



Track Car Excursion Operating Rules & Standards Worksheet

This worksheet will prepare you for operating your track car on West Coast Railroaders Group (WCRG) excursions. The worksheet questions are in order with the Track Car Excursion Operating Rules & Standards Effective 01-01-2024. Each question will require thorough reading of each rule to answer correctly. Upon successful completion of this worksheet, return to a WCRG Manager.



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401. When must the General Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement be signed and turned in?

402. What are the duties of track car excursion participants in regards to rules and regulations?

403. What are the physical requirements for excursion participants?

404. What are the requirements to operate a track car on a WCRG excursion?

405. Are passengers allowed on excursions?

Must you provide the names of passengers? On what form?

406. When is a job briefing required?

Must track car operators have all documents in their possession?

407. Are alcohol or weapons allowed on railroad property?

408. Is smoking allowed on railroad property?

409. When must electronic devices be turned off and stowed out of sight?

What are the requirements for passengers?

410. When is proper attire required?

411. When is proper footwear required?

412. When is eye protection required?

413. When is hearing protection recommended?

414. When are high visibility reflective safety vests required?

What are the acceptable colors?

Is an orange, green or yellow rain coat with reflective stripes acceptable?

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

416. Is it permissible to step on the rail?

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

418. The excursion group is stopped in a siding waiting for an approaching train or engine. Where should you stand when a train or engine is approaching or passing?

419. What type of track cars are allowed on WCRG excursions?

Are push cars/trailers allowed?

420. Who may remove a track car that is defective, non-complying, or unsafe for use?

421. What supplies must a track car be equipped with?

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

423. Are spark arrestors required?

424. Are track cars required to be equipped with an audible warning device?

Are portable air canister horns acceptable?

425. Are track cars required to be equipped with brake lights?

426. When must the headlight on your track car be displayed?

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

428. Are track cars required to be radio equipped?

What are the channel requirements?

What do emergency calls begin with?

429. What safety devices must turntable equipped track cars be equipped with?

Which specific turntable precision roller lever limit switch is required?

What must excursion participants do when a turntable safety device fails?

Do aftermarket or owner-built turntables require pre-inspection and approval?

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

431. Your track car has just set on at the excursion. During the inspection, you find a brake defect that is not immediately correctable. Who must you notify?

What if the same defect as described above is found en-route?

432. What are the proper procedures for fueling track cars?

Can portable fuel containers be carried on a track car?

433. Your track car is approaching a burning fusee on or near its track. Must you stop before passing the burning fusee?

What is required to proceed past a burning fusee?

434. If your track car is equipped with rail sweeps, when must the sweeps be down?

435. 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?

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

437. Your passenger has dropped an item from your car. Can you stop to pick it up?

Who should you contact regarding the item?

438. Your track car is first out on the service track at the railroads engine servicing facility. In front of your car is a blue flag and/or light. Can you remove the flag or light?

Can you move your car before the flag or light is removed?

439. You are proceeding out of the service track, when suddenly a red flag is waved at your track car. What must you immediately do?

When can you resume movement?

440. 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?

441. The excursion group is departing the turn around point of the excursion. Your track car is at the end of the group, and suddenly dies. Who must you notify that your track car is not running and when?

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

443. 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?

444. 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?

445. What is the primary means of signaling each track car of slowing or stopping?

446. Your car stops on a curve, bridge, in a tunnel, or when conditions require. What must track car operator immediately do?

Can radio communication be used in lieu of flagging?

447. You are proceeding when the car behind you disappears. The car behind you radios they are broken down and needs you to back up and tow them. Who must authorize a change of direction?

What is the definition of a change of direction?

448. Which Fairmont track cars must be operated with special care in reverse?

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

What if equipped with a spring frog?

What if equipped with a jump/lift frog?

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

What if equipped with a One Way Low Speed Crossing?

451. 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?

452. 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 the crossing?

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

454. 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?

455. You are proceeding into the yard at the end of the excursion. The yard has two tracks that the excursion track cars are being routed into. The switch to the track you want to proceed into is not lined for your movement. Can you line the switch and proceed?
456. The excursion is about to depart. Your track car is at the front of the group and there is a portable derail on the track in front of you. May you remove it for the Employee in Charge?
457. 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?

Definitions: What does “Blue Signal Protection of Workmen” signify?

Definitions: What is the definition of unattended?

Excursion Participant _____

Date Completed _____, 20 _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____