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Table of Abbreviations

- ATP Automatic Train Protection
- CBC-MAC Cipher Block Chaining Message Authentication Code
- CBTC Communication Based Train Control
- DES Data Encryption Standard
- ERTMS European Rail Traffic Management System
- ETCS European Train Control System
- GSM Global System for Mobile Communications
- GSM-R Global System for Mobile Communications for Railway
- IV Initialisation Vector
- MAC Message Authentication Code
- RBC Radio Block Centre
- SaPDU Safety Protocol Data Unit

TODO: Need to update this