
**Cross-country skis — Determination
of mass and location of balance point**

*Skis de fond — Détermination de la masse et de l'emplacement du
point d'équilibre*

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1 Scope

This document specifies laboratory measurement methods for mass and location of the balance point of cross-country skis.

If laboratory measurement data are determined and published by manufacturers or other institutions, standard measurement procedures can be used to ensure comparability.

It is not the purpose of this document to evaluate the measurement data with regard to their influence on the quality of the ski.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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3.1

mass of the ski

mass of a finished manufactured ski without any mounted parts

3.2

balance point

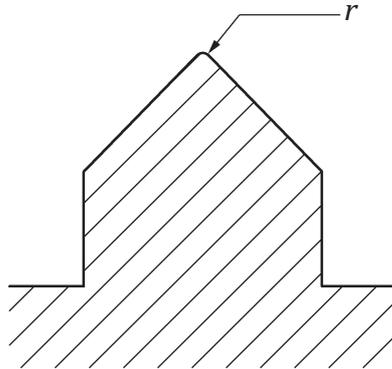
BP

line perpendicular to the centre line of the running surface at which the ski is in horizontal equilibrium (balanced) when placed on a fulcrum

4 Apparatus

4.1 **Weighing device**, accurate to ± 20 g.

4.2 **Horizontal fulcrum**, for the determination of the balance point as shown in [Figure 1](#).



Key

r radius 0,25 mm max.

Figure 1 — Fulcrum

5 Sampling and conditioning

In order to ensure comparability, it is recommended to use for publication only data of the following ski sizes:

- 150 cm, 180 cm or 200 cm.

From these three sizes, the one which is most representative for the intended application shall be selected for the ski model concerned.

All measurements shall be taken from a finished ski without any ancillary equipment.

All measurements shall be carried out on a ski which has been conditioned at a temperature of $(20 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$ for at least 2 h.

6 Procedure

6.1 Weigh the ski, to the nearest 20 g, with the weighing device (see [3.1](#)).

6.2 Place the ski on the fulcrum (see [3.2](#)) and determine the balance point.

Indicate the location of the balance point by its distance, X_{BP} , from the rear end of the ski as shown in [Figure 2](#).

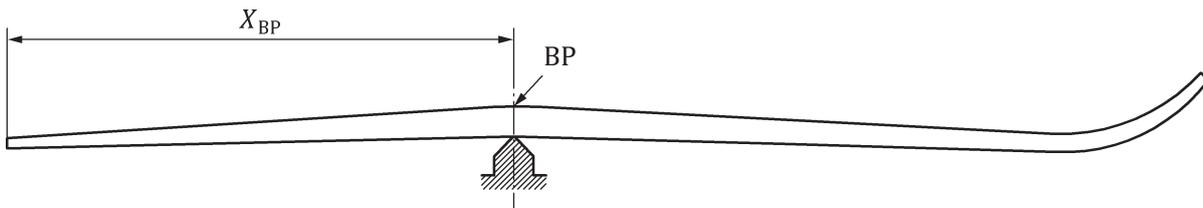


Figure 2 — Distance of the balance point from rear end of ski