Development of High-Speed Test Facility for Pantograph/OCL Systems

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Railway Technical Research Institute (RTRI) has developed a new pantograph test system, "High-Speed Test Facility for Pantograph/OCL Systems," to develop pantographs for high-speed train and wear resistant contact strips. This test facility mainly consists of four pieces: a rotating disk with attached contact wire which can rotate at high speed up to 500 km/h, exciters which reproduces lateral arrangement and vertical movement of overhead contact lines, an energizer which applies large current to a pantograph up to 1000 A, and environmental control devices which can control temperature from $-20 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $+40 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ and humidity from 10% to 90% in test chamber. This paper shows the function, performance, and usage example of this test facility.