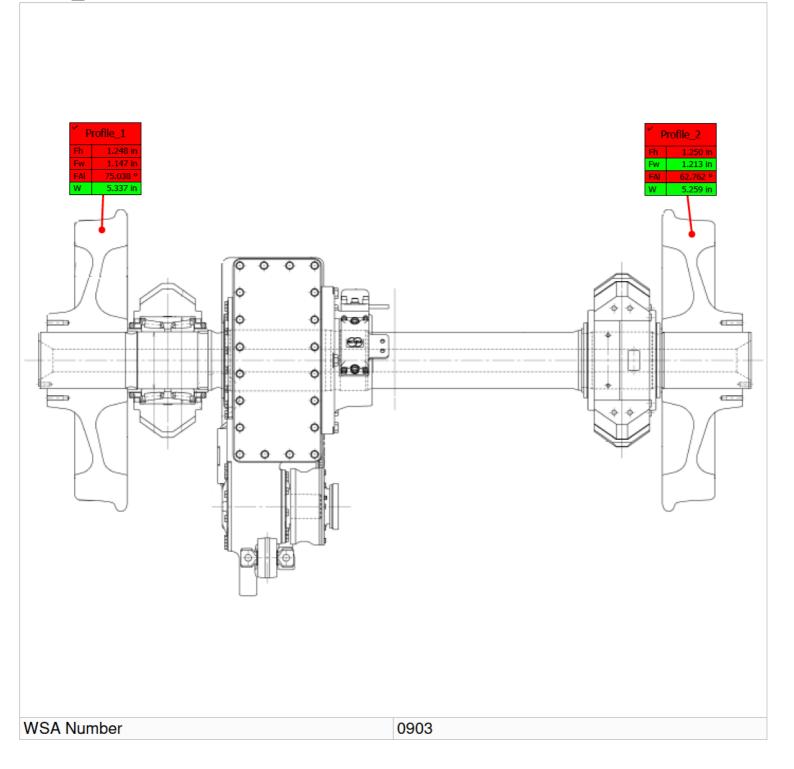
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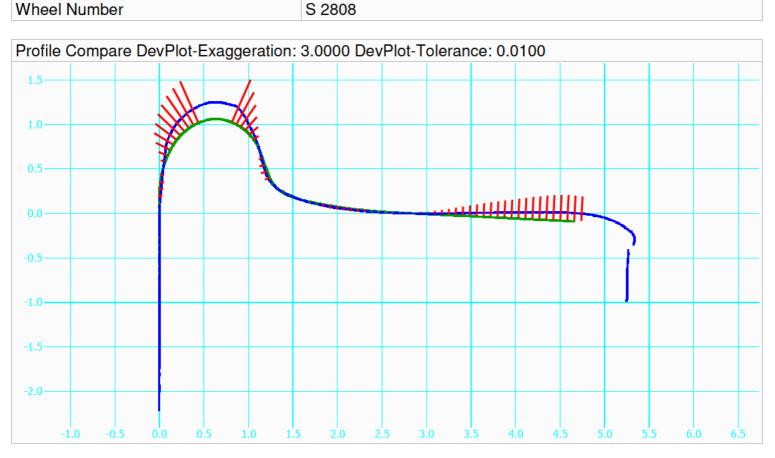








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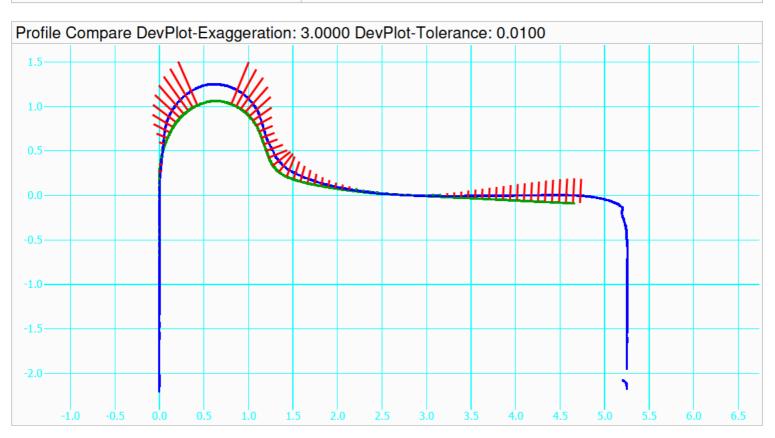


