

# Calmmoon Rail | Calmmoon

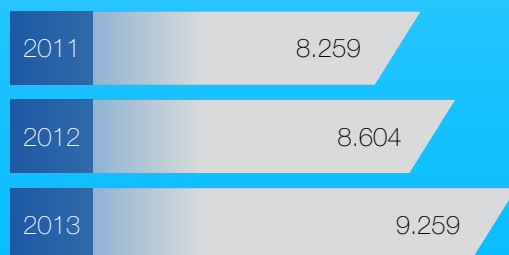


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For over 60 years the Sekisui Chemical Group has been one of the world's leading producers of synthetic products.

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Sekisui has extensive experience in polymer technology and is constantly developing innovative products.





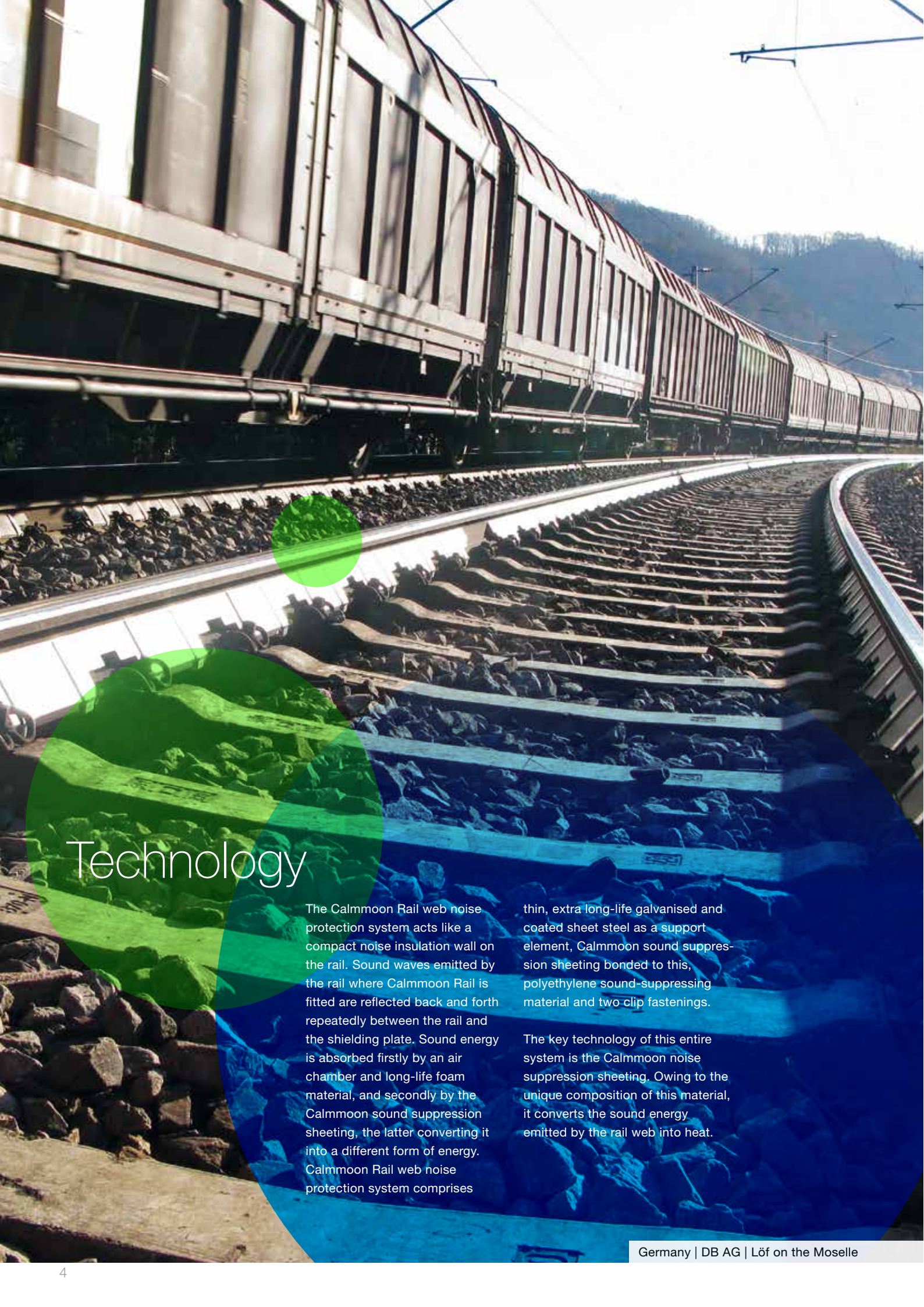
# SEKISUI Chemical Co., Ltd.

