**The Theme Park Glossary**

# **Glossary**

* **ACE** - *American Coaster Enthusiasts* - The biggest roller coaster club in the United States.
* **ECC** - *European Coaster Club* - The biggest roller coaster club in Europe.
* **ERT** - *Exclusive Ride Time* or *Extended Ride Time* - When the park has a certain ride open for a specific group of people (usually an enthusiast group or event) outside of usual park hours. Sometimes, parks will open a ride before stated park opening time for season pass holders.
* **MCBR** - *Mid Course Brake Run* - The brakes midway through a coaster. Used to increase the number of trains a coaster can run, which improves capacity. Designed so the train can come to a full stop in case of an emergency and still make it back to the station under its own power. Different from *Trim Brakes*.
* **SLC** - *Suspended Looping Coaster* - A term Vekoma uses for their inverted coasters.
* **OTSR** - *Over The Shoulder Restraints* - Restraints that come over your head to keep you secured in a coaster. Frequently (but not universally) found on coasters with inversions.
* **SBNO** - *Standing But Not Operating* - When a ride is standing but not operating for whatever reason. This could be due to neglect, abandonment, or because the park has future plans requiring extensive downtime of a ride.
* **LIM** - *Linear Induction Motor* - A type of launch system used by some coasters.
* **LSM** - *Linear Synchronous Motor* - A type of launch system used by some coasters.
* **POV** - *Point of View* - A video showing a first-person view of the ride.
* **GP** - *General Public* - People who are not coaster enthusiasts. Frequently used in a derogatory way by enthusiasts.
* **Stacking** - When a slow crew (or sometimes the slow *general public*) prevents a train from dispatching on time. This causes the other trains on the course to stack behind them on the brakes, which generally hurts capacity. Ideally, a train should be able to dispatch in the time it takes another train to traverse the course, but this rarely happens. Some amount of stacking is inevitable, but excessive stacking is a problem.
* **Trim Brakes** - Brakes throughout the course that scrub speed from the train. This is typically done to reduce maintenance costs or to keep G-forces at a certain level on a specific element of a coaster. Different from the *MCBR*.
* **Block** - Used to describe a section of track on the course of a roller coaster. Blocks are separated by brakes, lifts, stations, or other devices that enable a train to be stopped. Most coasters are designed to operate with only one train moving in each block at any time.
* **Mega** - A term some manufacturers use for their hyper-style coasters. Generally not used by enthusiasts.
* **Hyper** - Generally a coaster over 200 feet tall.
* **Giga** - Generally a coaster over 300 feet tall.
* **Strata** - Generally a coaster over 400 feet tall.
* **Theming** - Decorative and immersive design elements added to a ride or area of a park to create a specific atmosphere or story.
* **Rollback** - When a launched coaster fails to crest the top of its hill and rolls backward to the launch area. Often considered a rare and exciting event by enthusiasts.
* **Inversion** - Any point in a coaster’s layout where riders are turned upside down.
* **Pre-Lift** - The section of track before the lift hill or launch section. Often features minor elements to build anticipation.
* **Headchopper** - A design feature where an object (such as a support beam or track) appears to come very close to riders’ heads, creating a thrilling near-miss sensation.
* **Airtime** - The sensation of weightlessness or negative G-forces experienced when riders are lifted out of their seats.
* **Floater Airtime** - A gentle, sustained feeling of weightlessness.
* **Ejector Airtime** - A more intense, sudden feeling of being launched out of your seat.
* **Valley** - When a coaster train fails to complete its circuit and comes to a stop in a low point of the track. Requires evacuation or mechanical assistance to remove.
* **Rattle** - A term used to describe a rough or shaky ride experience, often caused by track wear or poor maintenance.
* **Credit** - A term used by enthusiasts to count a ride as part of their "coaster count." A single ride on a coaster qualifies as a credit.
* **Clone** - A coaster that is a copy of another design. Often found in multiple parks around the world.
* **Wheel Seat** - A seat located directly over the wheels of a train. Typically provides a rougher ride compared to other seats.