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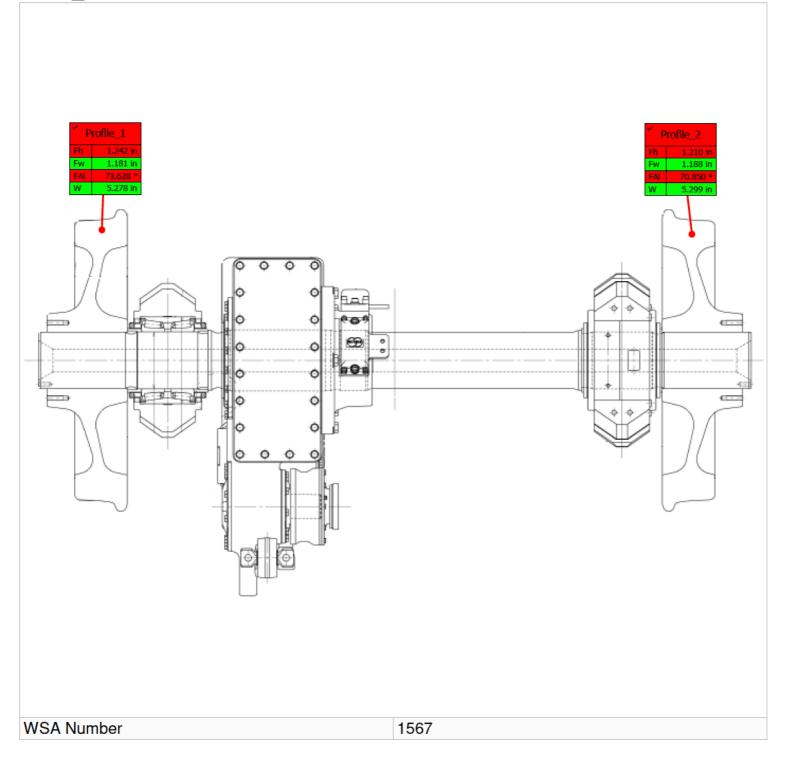
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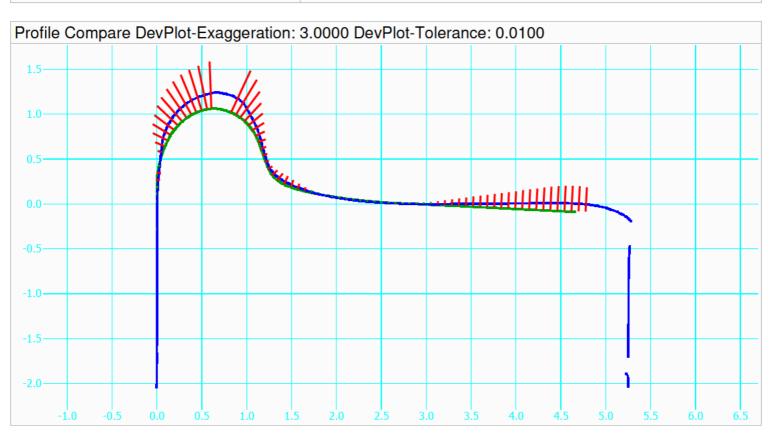






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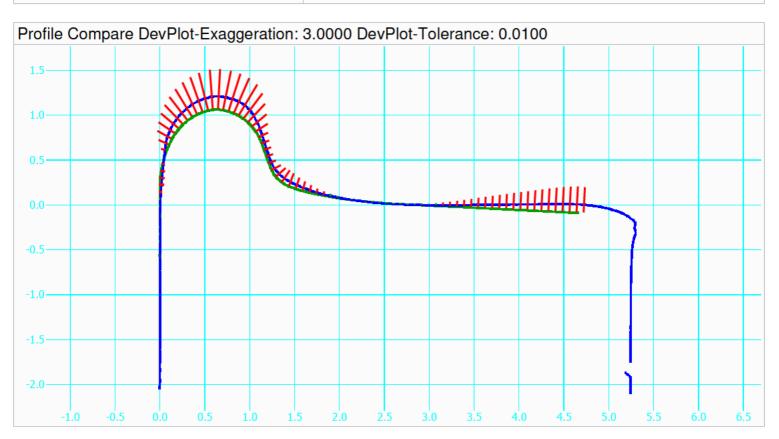


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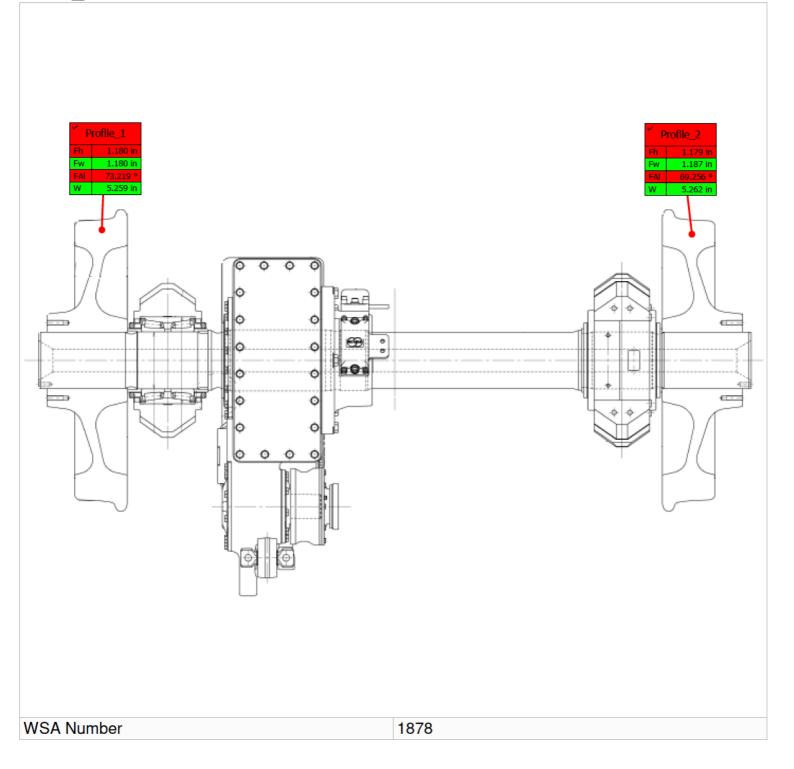
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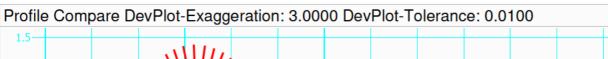