Sekisui Chemical is split into three main business areas. The "Housing" segment produces well over 10,000 prefabricated houses every year for the Japanese market, each equipped to a superior quality level. Every house is individually built to the customer's specific needs and meets the most up to date standards as regards energy efficiency.

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# Technology

The Calmmoon Rail web noise protection system acts like a compact noise insulation wall on the rail. Sound waves emitted by the rail where Calmmoon Rail is fitted are reflected back and forth repeatedly between the rail and the shielding plate. Sound energy is absorbed firstly by an air chamber and long-life foam material, and secondly by the Calmmoon sound suppression sheeting, the latter converting it into a different form of energy. Calmmoon Rail web noise protection system comprises

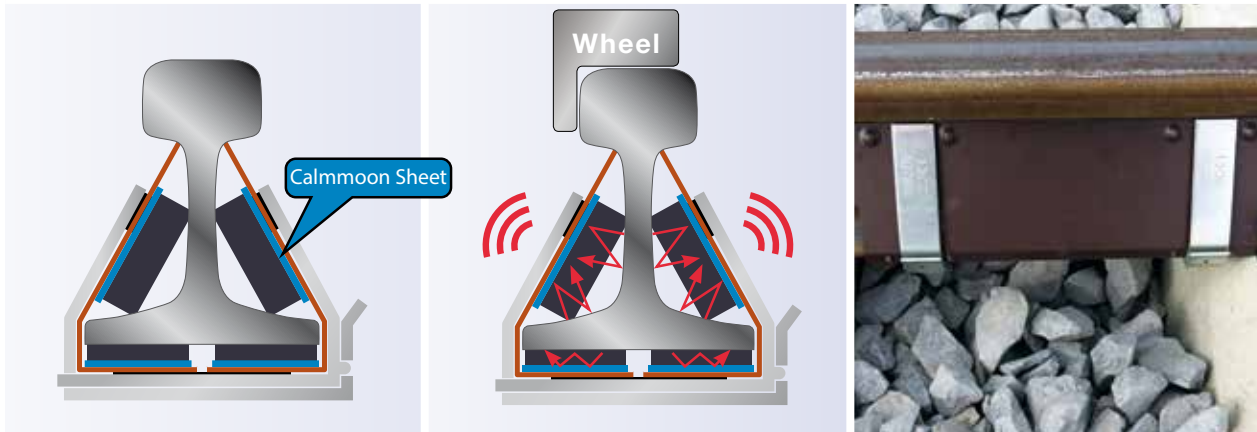
thin, extra long-life galvanised and coated sheet steel as a support element, Calmmoon sound suppression sheeting bonded to this, polyethylene sound-suppressing material and two clip fastenings.

The key technology of this entire system is the Calmmoon noise suppression sheeting. Owing to the unique composition of this material, it converts the sound energy emitted by the rail web into heat.





A web noise shielding element of the Calmmoon Rail web noise protection system



Together with sound absorbing polyethylene foam, this results in the most effective combination for reducing noise emitted by the rail web and foot.

