# Wheel Slide Protection System





# **Main components**

- Microprocessor
- Speed sensor
- Dump valve
- Phonic wheel
- Pressure switch





# **Characteristics of WSP system**

- Reduces/checks sliding of wheels on rails.
- It is activated by temporary reduction in Brake force.
- Reduces stopping distance.
- WSP system does not affect Brake power.

#### Difference between Slide and Skid

"Slide" as the term describes blocking of wheels during braking. It is happens when the circumferential speed of the wheels is significantly lower than the speed of the vehicle over ground.

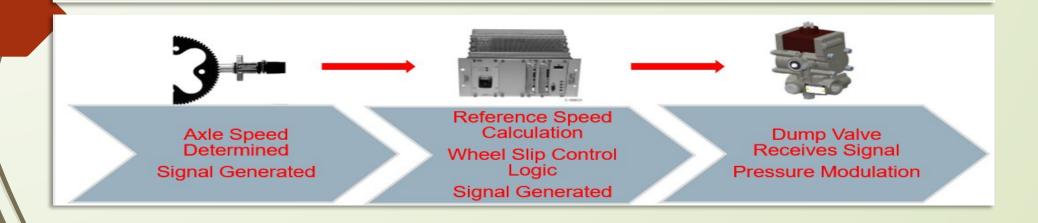
The term "**Skid**" describes the situation when the wheels rotate faster than the speed over ground which can happen during acceleration.

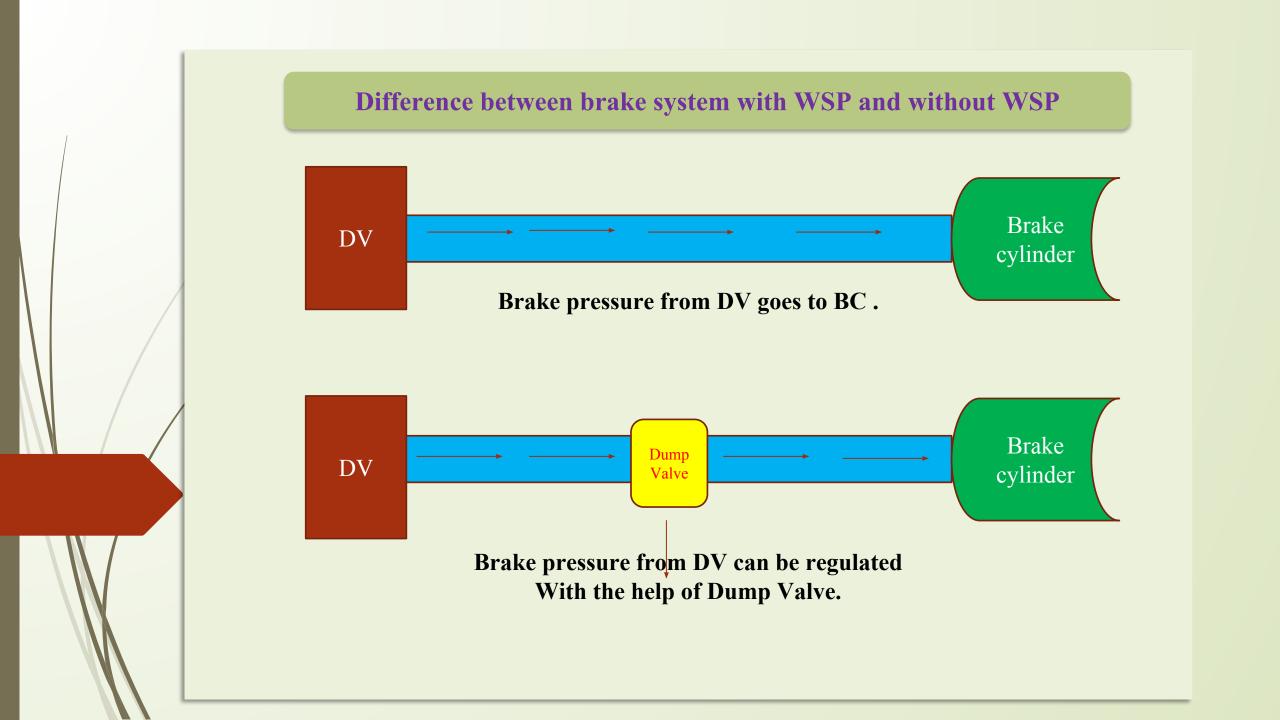
# Working principle

Speed sensor and phonic wheel are mounted on each axle of a coach, which send signal to microprocessor.

Microprocessor evaluates speed of different axles and generate signal to Dump valve.

As per the signal received from microprocessor, Charging port or Exhaust port or both operates to regulate the brake cylinder pressure.





#### **Software and logics**

System first of all identify the axle with highest speed at any instant. This speed is the reference speed, **Vref** 

Based on reference speed, Vref, two other virtual speeds are calculated-

Threshold Speed1= Vth1

Threshold Speed2= Vth2

To calculate **Vth1** and **Vth2** some formula is used in the software, the formulae used may vary between equipment manufacturers

Suppose the formulae to calculate Vth1 is, Vth1 = Vref - (1.5 + 0.06 Vref)

and to calculate Vth2 is, Vth2= Vref - (2.5 + 0.25 Vref)

(Note- the formula used is only tentative and may vary from actual)

#### **Software and logics**

Logical statements are provided in the microprocessor software based on which microprocessor generates signal to dump valve to regulate brake cylinder pressure.

