

Working of Passenger Trains Over **Non-Passenger** Lines

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Synopsis

This document details the arrangements which must be made to provide the safe working of passenger trains over **non-passenger** lines in compliance with HM Railway Inspectorate requirements.

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Part A

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Responsibilities

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* The Railway Group comprises Railtrack and the duty holders of the Railway Safety Cases accepted by Railtrack.

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The provisions in this document are to be complied with from 02 December 2000.

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Part B

1 Purpose

To detail the arrangements which shall be made for the safe working of passenger trains over **non-passenger** lines.

2 Scope

The overall scope of Railway Group Standards is as specified in Appendix A of [GA/RT6001](#).

This document contains requirements which are applicable to the duty holders of the following categories of Railway Safety Case:

- **Infrastructure** Controller
- Train Operator

Specifically whenever it is required to run a passenger train over any line not signalled to passenger standards, as shown in the Sectional Appendix.

3 Definitions

Non-Passenger Line

A line shown in Table 'A' of the Sectional Appendix issued by the relevant Railtrack zone as a goods line or siding.

Passenger Line

A line shown in Table 'A' of the Sectional Appendix issued by the relevant Railtrack zone as a passenger line.

Passenger Train

A train classified 1, 9 or 2, in [GO/RT3000](#) Rule Book Section H (Part i).

Signal passed at danger (SPAD)

As defined in [GO/RT3252](#).

Special Notice

The notice to staff published to describe the working arrangements. This can include publication in Railtrack and train operators' publications such as the Special Traffic Notice etc.

TPWS

Train protection warning system.

4 Requirements

4.1 General

The **Infrastructure** Controller shall not permit passenger trains to work over **non-passenger** lines unless;

- the arrangements have been agreed and published in advance; or
- in an emergency when authority is given in accordance with [GO/RT3062](#) Signalling General Instructions.

4.2 Requirements

The **Infrastructure** Controller shall review the proposed working with regard to the additional risks that are created by the working of a passenger train over the line(s) concerned. This review shall consider and identify:

- any restrictions which may need to be applied other than those which normally apply on the line concerned eg, speed restrictions, structure gauge restrictions, etc;
- whether the risks of SPAD overruns leading to a conflict with the passenger train require additional mitigation, for example double blocking applied if TPWS is not fitted;

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- whether any special attendance is required at any location eg, to prevent passengers joining or alighting at an unauthorised location;
- whether any special supervision is required on board the train eg, to prevent passengers joining or alighting at an unauthorised location;
- where the use of any platform which is not in regular use or is a temporary platform is proposed, the platform surface, ramps, egresses and any fencing are satisfactory;
- when a platform is to be used the need for lighting in poor weather conditions or after dark.

The above list is not exhaustive.

When passenger trains are permitted to work over **non-passenger** lines the equivalent of absolute block working shall be maintained, and passenger overlaps/clearing points provided. Further requirements for the working of passenger trains over goods lines or goods loops are contained in [GO/RT3062](#). If there is no signalling system at all, or only shunting signals are provided, the arrangements shall be planned and special instructions issued.

All movements shall be driven from the leading cab: propelling is prohibited.

Train crews shall be instructed to immediately carry out the requirements of the Rule Book concerning detention of trains at signals.

The **Infrastructure** Controller is required to submit an annual return to HM Railway Inspectorate showing dates when trains have run under these conditions and the sections of line concerned.

4.3 Planned Working

Train operators shall submit proposals to operate passenger trains over **non-passenger** lines to the **Infrastructure** Controller.

The special arrangements arising out of the review shall be agreed with the train operator concerned. The special arrangements shall be published in the Special Notice relating to the running of the train. Train operators shall have arrangements in place to ensure that their staff, who require them, are issued with details of the special arrangements. The **Infrastructure** Controller shall have arrangements in place to ensure that their staff, who require them, are issued with details of the special arrangements.

Where the train is required to pass:

- onto **infrastructure** which is the responsibility of another **infrastructure** controller; or
- from **infrastructure** which is the responsibility of another **infrastructure** controller;

handover arrangements shall be agreed between the various **infrastructure** controllers and the train operator concerned. Details of the **handover** arrangements shall be published in the Special Notice referred to above.

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References

- [GA/RT6001](#) Railway Group Standards Change Procedures
- [GO/RT3062](#) Signalling General Instructions
- [GO/RT3000](#) Master Rule Book
- [GO/RT3252](#) Signals Passed at Danger (SPADs)

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