



ENGINEERING ACCEPTANCE - TECHNICAL NOTE

Subject: Special Limitations on Superseding Certificates

Advice to: CCBs and VABs

Reference: Standard: GM/RT2000 Issue: 3 Clause:

Applies when: Superseding Certificates of Conformance & Engineering Acceptance.

Note's Purpose: To ensure all applicable special limitations are identified on superseding certificates.

Background: Under the requirements of GM/RT2000 new certificates of Conformance for Maintenance and Engineering Acceptance will, with the exception of the first of each type for a vehicle, always supersede a previous certificate. Once a vehicle has ten current Design Conformance Certificates its next certificate will supersede one of more of the ten current certificates to remain within the limit.

The superseding of any certificate of conformance, or of Engineering Acceptance, must carry forward all continuing special limitations from the superseded certificate(s). The exception is where the issue giving rise to the limitation has been closed out as part of the certification process in hand.

Requirements: The responsibility of the design CCB and EA signatory is to ensure that:

1. the superseding certificate identifies in its scope of work statement, where possible, all special limitations on superseded certificates that have been closed out by its scope of work;
2. the superseding certificate carries forward all special limitations on superseded certificates that have NOT been not been closed out by its scope of work;
3. the superseding certificate takes account of any expiry dates associated with special limitations carried forward from those certificates superseded;
4. the superseding certificate does not impose special limitations on vehicles covered by a superseded certificate, where those special limitations are not applicable to those vehicles. In such situations the train operator should be advised that the certification should be sub-divided.

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