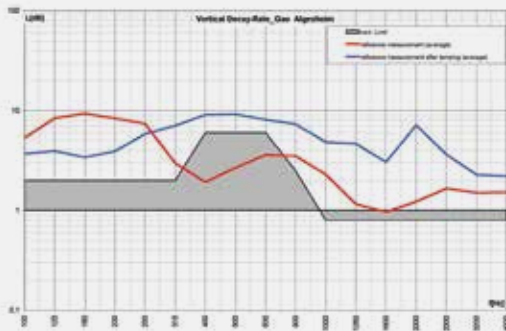
One system unit of Calmmoon Rail to shield the rail noise in one sleeper crib consists of two shielding elements attached on the left and right of the rail web as well as underneath the rail. These two elements form a triangular shape around the rail and are secured to each rail compartment and rail by

two steel securing clips. Each securing clip consists of two steel elements ideally matched to the damper shape.

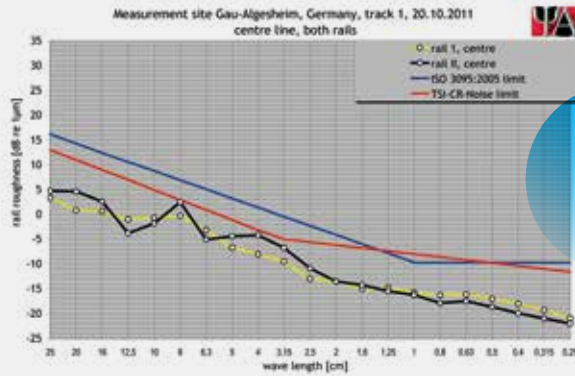
The dimensions and shape of Calmmoon Rail are defined by the rail profile that is to be deadened, the length of the rail compartment, the type of sleeper and the rail fastening used on it. This achieves optimum adaptation to the particular local circumstances of the track, with effective deadening of the maximum area of rail web.

Manufacturing tolerances of Calmmoon Rail dimensions are +/- 2mm.

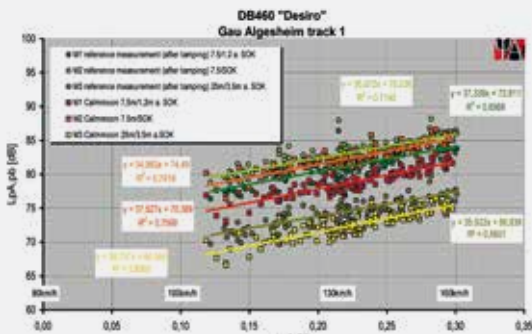
Calmmoon Rail is fitted to each rail compartment by two securing clips with a fastener that can be heard to engage, thereby ensuring a long-lasting connection and functioning.



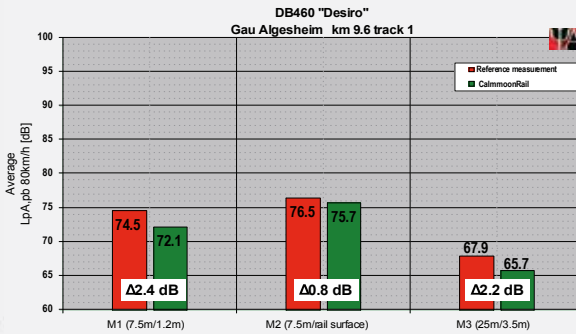
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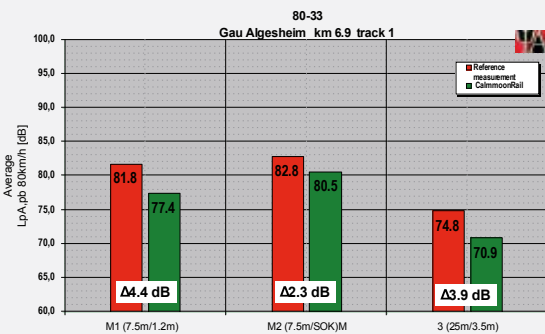
Rail roughness



