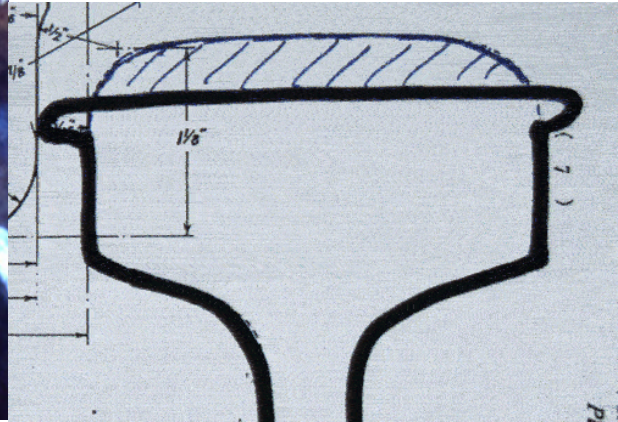


These rail profiles were photographed at Wymondham, Norfolk in 1990. The line to Dereham diverted at Wymondham round a very tight curve. The line had seen very little use for many years and the track was very worn. The wear seen is normal for the situation. I think the only trains were a few grain hoppers from Dereham in the harvest season and the weed killer train. Although the photographs are not the clearest, I hope you can clearly see the 'lip' that has formed. The rail was chaired bullhead and no super elevation. One can clearly tell that no trains had passed for some time. Wear on high speed, super elevated track can be different. This was a very slow speed curve throughout its history.



*Wear seen on normal straight rail or the inside of curves. The top of the rail becomes mushroom shaped.*



*Wear seen on the outside of a curve.*