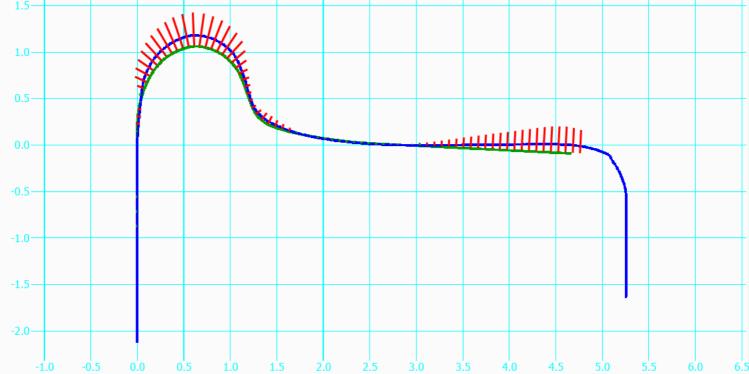




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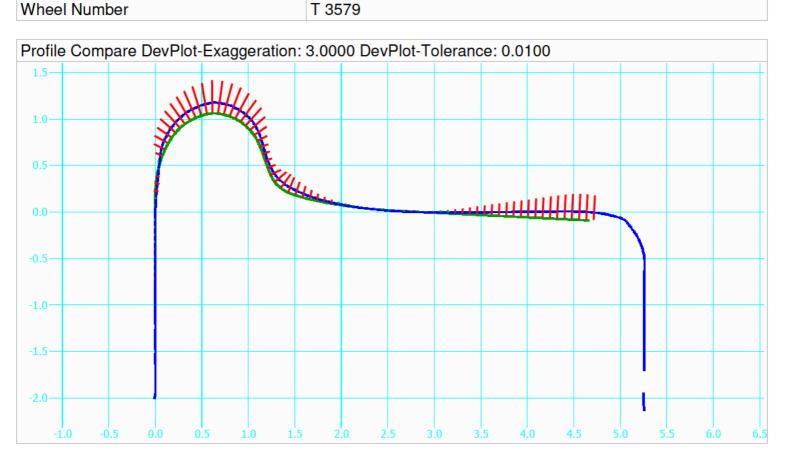
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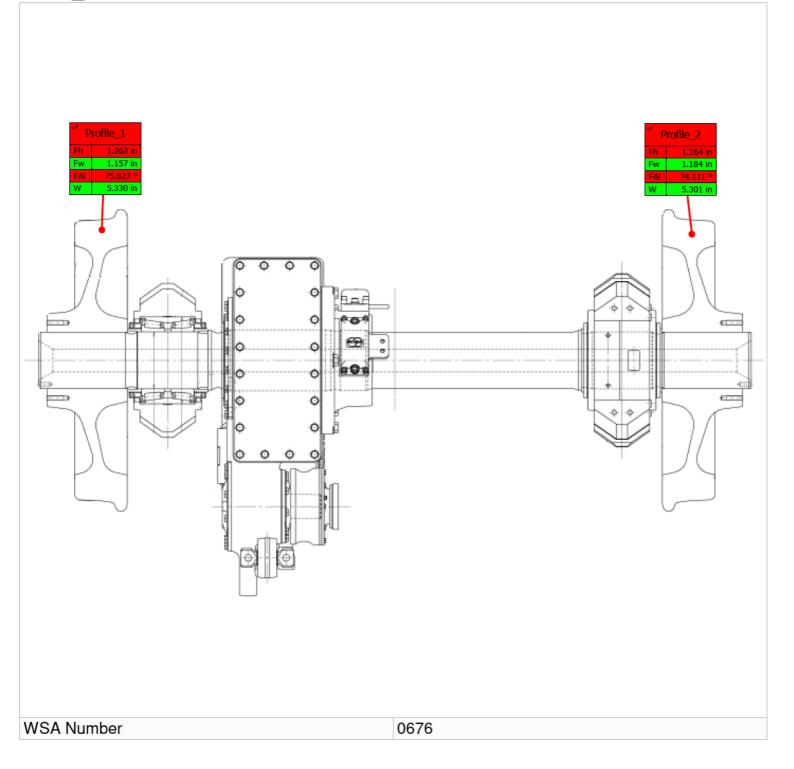