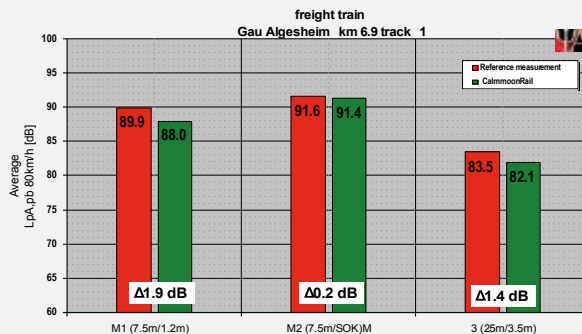
DB460: A-rated drive-by level



DB460: Noise reduction averaged for 80 km/h



80-33: Noise reduction averaged for 80 km/h



Freight: Noise reduction averaged for 80 km/h

# Technical characteristics

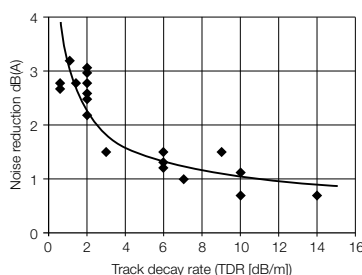
On 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010 the German Federal Railway Authority (EBA) granted approval for the use of Calmmoon Rail in the German railway network infrastructure.

The Calmmoon Rail web noise protection system weighs about 4 kg per linear metre of track.

Calmmoon Rail technology has no effect on the vibration of rails and therefore does not affect the decay rate of the track system either.

Conventional mass-spring systems increase the decay rate of the track

system and thereby reduce the noise emitted by the railway. Where track systems have a very good decay rate, the effect of mass-spring systems is reduced accordingly. This is clearly evident in the diagram<sup>[1]</sup> of track decay rate versus noise reduction.



In a number of field trials, Calmmoon Rail technology has shown that, even with high decay rates of say, 8 dB/m (TSI) [500 – 2,000 Hz], a reduction in overall noise level of up to 4.4 dB can be achieved in practice, depending on the type of train. The rail roughness here was below the specifications of the TSI and ISO standards.

If you look at the 8 dB/m decay rate in the mass-spring system diagram, you will see that the potential noise reduction lies in the 1.0 to 1.5 dB range.

[1] Innovative measures for reducing track noise and vibration emission, M. Beier, Th. Lölgen, C. Gerbig, 11th International Workshop on Railway Noise





### Noise reduction potential of different technologies

Technology		Effect [dB] acc. to Schall 03 [1990]	Rating
1	Rail web damper (SSD) / Rail web shielding (SSA)	2 (SSD) 3 (SSA)	SSD: 4 Manufacturers SSA: 1 Manufacturer

- Economic stimulus programme KP II was financed by Germany's Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI) and implemented between 2010 and 2012.
- Deutsche Bahn tested 16 different technologies for the reduction of railway noise.
- Calmmoon Rail was installed on 40 km of DB AG track.
- Calmmoon Rail was categorised as rail web shielding because of the way it works.
- The measurement results of DB AG showed that on average Calmmoon Rail reduces railway noise by 3 dB.
- Of five rail damper technologies, only Calmmoon Rail with an average noise reduction of 3 dB was able to fulfil the requirements of the Schall 03 [2012] German railway noise prediction model.

On 15 June 2012 the BMVI published the final report "Innovative measures for shielding noise and vibration on the permanent way". Calmmoon Rail web shielding is listed in this report as achieving an average noise reduction of 3 dB.

The measurements on which this result is based were carried out on behalf of Deutsche Bahn AG.

Calmmoon Rail is cited as the only shielding technology that reduces noise right at the source rail and fulfils the new Schall 03 [2012] criteria.

Calmmoon Rail reduces only the noise emitted by the rails – and does so optimally. When Calmmoon Rail is installed, the quality of the rail surface is determined only by the rolling stock used. The oscillation of the rails and hence also their reaction on the wheel or of the wheels on the rails therefore remain unaffected.





# Installation

Calmmoon Rail is manufactured in the factory for the particular rail profile and sleeper distance and then delivered to the work site.

By the end of 2014, Deutsche Bahn AG will have fitted Calmmoon Rail web shielding to more than 80 km of track.

Calmmoon Rail web shielding can be fitted quickly and easily during normal railway operation, if the client so wishes. In this case, the infrastructure operator retains full and unrestricted availability of the track system.

Competently performed maintenance on the ballasted track, such as tamping, the use of a ballast plough, rail grinding etc. does not alter the effectiveness or secure fastening of Calmmoon Rail to the rail.

