

Operating Rules Support Line

From: 02/15/2009 to 02/21/2009

Date	Time	Caller	Occupation	Div	Subdivision	Inquiry	Response	Book	Rule No.	Comments
02/17	9:07		ENGINEER	SPR	Thayer North	I have a train separation with less than 50 feet of distance between the cars, can I go in between to close the angle cock? If no, how do we get the 50 feet of separation?	No, On the cut of cars coupled to your engines, close the angle cock between the rear car and the car coupled to it and then bleed the air off the rear car and pull ahead for at least 50 feet of separation.	TYESR	13.1.1	
02/17	9:07		ENGINEER	SPR	Thayer North	When spotting an industry with three or more spots on one track, can I go in between equipment with less than 50 feet of separation to tie handbrakes?	No, You need a least 50 feet of separation to go between equipment.	TYESR	13.1.1	
02/17	11:14		ENGINEER	NEB	Fort Scott	Our bell has failed to operate and we are approaching crossings in a Quiet Zone. Do we have to set out our lead unit?	Referred caller to SSI #15 Supplemental GCOR 5.8.2. "A locomotive engineer may sound the train horn to provide warning to crews on other trains in an emergency situation, vehicle operators, pedestrians, trespassers or animals if, in the locomotive engineer's sole judgment, such action is appropriate to prevent imminent injury, death, or property damage." Train may continue to next repair point using the whistle through Quiet Zones.	SSI	#15	Report defect to Fort Worth Mechanical and any local roundhouse personnel.

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02/17	16:00		SW FOREMAN	TWI	Marshall	If a locomotive is not coupled to rail equipment, must a crew member requesting between equipment protection notify other crews that could effect movement into that track by radio and each member of that crew acknowledge by radio response?	When engines will be working on both ends of the track or tracks, crews switching must have a clear understanding of movements to be made. Notify all crew members of your crew by radio and receive acknowledgement from each member of your crew.	TYESR	13.1.1	
02/15	0:15		SWITCHMAN	CAL	San Bernardino	Does the Engineer require a explanation from a flagman before proceeding after being flagged to a stop?	Acknowledge Stop Signal Except when switching, acknowledge hand signal to stop a train. When flagged, the engineer must obtain a thorough explanation from the flagman before proceeding. Referred employee to Supervisor.	GCOR	5.3.5	RDG 2/15 0015
02/16	10:30		CONDUCTOR	TWI	Lakes	Can a utility employee attach to a RCO job and help make a coupling?	Yes - must follow the requirements of rule GCOR 5.13.1	GCOR	5.13.1	RDG 2/16 1030
02/16	10:40		SWITCHMAN	NEB	Sioux City	If a location has been identified as having close clearance restriction on only one side of the car, can an employee ride on the opposite side if there is no restriction?	Yes. Ride cars or equipment only if necessary and if you have determined that you can do so safely.	TYESR	13.1.5	RDG 2/16 1040
02/18	6:55		BRAKEMAN	NEB	Hastings	Where is the rule concerning being between rails?	Referred caller to TY&E Safety Rules 13.1.3 "Fouling Track Do not walk between rails or foul the track, except when duties require and proper protection is provided. Use caution during bad weather and when visibility is impaired."	TYESR	13.1.3	

