



# Track Car Excursion Operating Rules & Standards

## Transition Guide

Effective 01/01/2024

This guide contains changes from  
WCRG Track Car Excursion Operating Rules & Standards, Effective 01/01/2023  
to  
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## **Rule Changes**

Note: This transition highlights important changes, but is not all inclusive.

### **Excursion Itinerary**

“Excursion Itinerary” is now referred to as “Excursion Itinerary & Special Instructions.”

### **Rule 402: Track Car Excursion Participant Duties**

Rule modified to include prohibition of disabling Track Car Mounted Safety Devices.

### **Rule 406: Job Briefings and Required Documents**

Added requirement that excursion participants be “attentive” during job briefings.

Rule modified to allow paper or digital copies of certain required documents.

### **Rule 409: Electronic Devices**

Rule modified to allow usage of electronic devices to reference WCRG rules or documents.

### **Rule 412: Eye Protection**

Rule modified to prohibit sunglasses at night or under other low light conditions.

### **Rule 414: High Visibility Reflective Safety Vests.**

Modified rule title.

Clarification of high visibility reflective safety vest requirements.

### **Rule 415: Rule: Walking On or About Tracks**

Added “Do not inspect, repair or otherwise go between or under track cars until all following or conflicting movements are stopped.”

### **Rule 420: Track Cars Acceptable for Use**

Modified rule title.

### **Rule 429: Turntables**

Rule modified to include pre-approval requirement for non-factory and non-Les King/Fredericksburg Shops turntables.

Added Honeywell/Micro Switch 1LS1 roller lever limit switch requirement.

### **Rule 431: Track Car Daily Inspection and Defect Reporting Requirements**

Modified rule title.

Rule modified and added defect reporting requirements.

### **Rule 433: Fusees**

Modified rule title.

Rule modified regarding burning fusees procedures.

## **Rule 438: Blue Signal Protection of Workmen**

Modified rule title.

Entire rule rewritten.

## **Rule 439: Red Flags or Red Lights Displayed Between the Rails or Next to Track**

Modified rule title.

Entire rule rewritten.

## **Rule 441: Track Car Attendance/Communicating Delays**

Modified rule title.

Rule modified to add requirements regarding delays.

## **Rule 451: Grade Crossings Equipped with Automatic Warning Devices**

Rule modified to clarify required crossing procedures.

## **Rule 452: Grade Crossings Not Equipped with Automatic Warning Devices**

Rule modified to clarify required crossing procedures.

## **Rule 455: Switches and Fixed Derails**

Rule modified regarding fixed derails.

## **Rule 456: Portable Derails**

Rule modified regarding portable derails.

## **Definition Changes**

“**Blue Signal**” - Definition added.

“**Blue Signal Protection of Workmen**” - Definition added.

“**Red Flag**” - Definition added.

“**Track Car Mounted Safety Device**” - Definition added.

“**Track Car Operator**” - Definition modified to provide more specific definition of “Track Car Operator.”



***Always take the SAFE course. When in doubt -STOP the Movement***