# **Manufactures**

| **Name** | **Acronyms** | **RCDB** |
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| Arrow |  | <https://rcdb.com/6835.htm> |
| Bolliger & Mabillard | B&M | <https://rcdb.com/6831.htm> |
| Custom Coasters International | CCI | <https://rcdb.com/6868.htm> |
| Chance Rides | Chance | <https://rcdb.com/6887.htm> |
| Dinn Corporation | Dinn | <https://rcdb.com/6842.htm> |
| Great Coasters International | GCI | <https://rcdb.com/6860.htm> |
| Gerstlauer |  | <https://rcdb.com/6948.htm> |
| The Gravity Group | GG | <https://rcdb.com/7345.htm> |
| Intamin |  | <https://rcdb.com/6837.htm> |
| Mack Rides GmbH & Co KG | Mack | <https://rcdb.com/6856.htm> |
| Maurer |  | <https://rcdb.com/6905.htm> |
| Morgan |  | <https://rcdb.com/6847.htm> |
| Pinfari |  | <https://rcdb.com/6862.htm> |
| Premier Rides | Premier | <https://rcdb.com/6848.htm> |
| Philadelphia Toboggan Coasters | PTC | <https://rcdb.com/6841.htm> |
| Roller Coaster Corporation of America | RCCA | <https://rcdb.com/6918.htm> |
| Rocky Mountain Construction | RMC | <https://rcdb.com/10583.htm> |
| S&S Worldwide | S&S | <https://rcdb.com/6930.htm> |
| Schwarzkopf | Schwarz | <https://rcdb.com/6844.htm> |
| Togo | Shit | <https://rcdb.com/6849.htm> |
| Vekoma | Vek | <https://rcdb.com/6836.htm> |
| Zamperla |  | <https://rcdb.com/6892.htm> |
| Zierer |  | <https://rcdb.com/6861.htm> |

# **Parks**

*This list does not contain every park in existence, its just features the popular ones.*