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02/18	7:16		ENGINEER	NEB	Ravenna	Our train has been tied down in the yard and the ETD is showing less than 60psi, is this considered to be off air?	No, Off air means when it is known that a brake system has not been connected to a continuous source of compressed air of at least 60 pounds per square inch (psi) for a period of 4 hours or more. The "source" of compressed air is brake pipe pressure being supplied at the locomotive(s) or yard air connection to the brake system. If brake pipe gradient is observed, no minimum brake pipe pressure at the opposite end of a brake system is required as long as 60 psi or more is being maintained at the charging end of the brake system.	ABTH	GL	
02/18	12:17		ENGINEER	NEB	Fort Scott	In regard to GCOR 6.5, is there a specified distance for field of view?	Crew member must be in position and provide visual protection. DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE LEADING POINT OF YOUR SHOVE MOVEMENT.	GCOR	6.5	
02/18	13:25		ENGINEER	CAL	Stockton	When shoving light locomotive consist over a public crossing with the conductor on the point, is whistle signal required?	Yes, unless use of whistle signal is restricted by local instructions. Use whistle signal (7), two longs, a short, and one long, when approaching public crossings at grade with the engine in front.	GCOR	5.8.2	
02/18	14:47		SWITCHMAN	TWI	KO	<p>1. Do I have to use "half plus one" for car lengths while pulling cars out of a track to line a switch?</p> <p>2. Do I have to use "half plus one" for car lengths while shoving cars into a clear track to a stop?</p> <p>3. Do I have to use "half plus one" for car lengths while shoving cars into a clear track and dropping them?</p>	<p>1. No, if engine is facing direction of move. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. Referred caller to GCOR 5.3.7 and SSI #15 Supplemental GCOR 5.3.7.</p>	GCOR SSI	5.3.7 #15	

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02/19	7:09		SW FOREMAN	KAN	Emporia	<p>1. Do you always have to be at the leading car of a shove to protect?</p> <p>2. What does "fouling" mean on the 8 Deadly Decisions pocket card?</p>	<p>1. Referred caller to GCOR 6.5. "...When cars or engines are shoved, crew member must be in position and provide visual protection unless relieved by..."</p> <p>2. Fouling refers to both walking on the property and moving a train.</p>	GCOR	6.5	
02/19	10:34		ENGINEER	COL	Canyon	When switching, is the engineer required to repeat the entire message from the employee controlling the move?	An employee who receives a transmission must repeat it to the person transmitting the message, except when the communication concerns yard switching operations. When radio communication is used to make movements, crew members must respond to specific instructions given for each movement. In addition: Radio communications for backing and shoving movements must specify the direction and distance and must be acknowledged when distance specified is more than four cars.	GCOR GCOR	2.1 5.3.7	
02/19	14:03		ENGINEER	COL	Twin Peaks	Can I turn the headlight off on my train after I clear the main track in a siding?	Yes. Referred caller to GCOR 5.9.2 #1. "Turn the headlight off under either of the following conditions: 1. The train is stopped clear of the main track."	GCOR	5.9.2 #1	
02/20	15:37		BRAKEMAN	COL	Front Range	When riding the side of a car other than a tank car, can I ride with both feet on the horizontal grab iron?	Ride cars or equipment only if necessary and if you have determined that you can do so safely. Ride only if hand holds and stirrup configuration allow for a firm grip and erect and normal body position.	TYESR	S-13.1.5	

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02/20	15:37		BRAKEMAN	COL	Front Range	When we have a track warrant with joint authority, are we required to contact the employee before we occupy the overlapping limits?	Yes, Rule 6.3 Main Track Authorization, the following is added: Overlapping Limits - When a train receives track and time, track warrant or track permit authority joint with an employee or OCS permission joint with an employee, the train must not occupy the overlapping limits until permission is received to enter the overlapping limits from the employees listed on the authority or on the OCS permission.	GCOR	6.3	
02/20	3:40		CONDUCTOR	SPR	Birmingham	The flashing light on the ETD has failed enroute, but still have the ability to read end of train pressure and emergency application capability from the rear of train. Are we restricted to 30 MPH and can we proceed to where the ETD can be replaced or repaired?	<p>1. No, still have the capability to place the train into emergency from the rear of train.</p> <p>2. Yes, The highly visible marker becomes inoperative enroute. If this occurs, notify the train dispatcher and move the train to the next forward location where the highly visible marker can be repaired or replaced.</p>	GCOR ABTH	5.10.2 102.14.1	RDG 2/20 0340