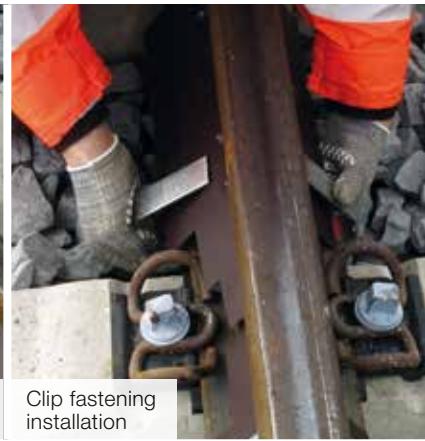




Shielding elements prior to installation



Pressing shielding onto rails



Clip fastening installation



Calmmoon Rail web shielding after installation

The requirements of Deutsche Bahn are met in full with regard to durability and effectiveness in a temperature range of  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$  due to weather or up to  $+80^{\circ}\text{C}$  due to the action of eddy-current brakes.

Calmmoon Rail weighs about 8 kg per metre of track in its installed state.

Packaging units of elements for ten compartments, which arrive on pallets, are manually distributed before installation along the track system that is to be shielded.

At the same time, ballast forks are used to remove ballast from under the rails to a depth of about 10 cm, so that the shielding elements and fastening clips can be easily installed. The packages are then opened and the individual parts of the system are distributed along the track.

The two shielding elements are now brought up against the rail in the left and right rail compartment until they are seated on the rail. The clip fasteners are fitted one after another. The clicking sound of the clip fasteners indicates to the worker that

the fastener is now secured long-term. The track ballast removed earlier is then returned to its original place by hand.

Upon request, the roll marks of the rails can be transferred with permanent visibility onto the Calmmoon Rail elements.





Installing Calmmoon Rail during track possession at night



Germany | DB AG | Installation stage of Calmmoon Rail in Hamburg



Any cables near the rail foot remain fully functional after Calmmoon Rail is fitted but are now also afforded extra protection against unintended actions during maintenance work.

Calmmoon Rail affords these fixtures additional protection from damage. In practical use, Calmmoon Rail can be easily and neatly adapted to the

circumstances at bridges, including different sleeper spacing in the transition area, cable guides on the rail or other features.

Calmmoon Rail is quickly adapted to the given situation on site using conventional tools.

Where work on the track necessitates dismantling existing elements and refitting them upon completion, the clip fasteners are simply undone for each sleeper compartment and rail.

After the work is complete, the dismantled Calmmoon Rail elements are quickly refitted.

Calmmoon Rail is easy to fit to the rails during normal rail operation and just as easy to remove when necessary.





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# Projects

The Calmmoon Rail web noise protection system reduces airborne noise emission from the rails but not the oscillatory energy of the rails. Low mass elements are one of the main characteristics of this technology. The oscillatory energy of the rails induced by a train passing over them is emitted unattenuated as airborne noise.

However, the Calmmoon Rail shielding effectively reduces radiation of the airborne noise into the surroundings.

Calmmoon Rail technology achieves this by effectively placing a "housing" around the rail. In the Calmmoon Rail form of construction, an air chamber is created between the web noise shielding and the rail. As a result, the energy of the rails' emitted airborne noise is reduced by reflection cycles between the rail and shielding, and by absorption in the elements of

Calmmoon noise suppression sheeting and foam material. Therefore, this technology does not reduce structure-borne noise in the rail but instead prevents emission of airborne noise from the rail web and foot. This mechanism resembles that of a mini sound barrier.

The track decay rate [dB/m] remains unaffected by this system.





From 2010 to 2012, Calmmoon Rail was installed and tested in 12 highly diverse locations on 39,820 km of track in total, as part of the German KP II stimulus programme.

