

# Operating Rules Support Line

From: 01/10/2010 to 01/16/2010

Date	Time	Caller	Occupation	Div	Subdivision	Inquiry	Response	Book	Rule No.	Comments
01/11	9:52		ENGINEER	MON	Hi Line	Can the Train Dispatcher give permission for multiple moves while switching, when the trailing end will be changing direction in a control point?	Yes, the Train Dispatcher can give permission for multiple direction changes in the control point.	GCOR	6.4.2	
01/12	12:14		CONDUCTOR	CHI	Aurora	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 are no restrictions?	Yes, ride cars or equipment only if necessary and only if you can comply with the Close Clearance Restrictions as listed in Safety Rule 13.1.5. Item F.	TYESR	13.1.5	
01/12	20:44		ENGINEER	COL	Front Range	If I am pulling my Key Train into a siding, does a train on the Main Line need to be stopped? Where do I find the speed for Key trains?	No. Neither train has to stop. The maximum speed for Key trains can be found in SSI 1. Maximum Speeds Permitted and in the US Hazardous Material Instructions for Rail in section VII. Key Trains.	HAZMAT VII SSI	Item 1	
01/12	22:50		ENGINEER	NWE	Bellingham	When making a shoving or back up move and the employee on the leading car has control of the air brakes would I be required to stop the movement if the person who is giving the signal to back or shove disappears?	No, If a person disappears who is giving the signal to back or shove a train, engine, or car, or the light being used disappears, employees must: • Stop movement, unless employee on leading car controls the air brakes.	GCOR	5.3.3	
01/12	23:12		ENGINEER	NWE	Bellingham	Can we attach our power to the rear of another train to assist in removing a block of cars from the rear of the train?	Yes. When engines will be working at both ends of the track or tracks, crews switching must have a clear understanding of movements to be made.	TYESR NONE	13.1	

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01/13	9:17		CONDUCTOR	KAN	Emporia	Are empty Automax cars restricted to a maximum speed of 55 MPH?	No, as indicated in SSI 1 exceptions #4.	SSI	item 1c	
01/13	11:55		CONDUCTOR	KAN	Emporia	Can train crew A assist train crew B with a helper shove or move the rear of a disabled train?	Yes, as long as all crew members and their locomotive(s) are involved when going between equipment. Each crew member must have a clear understanding of all moves that are to be made.	GCOR GCOR GCOR	5.13 5.13 13.1.1	
01/14	15:09		ENGINEER	CHI	Aurora	Do I need to secure locomotives when leaving them unattended at a mechanical facility?	Yes. At mechanical facilities, when locomotives are protected by outbound derails on designated servicing tracks, apply a sufficient number of hand brakes to prevent undesired movement, but a minimum of one per locomotive consist.	ABTH	102.3	
01/14	16:24		ENGINEER	CHI	Chicago	Is it permitted when riding moving cars to have both feet in the same stirrup, or one foot in the stirrup and the other foot on the next higher stirrup?	Ride cars or equipment only if necessary and if you have determined that you can do so safely. If necessary and safe, either of the positions described may be utilized but only if hand holds and stirrup configuration allow for a firm grip and erect and normal body position and three-point contact can be maintained with the equipment at all times. You must be able to comply with the requirements and restrictions for Riding In or On Moving Equipment listed in Safety Rule 13.1.5.	TYESR	13.1.5	System power point on riding in or on moving equipment was provided to employee's supervisor.
01/14	18:12		CONDUCTOR	CHI	Mendota	Is a loaded Ethanol (FL) train with DP power on the rear end with one buffer car located on each end of the train in compliance with Hazardous Material train placement?	Yes, If less than five buffer cars are available, the hazardous cars must not be nearer than 2nd car from engine, occupied caboose, or occupied business car.	HAZMAT	Fig. 11	This information was on the train profile for train G-GLVMII7-13A, also can be found in TSS train makeup instructions.

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01/14	21:29		SWITCHMAN	NWE	Fallbridge	Can we operate our yard engine if the speed indicator is inoperative?	Yes, a controlling locomotive found with defective speed indicator may be operated under power attached to cars not exceeding 20 MPH.	ABTH ABTH	101.2.1 101.11	
01/14	21:46		ENGINEER	MON	Dickinson	After stopping our train the carmen placed a blue flag on the front of the engine. Are we still permitted to apply hand brakes to secure the train?	Yes, The engine must not be moved. The controls must not be changed unless directed by individuals who placed the blue signal protection. Secure train per ABTH 102.1.	GCOR	5.13	
01/16	16:00		ENGINEER	CHI	Aurora	After 6 consecutive starts, am I required to observe 48 consecutive hours off before taking Computer Based Training?	Yes. Computer based training time counts against hours of service.	NONE		1600-16