

Hans C. Iwand

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Principal & Vice President



Mr. Iwand is a mechanical/metallurgical engineer, with an engineering license in metallurgical engineering. He is a Vice President of Engineering Systems Inc. and manages the west region offices as well as being Principal.

With over 30 years of engineering experience, he has a broad area of specialization including failure analysis of systems, with the emphasis being on mechanical and metallurgical engineering systems and components. He has specific experience working in the areas of heavy industrial failure analysis of engine components, bearings, gears, shafts, weld failures, hose and hose fittings, fasteners, drive line components, corrosion mechanisms, plating and coatings, and component testing.

Typical areas of Mr. Iwand's work include: railroad derailment investigation, railroad rolling-stock evaluations, rail failure analysis, transportation accidents, automotive component failure analysis; industrial food process equipment, pumps, boilers, piping, heat exchangers, wind turbine gear boxes, gas turbine components, refrigeration compressors, decking & roofing failure analysis, plating evaluations, material selection, wear analysis of components, heat treating, welding of ferrous and non-ferrous components, braze and solder joints. In addition to failure analyses, Mr. Iwand has designed, fabricated, and conducted tests of many pieces of industrial equipment, implementing the measurement of force, stress/strain, temperature, and acceleration during the performance of the testing.

Mr. Iwand routinely works with both industrial, insurance and legal industries. He has provided trial and deposition testimony on numerous occasions. He, as an owner and team member, has been involved in amateur racecar driving, as a designer, fabricator, and mechanic. Mr. Iwand has restored vintage automobiles including fabrication of components, sheet metal forming and welding of both aluminum and steel bodies.

Education

MS, Mechanical Engineering. University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
1988

BS, Agricultural Engineering. University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
1984

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Areas of Specialization

- Agricultural Equipment Failure Analysis
- Food Processing Equipment Failure Analysis
- Automotive Component Failure Analysis
- Transportation Accident Investigations
- Train Derailment Investigations
- Railcar Wheels, Axles, and Bearing Failure Analysis
- Railcar Truck Castings and Assemblies Failure Analysis
- Fixture and Test Design
- Instrumented Testing (Strain Gauge, Thermocouple, Accelerometer)
- Material Failure Analysis (hand tools, medical devices, switches, regulators, screens, valves)
- Heat Treatment Processes and Material Selection
- Weld Evaluations
- Systems Reliability Analysis

Licenses & Certifications

- State of Nebraska P.E. License E-6926

Languages

- English

Positions Held

Engineering Systems Inc., Omaha, Nebraska

- Principal, 2013-Present
- Vice President, 2020-Present
- Practice Group Director, 2013-2020
- Senior Managing Consultant, 2009-2012

RSI Materials Engineering/Rail Sciences, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska

- Vice President - Laboratory Services, 2004-2009
- Assistant Vice President - Laboratory Services, 2001-2004

Union Pacific Railroad Company, Omaha, Nebraska

- Director Locomotive Engineering and Quality, 1997-2001
- Senior Manager Research and Development, 1992-1997
- Manager Metallurgy Department, 1989-1992

Failure Analysis Associates/Automotive Accident Reconstruction Group, Palo Alto, California

- Accident Reconstruction Engineer, 1988-1989

U. of Nebraska Mechanical Engineering Graduate Engineering Program, Lincoln, Nebraska

- Metallurgical Engineering Graduate Student, 1986-1987

Professional Affiliations/Honors

Association of American Railroads (AAR)

- Past Member and Chairman
- Wheels, Axles, Bearings and Lubrication (WABL) Subcommittee

American Society of Mechanical Engineering (ASME)

- Past Membership Chairman, Nebraska Chapter

American Society of Materials International (ASM)

- Past Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman, Great Plains Chapter

Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)

- Member

Publications

“Measuring Tension Imbalance in U-Bolts During Tightening” Leah M Ginsberg, Joel D. Hassebrock, Jacob A. Wagner, **Hans C. Iwand**, Alfred M. Pettinger. *Journal of Failure Analysis and Prevention*, April 2025.

“So Just Like Bending a Paper Clip?” Porter Ritchie, **Hans Iwand**, Tyler Janecek. *Journal of Failure Analysis and Prevention*, November 2024.

“Failure Analysis of Railroad Components” **Hans Iwand**, Joel Hassebrock. *ASM Handbook*, Volume 11A, July 2021.

“Investigation of a Bridge Crane Derailment with Limited Subject Parts” Jeffrey McDougall, Lance Rewerts, **Hans Iwand**, Michael Stevenson, Foster Peterson, Tracy Bell, James Stage, Scott Karlins. *Journal of Failure Analysis and Prevention*, December 2019.

“Failure Analysis of an Aluminum Chiller Pipe by Experimental Simulation and Stress Analysis” M.E. Stevenson, **H.C. Iwand**, J.L. McDougall, P.D. Umberger, J.A. Wilkinson, M.T. Kenner, D.H. Stone. *Journal of Failure Analysis and Prevention*, October 2017.

“Fracture of Hex Bars During Manufacture” Joel D. Hassebrock, **Hans C. Iwand**. *Journal of Failure Analysis and Prevention*, August 2016.

“Flash Butt Rail Weld Vertical Fractures” Daniel H. Stone, **Hans C. Iwand**, Joseph Kristan, Gregory R. Lehnhoff. *Journal of Failure Analysis and Prevention*, January 2015.

“Failure Analysis of Ethanol Vaporizer Heat Exchanger Tubes” S.A. Sanders, **Hans C. Iwand**. *Journal of Failure Analysis and Prevention*, March 2013.

“Failure Analysis of Open End Wrenches Containing Forging Defects” **Hans C. Iwand**, Jacob A. Wagner. *Journal of Failure Analysis and Prevention*, 2010.

“Experimental Measurement and Finite Element Analysis of Screw Spike Fatigue Loads” Matthew G. Dick, David S. McConnell, **Hans C. Iwand**. *Proceedings of ASME/IEEE Joint Rail Conference*, (JRCICE2007-40090), March 2007.

“Bonded Drive Failure – A Weibull Analysis,” **Hans C. Iwand**. *Case History*, *The New Weibull Handbook*, 2nd Edition, July 1996.

“A Thermal and Metallurgical Analysis of Martensite Formation and Tread Spalling During Wheel Skid” **Hans C. Iwand**, Daniel H. Stone, Gerald J. Moyar. *ASME Winter Conference*, Rtd-Vol. 5, Rail Transportation, 1992.

Presentations

“Metallurgical Considerations in Today’s Wheel/Rail Environment” **Hans C. Iwand**. ARM Conference, May 2007.