

ORSL Log

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Open Date	Ticket	Sub	Question	Answer	Rule Book	Rule No
4/8/2016						
	10004	PANHAN	May a loaded wheel car be placed next to a loaded Group D Flammable tank car?	No. Must not be next to loaded flat cars, including loaded system wheel cars.	USHMI	VI
	10005	EMPORI	May a train with more than 5,500 trailing tons have a loaded single well double stack car weighing less than 45 tons in the first 10 cars?	Yes. Restriction does not apply to loaded single well double stack cars of any weight (car kind beginning with QU or QK).	SSI	Item 47
	10006	GALVES	Is a 5 minute wait required after opening the switch if the main track between siding switches is occupied by a train that has been met or a standing train that will be passed when authorized to enter the signaled track in ABS territory?	No. The 5-minute wait is not required when the main track between siding switches is occupied by a train that has been met or a standing train that will be passed.	GCOR	9.17 (A)
	10007	MILKRI	What are the conditions that relieve a key train of visual inspection after experiencing an undesired emergency brake application?	None. Key trains require a visual inspection if an emergency brake application occurs while moving.	GCOR	6.23
4/9/2016						
	10008	STAPLE	How do you determine which Trackside Warning Devices (TWD) inspect for hot journal conditions?	Individual subdivision special instructions identify the detector location and detector type. Unless otherwise stated, protection will be hot journal and dragging equipment with bidirectional operation.	SSI	Item 8(A)
	10009	STAPLE	Must the rear buffer car be repositioned to the head end once a loaded or empty bulk commodity unit train is made conventional (non DP)?	No. The rear buffer car may remain at the rear.	USHMI	VI
4/11/2016						
	10010	FORSYT	What is the maximum authorized speed for empty ribbon rail trains operating on the main track?	Maximum authorized speed for empty ribbon rail trains on the main track is 45 MPH unless otherwise restricted by timetable individual subdivision special instructions.	SSI	1

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	10012	STAPLE	Must all dimensional shipments be placed in a solid block next to the lead locomotive consist?	To provide for close observation en route, all dimensional shipments must be placed in a block next to the lead locomotive consist or near the lead locomotive consist as possible. Dimensional shipments, coupled with idler cars weighing less than 45 tons, must be placed in compliance with train make-up rules and placed as close as possible to the lead locomotive consist. On trains destined to or operating in the state of California, and train room permits, dimensional shipments must be no closer than the 6th car or platform from the lead locomotive consist.	SSI	Item 7
	10014	HILINE	Is a train required to have written records of all Class 1 inspections for every car?	No. Written record of Class 1 inspections performed at the trains origin and at any 1500 mile Extended Haul inspection location (at origin or en route) must be retained on the locomotive to the trains destination. Cars picked up, inspected and air tested en route by train crew do not require written documentation of the Class 1 inspections.	ABTH	100.10
4/12/2016						
	10015	GLASGO	What is the speed for buffer cars BNSF 808382 and BNSF 808655 assigned to Geometry Car service?	When operating in a Geometry Car Consist, the maximum authorized speed for these buffer cars is 70 MPH.	SSI	Item 4
	10016	GLASGO	May a track geometry test train consisting entirely of passenger equipment operate at passenger speeds though curves and turnouts?	Yes. All trains consisting entirely of passenger equipment as well as locomotives without cars (light engines) will be considered passenger trains and may operate at passenger speeds where provided. This includes Amtrak, commuter trains, business cars and passenger equipment modified to serve as track inspection, track geometry or similar test cars. Refer to 1 (B) regarding maximum authorized speed of engines (locomotives).	SSI	Item 1

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	10017	KOOTEN	Is an employee required to be on the ground to provide warning when cars are shoved over a road crossing at grade?	When cars are shoved, kicked or a gravity switch move is made over road crossings at grade, an employee must be on the ground at the crossing to provide warning until crossing is occupied. Make any movement over the crossing only on the employee's signal. Warning is not required when crossing is equipped with gates that are fully lowered or flashing lights or passive warning devices when it is clearly seen that no traffic is approaching or stopped at the crossing. Shoving movements must not exceed 15 MPH over crossing until occupied.	GCOR	6.32.1
	10018	JAMEST	Must a train crew stopped on the main track at an Automatic switch displaying a Stop indication in TWC-ABS territory, with authority beyond the signal, contact the dispatcher before hand operating the Automatic switch and proceeding?	Yes. A crew member must contact the train dispatcher and obtain permission to pass the Stop indication. Outside interlocking limits and except where Rule 9.14 is in effect, if the train dispatcher cannot be contacted, hand operate the Automatic Switch, move 100 feet past the signal, wait 5 minutes, then proceed at restricted speed.	GCOR GCOR	9.12.4 8.19
	10020	HOUSTN	May a train operating in TWC-ABS territory report clear of limits while the HTD indicates loss of front to rear communication?	Yes.	GCOR	14.7
	10021	SPOKAN	How does a train proceed when encountering a red signal with a number plate?	Proceed at restricted speed.	GCOR	9.1.13
	10022	DICKIN	May a loaded ribbon rail car be handled in freight service?	Loaded ribbon rail cars must not be, handled in freight service with other cars unless authorized and train is equipped with Rail Movement Detectors (RMD).	SSI	Item 3
	10023	CLOVIS	Is the employee in charge that is granting a train permission to enter form B limits required to include "pass the red flag without stopping"?	No. The employee in charge is no longer required to say "without stopping" when granting permission to pass the red flag to proceed through form B limits.	GCOR GCOR	5.4.7 15.2
	10026	HILINE	How must a light engine consist with less than 12 axles approach public crossing?	Train, engine and other such movements consisting of less than 12 axles must approach road crossings at grade equipped with automatic crossing warning devices prepared to stop until it is determined that the warning devices are operating properly.	SSI	11
	10027	BLACKH	What is the maximum authorized speed for an empty unit grain train?	55 MPH, unless modified by timetable individual subdivision special instructions.	SSI	Item 1
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	10031	SPOKAN	May trains listed on a Division General Order that exempt train make-up requirements operate out of compliance outlined in SSI Item 47?	Yes. Follow the train make-up instructions listed in Division General Order.	SSI	Item 47
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	10032	CHICAG	Must all dimensional shipments be placed in a solid block next to the lead locomotive consist?	To provide for close observation en route, all dimensional shipments must be placed in a block next to the lead locomotive consist or near the lead locomotive consist as possible. Dimensional shipments, coupled with idler cars weighing less than 45 tons, must be placed in compliance with train make-up rules and placed as close as possible to the lead locomotive consist. On trains destined to or operating in the state of California, and train room permits, dimensional shipments must be no closer than the 6th car or platform from the lead locomotive consist.	SSI	Item 7
	10033	CHILLI	May a conductor use a railroad-supplied electronic device (hammerhead) to send or receive work related information while inside the controlling cab of a moving train?	Yes, if there has been a job safety briefing and all crew members agree that it is safe to do so, as long as employee is not riding rolling equipment during a switching operation.	GCOR	2.21
	10037	LAKESI	May a shove movement be protected by an employee that is not a temporary member or member of the crew?	Yes. The employee being GCOR qualified may protect the shove meeting the requirements of GCOR 5.3.7 and 6.5.	GCOR	6.5
	10038	BROOKF	How many trailing tons can be behind a long car/short car combination when determining train make-up requirements?	No more than 3,000 trailing tons.	SSI	Item 47
	10041	CODY	Are railroad operating employees permitted to use electronic devices when deadheading in other than a controlling locomotive?	Yes. Use of the device must not interfere with any employee's performance of safety related duties.	GCOR	2.21