

West Coast Railroaders Group

Track Car Excursion Operating Rules & Standards Worksheet

This worksheet will prepare you for operating your track car on West Coast Railroaders Group (WCRG) excursions. Be advised that other organizations rules/regulations or operating practices DO NOT apply when operating on WCRG excursions. The worksheet questions are in order with the Track Car Excursion Operating Rules & Standards Effective 01-01-2019. Each question will require thorough reading of each rule to answer correctly. Upon successful completion of worksheet, please return to a WCRG officer. Do not distribute without prior approval from WCRG.



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Excursion Participant Name _____ Date ____ / ____ / 20____

- 401. What are the duties of track car excursion participants in regards to rules and regulations?**
- 402. Are gang cars generally allowed on WCRG excursions? Who can authorize such cars to be allowed on WCRG excursions?**
- 403. Who may remove a track car that is non complying or unsafe for use?**
- 404. What are the requirements in regards to operator qualifications?**
- 405. What are the Physical requirements for excursion participants?**
- 406. When must Release of Liability/General Agreements be signed and completed?**
- 407. When must a job briefing be held? Must track car operators have all documents in their possession?**
- 408. Are passengers allowed on excursions? Must you provide the names of passengers? How many days before the excursion?**

409. Are alcohol or weapons allowed on railroad property?

410. Is smoking allowed on railroad property?

411. When must a personal electronic device be turned off and stowed out of sight?

412. Must track cars be identified by number?

413. What supplies are required of each car?

414. Are track cars required to be equipped with safety glass or plastic type windows?

415. Are spark arresters required?

416. Are track cars required to be equipped with an audible warning device? Are portable air canister horns acceptable?

417. Are track cars required to be equipped with stoplights/brakelights?

418. Are track cars required to be radio equipped? What are the channel requirements?

419. What are the requirements for unloading track cars from highway trailers?

420. What are the proper procedures for fueling track cars? Can spare fuel be carried on each track car?

421. Are excursion participants allowed to get on or off a moving track car?

422. Your passenger has dropped an item from your car. Can you stop to pick it up? Who should you contact regarding the item?

423. What are the inspection requirements of privately owned track cars?

424. Are track cars required to shunt track circuits for automatic warning device activation?

425. If you are operating your track car and are approaching a grade crossing THAT IS equipped with automatic warning devices, and you observe the automatic warning devices FAIL TO ACTIVATE, or are INTERMITTENTLY ACTIVATED, what must you do?

426. You are operating your track car and are approaching a grade crossing NOT equipped with automatic warning devices. How will you approach and proceed through a crossing?

427. Are track car participants authorized to activate automatic warning devices equipped with key start/radio tone activation?

428. You are near the end of the excursion, and hear on the radio that the Employee in Charge is instructing the rear pilot car to remove the shunt cable from the crossing you are near. As an excursion participant, can you remove it to assist the Employee in Charge?

429. You are ready to proceed on your track car when the host railroad approaches you to copy a speed restriction for the excursion group. As an excursion participant, can you copy this restriction?

430. Are track car excursion participants allowed to carry fusees or torpedoes?

431. You are a passenger on a track car that is approaching a track car ahead that is slowing or stopping. What if anything must be communicated between track car operator and passenger?

- 432. The excursion group has just stopped to line a switch to allow the group to proceed off the main track and onto the siding. What must all operators be ready to do at all times unless operations are suspended?**
- 433. Your track car is first out on the service track at the railroads servicing facility. In front of your car is a blue flag/light. Can you remove the light or move your car before the flag/light is removed?**
- 434. You are proceeding out of the service track, when suddenly a red flag is waved at the excursion group. What must you immediately do?**
- 435. You are starting movement for the first time on your track car. Must you test the brakes? Who must you instruct on the operation of the brakes?**
- 436. When must the headlight on your track car be displayed?**
- 437. What is the primary means of signaling each track car of slowing or stopping? What is required when stopped on a bridge, curve, or tunnel?**
- 438. Your car stops on a curve. What must track car operator do immediately? Can radio communication be used in lieu of flagging?**
- 439. You are proceeding when the car behind you disappears. The car behind you radios he is broken down and needs you to back up and tow him. Who must authorize a change in direction? What is the definition of a change of direction?**

440. Which Fairmont model cars must be operated with special care in reverse?

441. How will excursion participants be informed of the maximum authorized speed of each excursion? What distance must track cars always be prepared to stop short of?

442. You are in the middle of the excursion group approaching a railroad crossing at grade. At what speed must you pass over the railroad crossing at grade?

443. You are proceeding into the yard at the end of the excursion. The yard has two tracks that excursion cars are being placed onto. The switch to the track you want to proceed onto is not lined for your movement. Can you line the switch and proceed?

444. The excursion is about to start for the day. Your track car is at the front of the group. The Employee in Charge is running late and has not had a chance to remove the portable derail to allow the group to stage for departure. Can you remove it for the Employee in Charge?

445. You are approaching a switch off the main track and into the yard. The switch has a self guarding frog. At what speed will you proceed?

What if equipped with a spring frog?

What if equipped with a jump/lift frog?

446. Your track car is equipped with rail sweeps. When must the sweeps be down?

447. The track car ahead of you has broken down and needs to be pushed to a set off point. At what speed must the track car be handled?

448. The excursion group has stopped and will be taking a lunch break away from the track cars. What must be done with track cars left unattended?

What is the definition of unattended?

449. The excursion group is stopped in a siding waiting for an approaching train. What should you do when the train approaches and how many feet away should you move?

450. Is it permissible to step on the rail?

451. Is it permissible to cross between uncoupled equipment that is separated by less than 50 feet?

452. When must you expect movement of trains, engines, track cars, railroad cars, or other on-track equipment?

453. When is proper attire required?

454. When is proper footwear required?

455. When is eye protection required?

456. When are reflective vests required?

End Worksheet

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