The sites were:

- Hamburg Harburg
- Hamburg Hausbruch
- Hamburg Rahlstedt
- Hamburg Tonndorf
- Hamburg Mariental
- Leipzig Güterring
- Leipzig Wahren
- Emmerich – Oberhausen
- Bremen
- Löff on the Moselle
- Gau Algesheim on the Rhine

The IBP II (Infrastructure Stimulus Programme II) for the reduction of noise and vibration in Germany allocated a budget for lowering infrastructure noise. This budget was to be used in 2013 and 2014 for innovative technologies to shield noise on the rail-bound infrastructure. Preference was to be given here to areas already subject to high noise pollution but with limited options for using conventional noise barriers.

Calmmoon Rail at the railway station





Germany | DB AG | Project Leubsdorf on the Rhine



Germany | DB AG | Project Trechtinghausen on the Rhine



The findings from the invitation to tender under KP II were then incorporated in the invitation to tender for IBP II. In the course of the wide-ranging tenders, SEKISUI as best bidder was awarded contracts for its rail web shielding technology (SSA) to the extent of more than 40 km of track.

The implementation of these projects at sites on the left and right sides of the river Rhine, as well as on the Karlsruhe - Basel line, was at the following places:

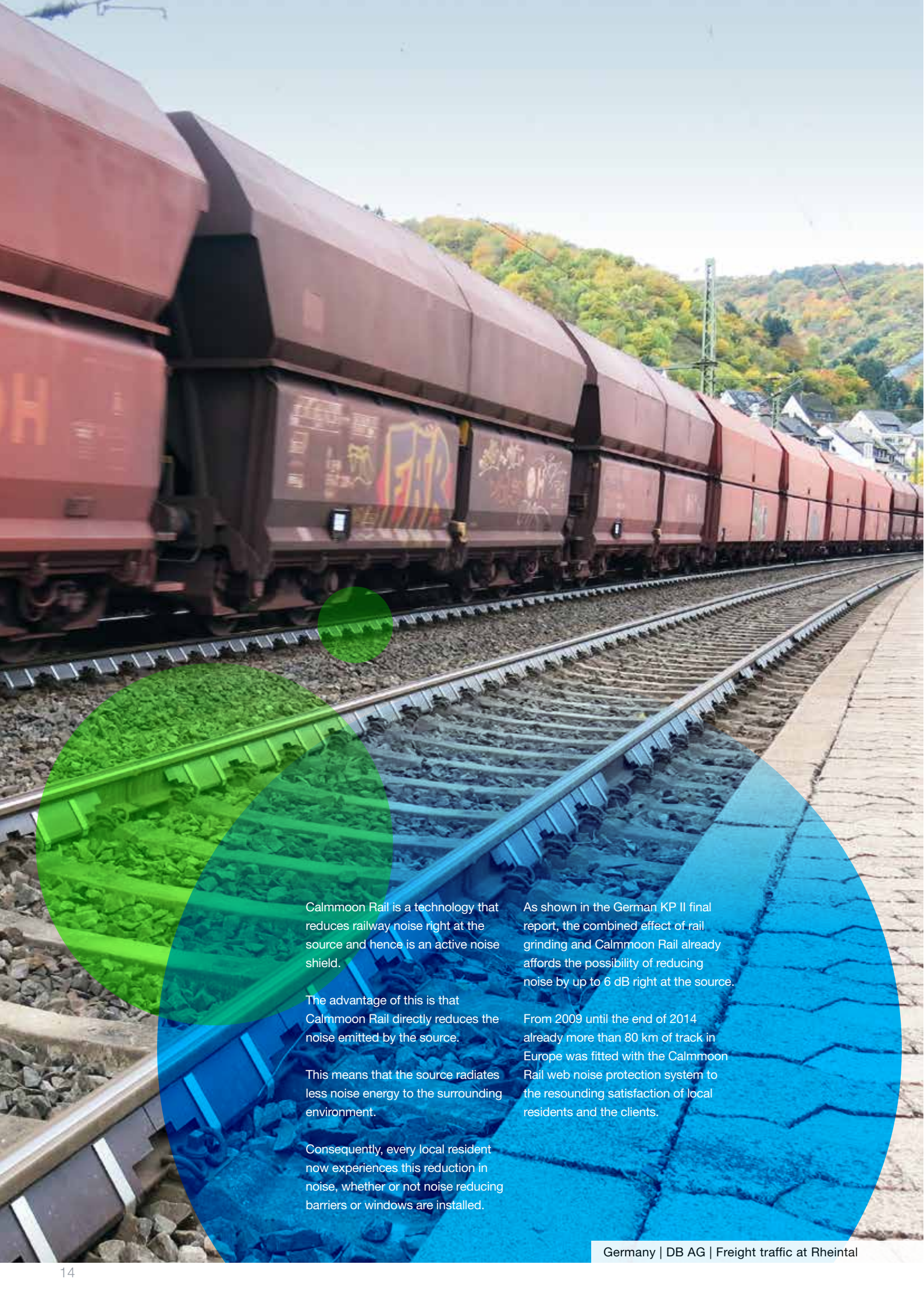
- Linz/Rhein
- Boppard
- Trechtinghause
- Niederheimbach
- St. Goar
- Leubsdorf
- Brey
- Hirzenach
- Hammerstein
- Kamp Bornhofen
- Bacharach
- Valendar
- Rüdesheim
- Lorchhausen
- Assmannhausen
- Müllheim/Auggen