| **Name** | **Chain** | **Acronym** | **Location** | **RCDB** |
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| California's Great America | Six Flags | CGA | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4541.htm> |
| Canada's Wonderland | Six Flags | CW | Canada | <https://rcdb.com/4539.htm> |
| Carowinds | Six Flags | CWIN | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4542.htm> |
| Cedar Point | Six Flags | CP | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4529.htm> |
| Dorney Park | Six Flags | DP | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4588.htm> |
| Frontier City | Six Flags | FC | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4559.htm> |
| Kings Dominion | Six Flags | KD | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4544.htm> |
| Kings Island | Six Flags | KI | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4540.htm> |
| Knotts Berry Farm | Six Flags | KBF | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4546.htm> |
| Michigan's Adventure | Six Flags | MA | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4578.htm> |
| Valleyfair | Six Flags | VF | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4552.htm> |
| Worlds of Fun | Six Flags | WOF | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4533.htm> |
| Six Flags America | Six Flags | SFA | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4558.htm> |
| Six Flags Darien Lake | Six Flags | SFDL | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4581.htm> |
| Six Flags Discovery Kingdom | Six Flags | SFDK | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4711.htm> |
| Six Flags Fiesta Texas | Six Flags | SFFT | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4538.htm> |
| Six Flags Great Adventure | Six Flags | SFGAV | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4534.htm> |
| Six Flags Great America | Six Flags | SFGA | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4530.htm> |
| Six Flags Great Escape | Six Flags | SFGE | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4596.htm> |
| Six Flags Magic Mountain | Six Flags | SFMM | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4532.htm> |
| Six Flags Mexico | Six Flags | SFM | Mexico | <https://rcdb.com/4629.htm> |
| Six Flags New England | Six Flags | SFME | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4565.htm> |
| Six Flags Over Georgia | Six Flags | SFOG | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4535.htm> |
| Six Flags Over Texas | Six Flags | SFOT | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4531.htm> |
| Six Flags St. Louis | Six Flags | SFL | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4536.htm> |
| Busch Gardens Tampa Bay | United Parks | BGT | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4543.htm> |
| Busch Gardens Williamsburg | United Parks | BGW | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4548.htm> |
| SeaWorld Orlando | United Parks | SWO | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4746.htm> |
| SeaWorld San Antonio | United Parks | SWSA | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4601.htm> |
| SeaWorld San Diego | United Parks | SWSD | USA | <https://rcdb.com/5320.htm> |
| SeaWorld Yas Island, Abu Dhabi | United Parks | SWD | UAE | <https://rcdb.com/19054.htm> |
| Sesame Place | United Parks | SP | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4710.htm> |
| Sesame Place | United Parks | SP | USA | <https://rcdb.com/17798.htm> |
| Universal Studios Florida | Universal | USF | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4736.htm> |
| Universal Studios Islands of Adventure | Universal | IOA | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4734.htm> |
| Universal Studios Epic Universe | Universal | EPU | USA | <https://rcdb.com/17569.htm> |
| Universal Studios Hollywood | Universal | USH | USA | <https://rcdb.com/5265.htm> |
| Universal Studios Japan | Universal | USJ | USA | <https://rcdb.com/5492.htm> |
| Universal Studios Singapore | Universal | USS | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4859.htm> |
| Disney California Adventure Park | Disney | Disney AP | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4783.htm> |
| Disneyland | Disney | DL | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4571.htm> |
| Disneyland Paris | Disney | DL Paris | France | <https://rcdb.com/4864.htm> |
| Disneyland Paris - Studios | Disney | DLP Studios | France | <https://rcdb.com/5054.htm> |
| Hong Kong Disneyland | Disney | HK Disney | China | <https://rcdb.com/5279.htm> |
| Shanghai Disneyland | Disney |  | China | <https://rcdb.com/6556.htm> |
| Tokyo Disneyland | Disney |  | Japan | <https://rcdb.com/4959.htm> |
| Tokyo DisneySea | Disney |  | Japan | <https://rcdb.com/5073.htm> |
| Walt Disney World - Animal Kingdom | Disney | WDW AK | USA | <https://rcdb.com/5109.htm> |
| Walt Disney World - Hollywood Studios | Disney | WDW HS | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4735.htm> |
| Walt Disney World - Epcot | Disney | WDW Epcot | USA | <https://rcdb.com/15503.htm> |
| Walt Disney World - Magic Kingdom | Disney | WDW MK | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4597.htm> |
| Alton Towers | Merlin | AT | UK | <https://rcdb.com/4796.htm> |
| Chessington World of Adventures | Merlin | CWOA | UK | <https://rcdb.com/4798.htm> |
| Gardaland | Merlin | GL | Italy | <https://rcdb.com/4866.htm> |
| Heide Park Resort | Merlin |  | Germany | <https://rcdb.com/4874.htm> |
| Thorpe Park | Merlin | TP | UK | <https://rcdb.com/4814.htm> |
| Peppa Pig Park | Merlin | PP Park | Germany | <https://rcdb.com/21039.htm> |
| Peppa Pig Theme Park | Merlin | PP Park | USA | <https://rcdb.com/14026.htm> |
| Peppa Pig Theme Park | Merlin | PP Park | USA | <https://rcdb.com/19144.htm> |
| Legoland Billund | Merlin | LGB Billund | Denmark | <https://rcdb.com/4903.htm> |
| Legoland California | Merlin | LG California | USA | <https://rcdb.com/4733.htm> |
| Legoland Deutschland | Merlin | LG Germany | Germany | <https://rcdb.com/5059.htm> |
| Legoland Dubai | Merlin | LG Dubai | UAE | <https://rcdb.com/13462.htm> |
| Legoland Florida | Merlin | LG Florida | USA | <https://rcdb.com/5589.htm> |
| Legoland Japan | Merlin | LG Japan | Japan | <https://rcdb.com/13644.htm> |
| Legoland Korea | Merlin | LG Korea | South Korea | <https://rcdb.com/12557.htm> |
| Legoland Malaysia | Merlin | LG Malaysia | Malaysia | <https://rcdb.com/9575.htm> |
| Legoland New York | Merlin | LG New York | USA | <https://rcdb.com/14429.htm> |
| Legoland Shanghai | Merlin | LG Shanghai | China | <https://rcdb.com/19273.htm> |
| Legoland Sichuan | Merlin | LG Sichuan | China | <https://rcdb.com/17817.htm> |
| Legoland Windsor | Merlin | LG UK | UK | <https://rcdb.com/4813.htm> |
| Blackpool Pleasure Beach |  | BPB | UK | <https://rcdb.com/4795.htm> |

Park Chains

* Six Flags - SF - <https://rcdb.com/12488.htm>
* United Parks - UP - <https://rcdb.com/12499.htm>
* Universal - US - <https://rcdb.com/12511.htm>
* Disney - <https://rcdb.com/12510.htm>
* Merlin - <https://rcdb.com/12491.htm>

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* Captain Coaster - <https://captaincoaster.com/>
* r/CoasterCoolStuff - <https://reddit.com/r/CoasterCoolStuff/>
* Coasterpedia - <https://coasterpedia.net/>

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