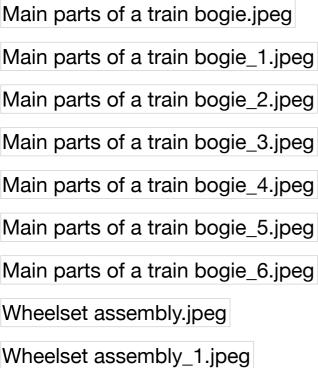
## Wheelset assembly

- Skidding (called sliding) causes a flat patch (called a "flat")
- the speedometer will have to be adjusted to compensate for the difference in wheel diameter caused by the reprofiling.
- An eccentric wheel can cause extreme loads on the wheel, axle, bearing and suspension, leading to failures.
- when the wheel begins rolling again after a slide, the familiar "tap, tap, tap..." of the flat will be heard.
- Wheels are often damaged by skidding during braking
- Trains are also fitted with sophisticated sanding equipment to improve traction on slippery rails, the equivalent of ABS on a car. The driver can apply the sand when wheel spin occurs during acceleration, or it can be applied automatically



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A chock [cha:k] is a wedge or block placed under a wheel to prevent it from moving

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