This was done in night-time possessions to Deutsche Bahn's specified deadlines and absolute satisfaction.

Calmmoon Rail technology is recognised as conforming to German Schall 03 [2012].

In future projects, Calmmoon Rail is also to be applied in combination with other noise shielding measures.





Calmmoon Rail is a technology that reduces railway noise right at the source and hence is an active noise shield.

The advantage of this is that Calmmoon Rail directly reduces the noise emitted by the source.

This means that the source radiates less noise energy to the surrounding environment.

Consequently, every local resident now experiences this reduction in noise, whether or not noise reducing barriers or windows are installed.

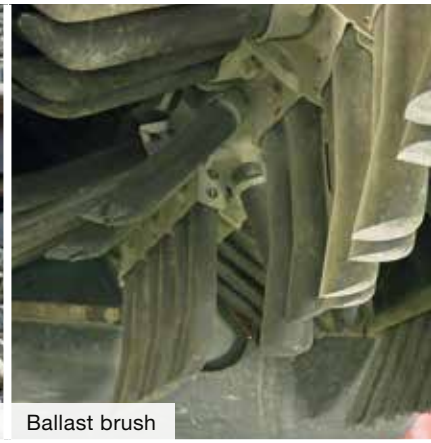
As shown in the German KP II final report, the combined effect of rail grinding and Calmmoon Rail already affords the possibility of reducing noise by up to 6 dB right at the source.

From 2009 until the end of 2014 already more than 80 km of track in Europe was fitted with the Calmmoon Rail web noise protection system to the resounding satisfaction of local residents and the clients.





Calmmoon Rail installed



Ballast brush



Lifting rails | Ballast tamping

## Operation/Maintenance

If a section of rail needs to be removed and a new section inserted on a track fitted with Calmmoon Rail, and moreover this section of rail must be elongated through artificial heating, Calmmoon Rail can be quickly and easily removed from the entire track section that is heated artificially.

Two clip fasteners are undone per sleeper compartment and rail and the Calmmoon Rail elements are removed and placed to the side. Once the rail has cooled down, the same clip fasteners are refitted quickly, easily and lastingly.

If temporary measures such as fixed barriers of construction work, slow approach signals or other activities at the rail foot need to be carried out, Calmmoon Rail can be quickly and easily removed from the rail compartment concerned, and then permanently refitted using the same clip fasteners once the temporary measure has finished.

The rails on which Calmmoon Rail is permanently mounted can be lifted up at any time in the usual way by machinery with standard roller or lifting clamps. Regardless of this,

secure mounting and dependable operation of Calmmoon Rail are always assured.

The newly developed clip fastener and associated further optimised rail shielding components offer optimum and unrestricted track maintenance.





Ballast plough



Setting up for ballast tamping



Ballast tamping and sweeping on the track at Niederheimbach on the Rhine



Using conventional ballast tamping machinery and ballast ploughs with sweeping machines. These can now work on the the track without the restriction of reduced working speed.