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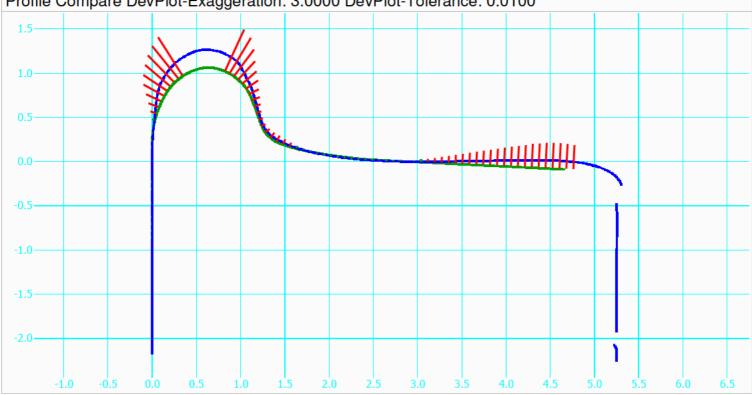






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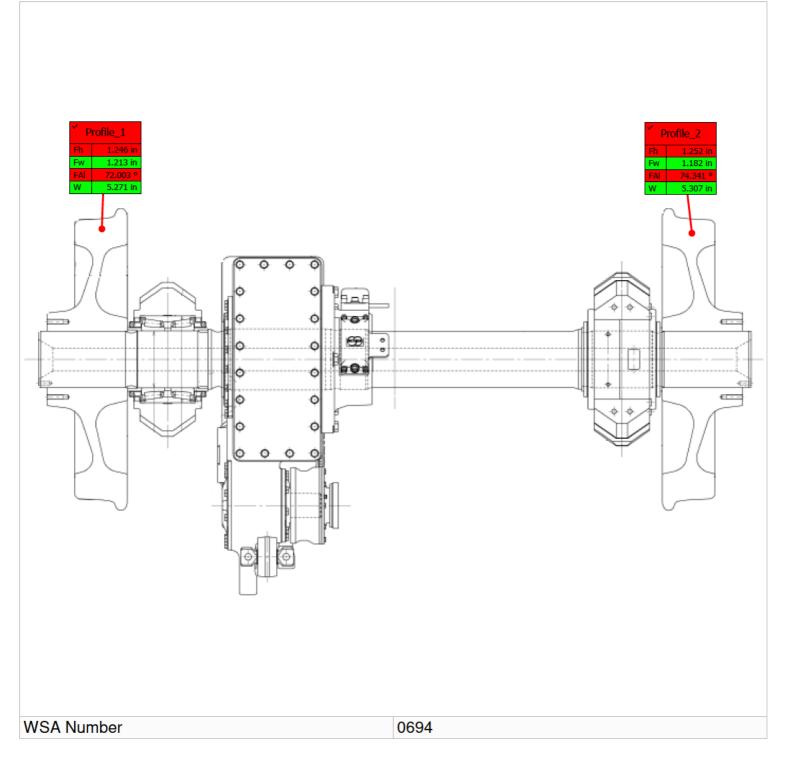


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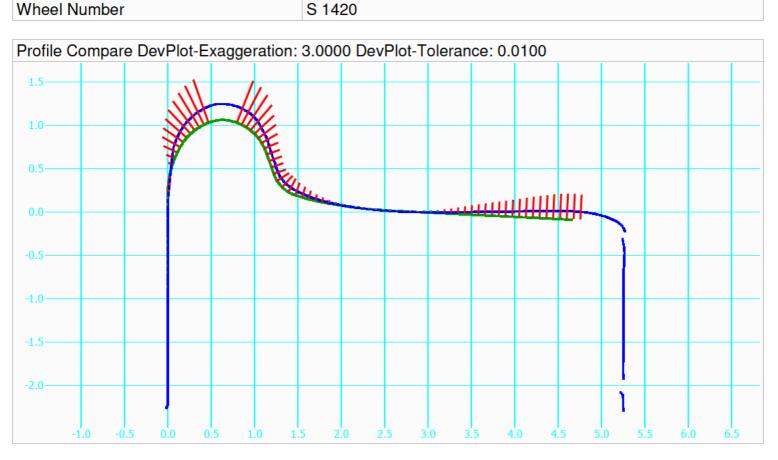








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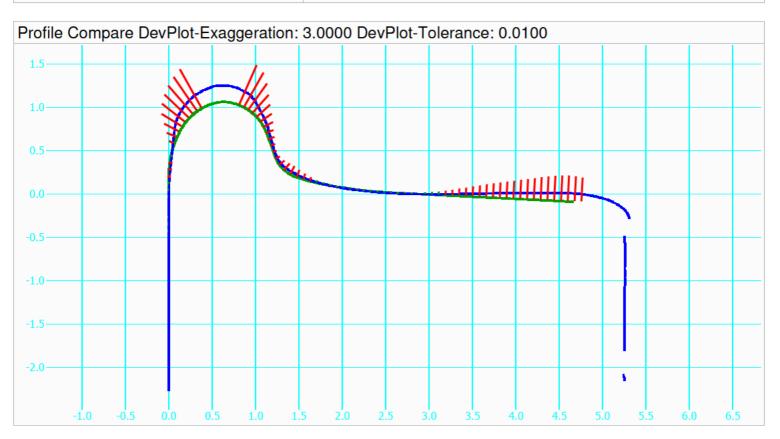


