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There are also several smaller independent operators including.

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The Competition Commission conducted an investigation and published provisional findings on 7 August 2008. The UK was ranked eighth among national European rail systems in the 2017 European Railway Performance Index for intensity of use, quality of service and safety performance. Although Acts of Parliament allowed railway companies compulsory purchase of, some powerful landowners objected to railways being built across their land and raised objections in Parliament to prevent the bill from being passed.

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Rail transport is a means of transferring passengers and goods on wheeled vehicles running on rails, which are located on tracks. The entire network was brought under government control during the and a number of advantages of amalgamation and planning were revealed. Some lines which appear to be heritage operations sometimes claim to be part of the public transport network; the in Kent regularly transports schoolchildren.

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By this time most conversions were bypassing mixed gauge and going directly from broad to standard. The had been bought by the in 1846 and converted to standard gauge in 1854, bringing track with three rails, so that both broad and standard gauge trains could run on it to Bristol. See also: Railways in Great Britain are in the private sector, but they are subject to control by central government, and to economic and safety regulation by arms of government.

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Since privatisation, passenger levels have more than doubled, and have surpassed their level in the late 1940s. A brief note about each of the larger companies will illustrate how they grew to the importance they had assumed by the time of the huge amalgamations which took place in 1923, in which all but a very few railways were absorbed.

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It also noted that many small lines would never be likely to compete with road haulage.

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