However, it is important here that the on-site worker responsible is always aware that Calmmoon Rail is installed on the rails before carrying out this maintenance work. This is clearly laid down in Deutsche Bahn's document TM 2013-1024 I.NVt4 along with the exact procedure that must be followed.

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*Video link for track maintenance:*  
[http://www.sekisui-bahntechnik.de/media/mpeg/2013\\_CalmmoonRail-brushing1-internet.mp4](http://www.sekisui-bahntechnik.de/media/mpeg/2013_CalmmoonRail-brushing1-internet.mp4)

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If welding is required on a rail fitted with Calmmoon Rail, the elements of Calmmoon Rail must be removed from the rail compartment where electrothermic welding is to be done, as well as from the two adjacent rail compartments. Once the rails have cooled down to a temperature below 80°C, the previously removed elements of Calmmoon Rail can be refitted.

The same self-securing clip fasteners are used for a reliable long-lasting attachment.

Competently performed maintenance work does not affect the effectiveness and durability of Calmmoon Rail.





## Calmmoon | Technical characteristics

Calmmoon noise suppression sheeting consists of a 0.5 - 1.0 mm layer of synthetic resin on a 0.3 - 0.8 mm metal substrate. This results in a weight of 3.8 - 6.9 kg per square metre. Calmmoon has a very long service life.

The metal substrate and the fire-resistant synthetic resin contribute to the high fire-resistance values of Calmmoon. Based on the results of non-

combustibility tests, the Japanese Railway Rolling Stock & Machinery Association and the Japanese Ministry for Land, Infrastructure and Transport granted approval for the use of Calmmoon in rail vehicles in the latest Shinkansen formations and also in the shipping sector.

A reduction in noise level of up to 6 dB(A) was achieved, depending on the particular application. The noise damping elements already start to take effect at a frequency of 35 Hz.

An up to 5 dB reduction in structure-borne noise was measured from this frequency upwards.

Calmmoon noise suppression sheeting is used on steel bridges in railway construction, on the noise-emitting girders of the bridge support. Here Calmmoon is optimally effective in the prevailing circumstances as the individual material thickness of the resin and metal support layers is adapted.





Calmmoon noise suppression sheeting

## Installation of Calmmoon Noise suppression sheeting

Calmmoon noise suppression sheeting is supplied ex works in the standard sizes w/l/h = 30/50/0.13 cm. The layer of synthetic resin is self-adhesive and covered in easy-to-remove backing foil for transportation purposes.

To ensure a clean and even surface for adhesion, the elements to be damped are cleaned of all dust and grease before Calmmoon noise

suppression sheeting is stuck on. The backing foil is peeled from the Calmmoon elements, after which they can be professionally stuck onto the surface.

Should it prove necessary to adapt the size of the standard elements to the situation encountered, this can be done quickly and easily using conventional tin snips. The edges of the cut surfaces on the supporting element then need to be levelled out with a roller to achieve a perfect optical surface.

After affixing Calmmoon, it can be painted the same colour as the bridge structure. The only thing that the user or passer-by notices is the reduction in noise.





FFU flat sleeper



FFU bridge sleeper



Drilling in FFU on a project



Germany | DB AG | Two switch systems of FFU in Würzburg railway station

## FFU<sup>®</sup> synthetic sleeper

### Technology:

A highly durable railway sleeper of polyurethane and continuous glass-fibre strands. Manufactured by a pultrusion-extrusion technique. Any conceivable form you can depict on paper is prefabricated to exact size in the works. Machining is carried out in the same way as for wood but with higher quality tools.

### Area of application:

Switch systems, bridge sleepers, flat sleepers, railway crossings and special cases where reliability, durability, high quality, low maintenance and high availability of the track system are called for.

### References:

More than 1,400 km of track has already been fitted with FFU synthetic sleepers from 1980 until 2014. This was done in ballasted track, slab track, and by direct mounting, primarily at switches and railway bridges.

### Recycling:

FFU synthetic wood is 100% recyclable if it needs to be removed after 50 years in service.



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