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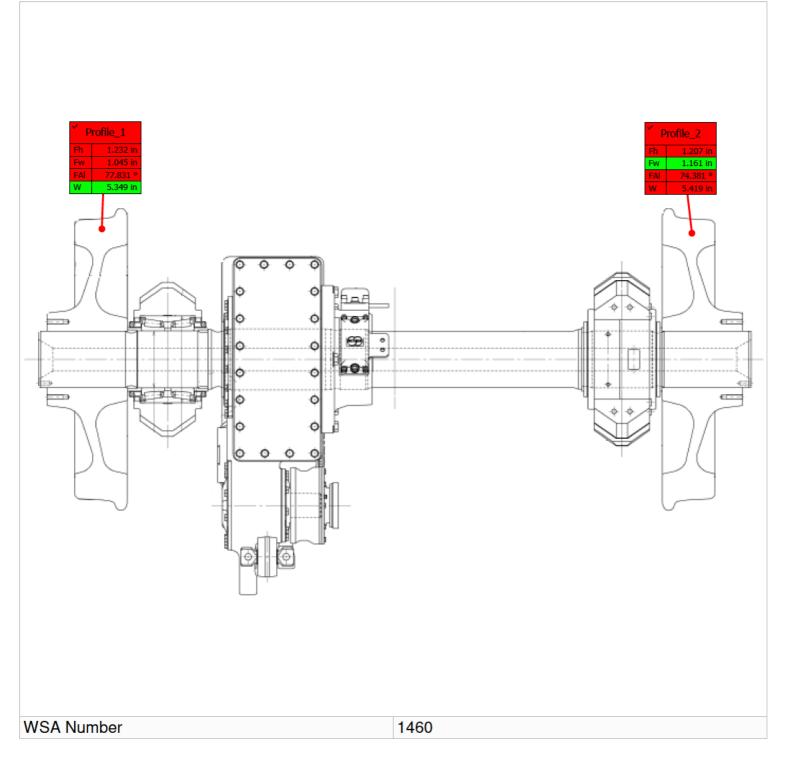
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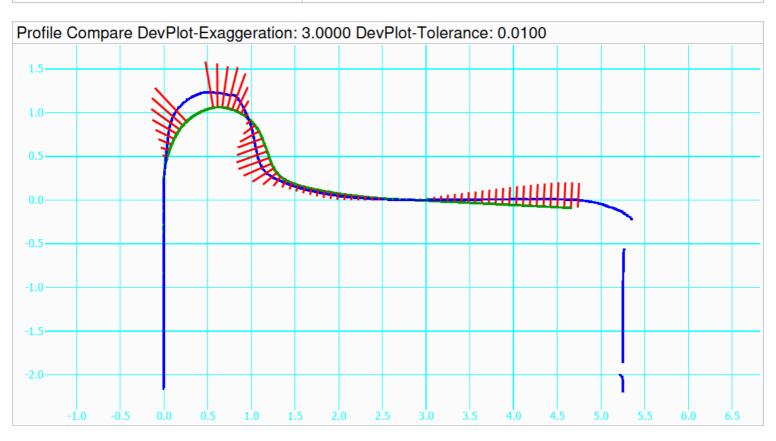






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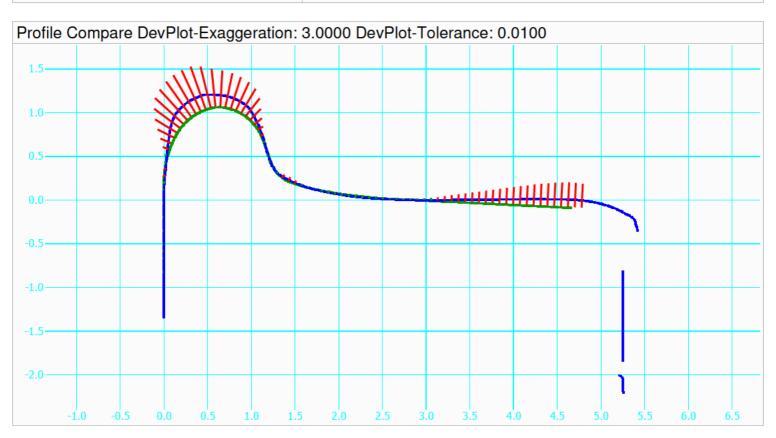


