

# RAILTRACK

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<b>Briefing Notes for:</b>	<b>Data Recorders on Trains</b>	
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### **BACKGROUND**

This standard was updated following a recommendation from Professor Uff, who chaired the Southall Inquiry, to mandate retrofitting of data recorders to existing trains.

### **KEY CHANGES INTRODUCED BY THIS RAILWAY GROUP STANDARD**

The reissue of this standard introduces the requirements for:

- Retrofitting existing trains with data recorders – to a lesser specification than that for new trains.
- Replacement of non-compliant existing data recorders.

### **COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- Existing trains shall be retrofitted, where practicable in tandem with the TPWS fitment programme. However where this will impact upon the industry agreed end date of 31/12/2003 for fitment of TPWS equipment to rolling stock, existing trains shall be retrofitted no later than 31/12/2005. This requirement applies to trains which are to remain on Railtrack Controlled Infrastructure beyond 31/12/2007.
- Replacement of non-compliant existing data recorders to be completed, to the minimum specification for retrofitting existing trains, no later than 31/12/2005.

The timescales for compliance have been the subject of extensive debate and were determined in the context of the recommendations contained in professor Uff's report on the Southall accident. A check on the suitability of the timescales will form part of the consolidation of this rapid response issue into a normal Railway Group Standard.

Whilst Professor Uff's recommendation was that fitment of data recorders to all trains be completed by March 2002, it is considered that this may have an adverse effect on the TPWS fitment programme. Where this would be the case, therefore, the date is extended to 31/12/2005.

### **NON COMPLIANCES**

The following Non Compliances will no longer apply when this document is introduced:

99/123/NC – subject: CBA on fitting of data recorders to existing trains – relating to clause 4.2 of GO/RT3272 Issue One.