Logical statements are of these forms-

If, Speed of any axle= Vi

Threshold Speed1= Vth1 (upper threshold speed)

Threshold Speed2= Vth2 (Lower threshold speed)

Then, if Vi,

Vi >= Vth1, Increase brake cylinder pressure

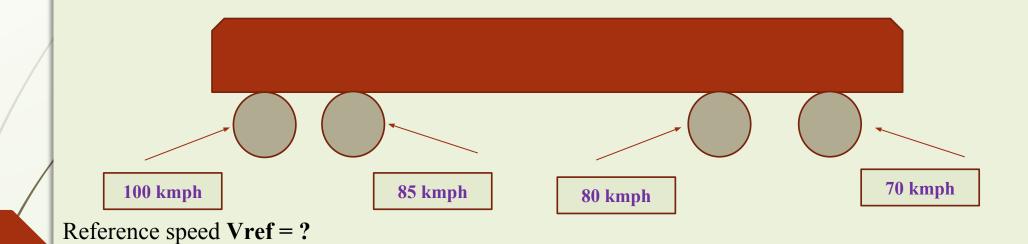
Vth2 =< Vi <= Vth1, Hold brake cylinder pressure

Vi =< Vth2, Decrease brake cylinder pressure

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#### Let us understand with example how system works

Suppose at the time of Braking the axle speeds of different axles are as shown in the figure.



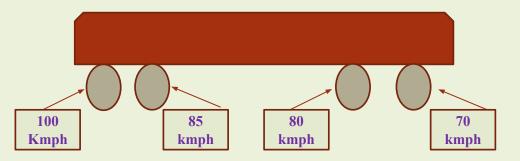
#### System calculates Vref, Vth1, Vth2

Reference speed **Vref = ?** 

Vref is the axle with max speed Therefore, Vref = 100 kmph

Calculate Vth1 Putting the value of Vref in formula for Vth1 Vth1 =  $100 - (1.5 + 0.06 \times 100) = 92.5 \text{ kmph}$ 

Calculate Vth2 Putting the value of Vref in formula for Vth2 Vth2 =  $100 - (2.5 + 0.25 \times 100) = 72.5 \text{ kmph}$ 



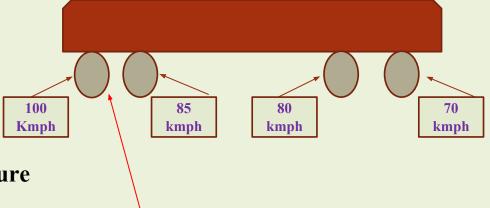
Vref= 100 kmph
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Logical statements if Vi,

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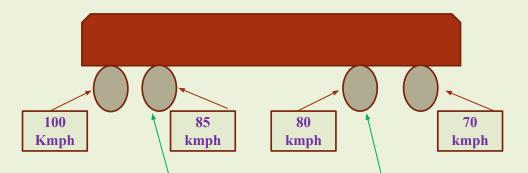
$$Vi = (100,) 85, 80 & 70$$

Vth1= 92.5



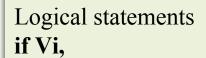
System increase brake cylinder pressure on this axle

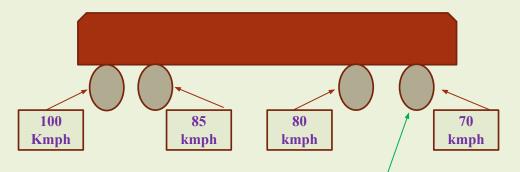
Logical statements if Vi,



Vth2 =< Vi <= Vth1, Hold brake cylinder pressure

System holds brake cylinder pressure on these axles





Vi = < Vth2,

Vth1= 92.5 Vth2= 72.5

#### Decrease brake cylinder pressure

System decreases brake cylinder pressure on this axle

# How system regulates brake cylinder pressure?????

Through Dump Valve

# **Dump valve**

Dump valve is a part of WSP system, which governs brake cylinder pressure based on the signal generated from microprocessor.

Dump valve has two ports-

- 1. Charging port
- 2. Exhaust port

Both ports are independent.

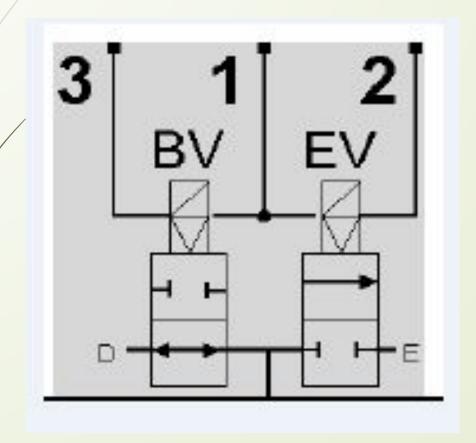
In default position the exhaust port remains closed and charging port in open.



The ports reverse their position, the moment microprocessor generates signal.

Microprocessor generates signal in form of 24V supply to the ports.

# **Dump valve**





#### 24Volt supply from microprocessor

To decrease brake cylinder pressure microprocessor sends 24V signal through cables on both 

'Charging and exhaust" ports



#### 24Volt supply from microprocessor

To hold brake cylinder pressure microprocessor sends 24V signal through cables on both "Charging" port



#### No supply from microprocessor

To increase brake cylinder pressure, microprocessor don't sends any signal to the ports, as to increase brake cylinder pressure charging port needs to be open and exhaust to be closed, and this is the default position.



### **Speed sensor**

The speed sensor scans a ferromagnetic rotating gear (Phonic wheel). It works without physical contact. The frequency of the digital current signal is directly proportional to the circumferential speed of the rotating gear