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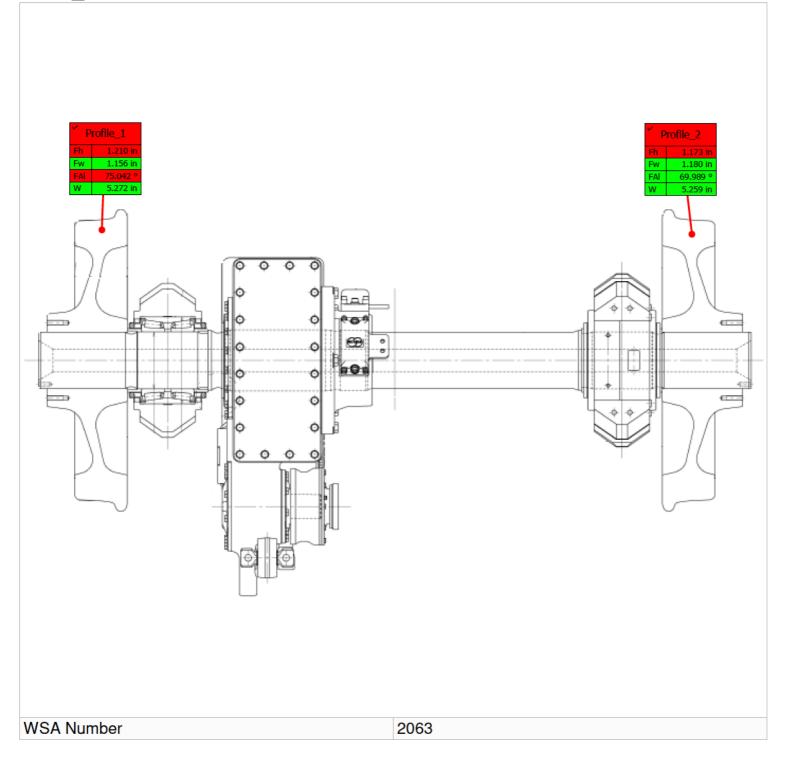
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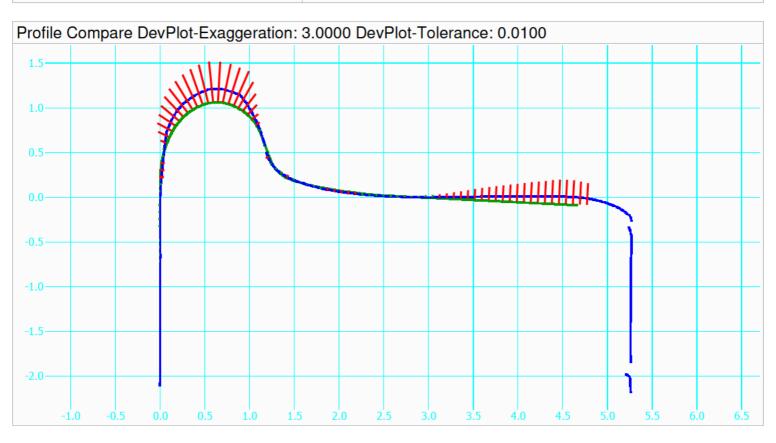






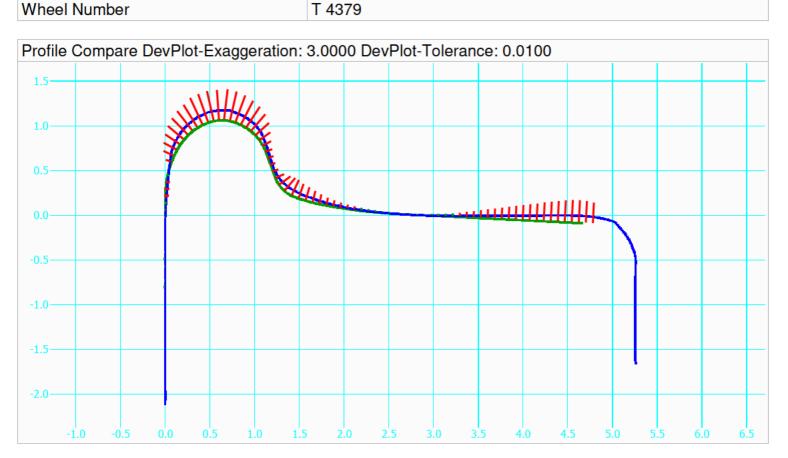
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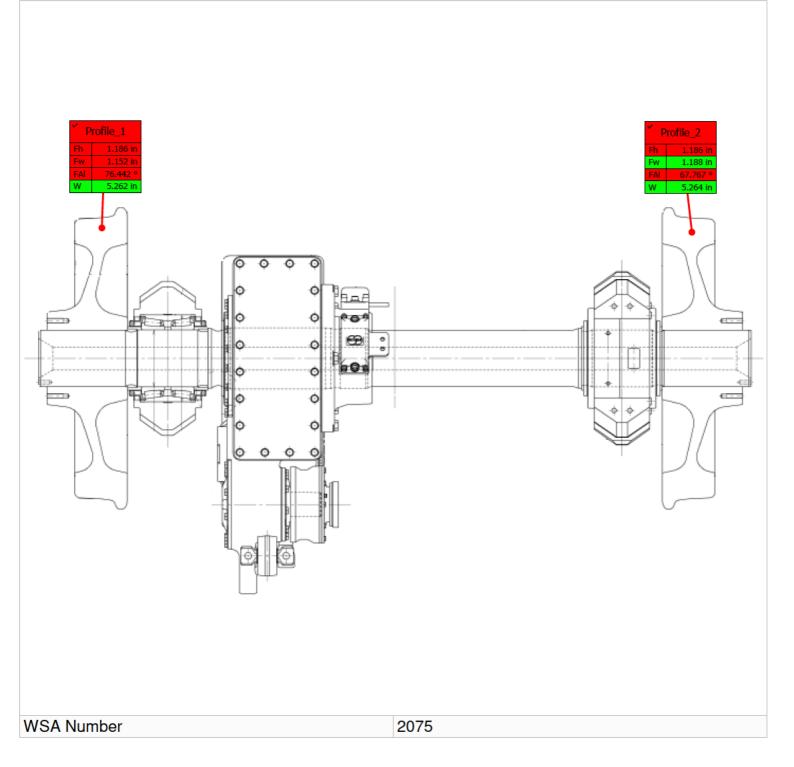




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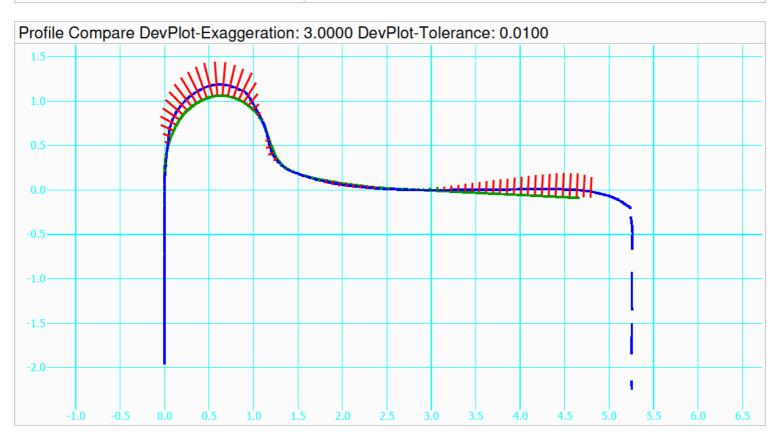






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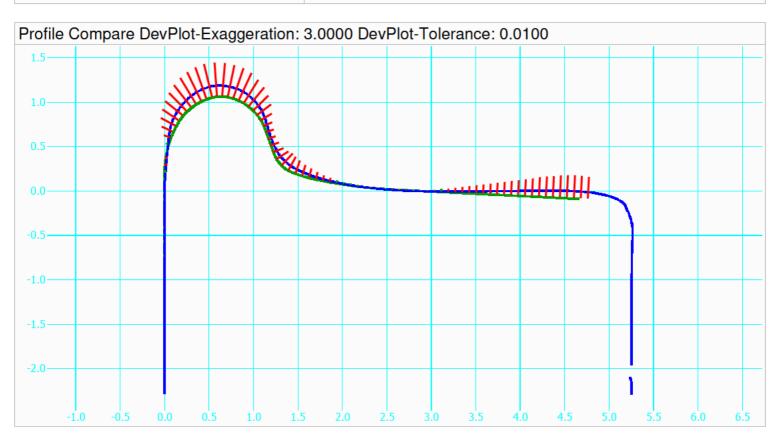


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Flange angle	FAI	76.442 ° (Rejected)	
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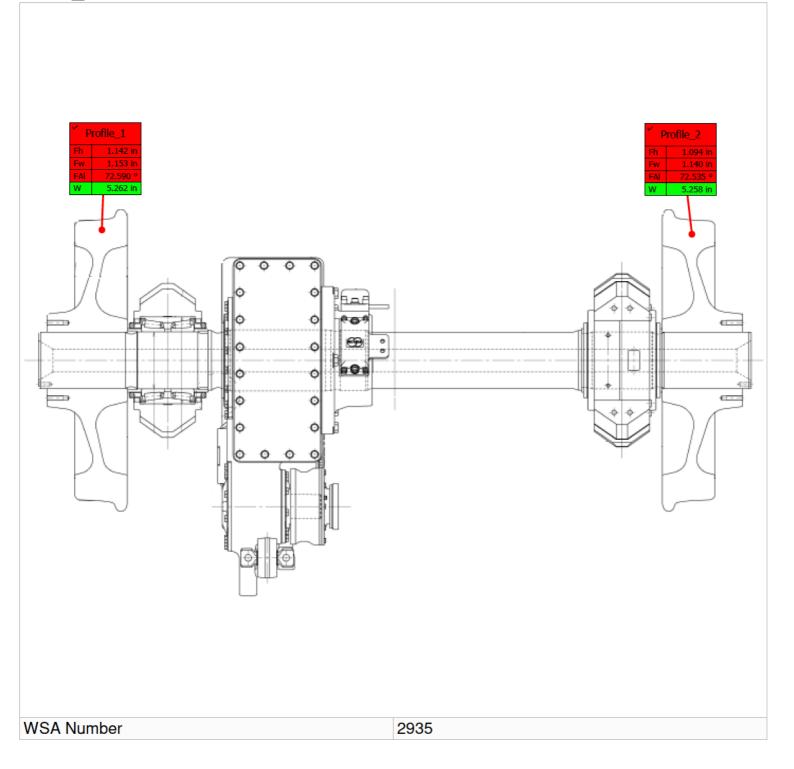
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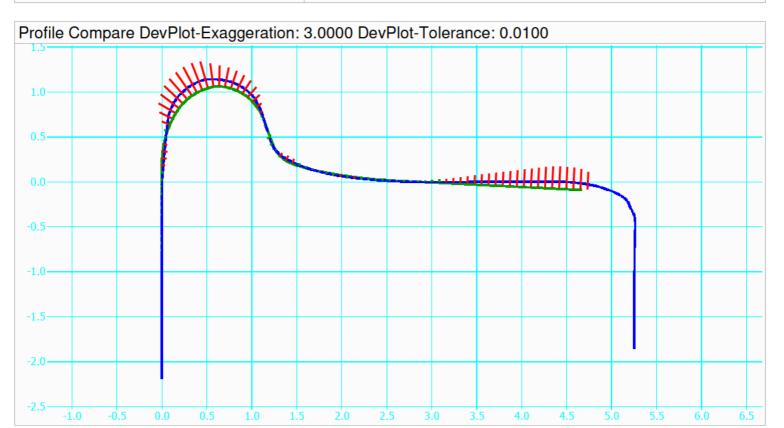








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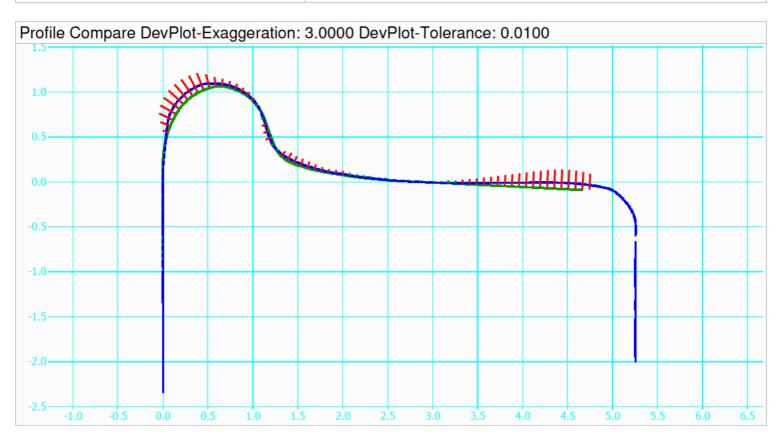
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Wheel Number

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Flange angle	FAI	72.535 ° (Rejected)
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Width	W	5.258 in (OK)
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APPENDIX B

Calipri Calibration Certification (1 page)

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Certificate #: 32	018 Rev. 3	Certificate	of Calibration	Report Date: 10/21/2021
Customer Information				
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3350 RIVERWOOD PARK	WAY		Purchase Order	#:
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Equipment Information				
Gage ID :	ORX 03	121	Serial Number :	
Manufacturer :	Nextser	ise	Model Number :	TZ24
Department :				
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Certification Information				
Date of Calibration :		10/21/2021	As Found :	In Tolerance
Date Due Calibration :		10/21/2022	As Left :	In Tolerance
Customer Cal. Interval :		12 Month(s)		
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Calibration Location :		In Lab		
Certification Done and A	uthorized By: M	lorgan, Sean (e-signed	(1/24/2022 19:56:40 UTC))	

Uncertainty is ± (0.24 + 0.000 69L) µm

Standards Used To Calibrate Equipment					
ID Number	Description	NIST Traceability Number	Last Cal.	Due Date	
VCDIM	Temperature & Humidity Datalogger		7/20/2021	7/31/2023	
VCINS	O-Inspect With Touch Probe		9/7/2021	9/30/2022	

 Calibration Procedures
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The MSI-Viking Gage, LLC calibration laboratories operate under the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 and ANS /NCSL Z540-1 (1994). All calibrations are traceable to SI Units (NIST). The results indicated on the certificate relate only to the item(s) calibrated. The reported measurement uncertainty represents an expanded uncertainty expressed at approximately the 95% confidence level using a coverage factor of k=2. Any statement of compliance is based solely on the tolerance listed without taking the uncertainty of the measurement into consideration. This certificate of calibration process results during the time of the calibration process. Any number of factors may cause the unit under test's readings to drift out of specification before the calibration interval has expired. It shall be the customer's responsibility to ensure that the TI's remain within calibration for the duration of the assigned calibration interval. Any test denoted with double exclamation points (II) was performed in accordance with R205 – Specific Requirements: Calibration Laboratory Accreditation Program and is deemed equivalent with a calibration. This certificate of calibration may not be copied except in full and only with the written consent of MSI-Viking Gage, LLC.