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WT06 Standing Train Protection

WT06 - 1.0 Purpose

To prescribe the rules for using Standing Train Protection to protect a worksite or create a safe place.

WT06 - 2.0 General

All Concerned

You must plan work in the rail network in accordance with the rule *[WT01 – Planning Work in the Rail Network]*

Track Protection Officer

You must make a safety assessment to determine the protection requirements on all tracks that need to be accessed to conduct work.

Authority to conduct work using Standing Train Protection in front of or behind an attended or unattended rail traffic will be issued by the Rail Controller.

Where Standing Train Protection is to be applied to a Track Vehicle to create a safe place for personnel performing associated work, the Track Vehicle Operator may authorise Standing Train Protection directly to that worker.

This is to facilitate the removal of obstructions e.g. DED's to permit the Track Vehicle to continue to work.

Rail Controller

If rail traffic is attended, the Rail Controller must inform the Rail Traffic Crew of the introduction of Standing Train Protection.



Standing Train Protection does not apply to Hi-Rail Vehicles or Rail Vehicles that do not reliably operate track circuits.



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All Concerned

Using Standing Train Protection is a Work on Track Method and must be used in accordance with the procedure *[NP06 - Using Standing Train Protection]*.

Using Standing Train Protection must not be used where a form of Work on Track Authority can be implemented.

To meet the requirements of rule *[WT06 - Standing Train Protection]*, you must use the standing train protection:

- to create a safe place, or
- to protect workers or worksites.

The limits of the protection must only be the limit of authority held by the stopped rail traffic.

A Competent Worker can work alone under the Standing Train Protection.

If the rail traffic is unattended Standing Train Protection must be cancelled before any worker can board.

WT06 - 3.0 Activities Allowed

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You must only use Standing Train Protection for the following activities:

- track maintenance activities where the track will not be made unsafe, or
- track maintenance inspections, or
- adjacent track protection.



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WT06 - 4.0 Protecting a Worksite

Track Protection Officer

You must only use Standing Train Protection when authority from the Rail Controller is provided.

Before any work commences, you must inform the Rail Controller the:

- details of the work to be undertaken, and
- location of the work in accordance with the procedure *[NP09 – Using Identification and Verification of Location]*, and
- stopping location of the rail traffic.

Rail Controller

Before providing a proceed authority, you must:

- confirm the details of the worksite with the Track Protection Officer in accordance with the procedure *[NP09 – Using Identification and Verification of Location]*,
- inform the Rail Traffic Crew about the stopping location.

You must inform the Track Protection Officer when the rail traffic has entered the track section.

WT06 - 5.0 Securing Rail Traffic

Rail Traffic Crew

Once the rail traffic has arrived at the stopping location, you must stop as directed by the Track Protection Officer and secure the rail traffic against movement.

Track Protection Officer

You must:

- obtain assurance from the Rail Traffic Crew that the rail traffic will not move until told that work is complete; and
- apply a lockout device to the rail traffic.



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Rail Controller

If requested by the Track Protection Officer, you must issue a restrain order to the Rail Traffic Crew.

Rail Traffic Crew

You must not move unless:

- directed by the Track Protection Officer, and
- the Standing Train Protection order has been cancelled.

WT06 - 6.0 Completion of Work

Track Protection Officer

On completion of the work, you must:

- make sure that workers and equipment are clear of the track and are in a safe place, and
- inform the Rail Traffic Crew that the work is complete, and
- remove the lockout device, if fitted
- inform the Rail Controller:
 - the work is complete, and
 - of any restrictions that may apply.

Rail Controller

You must

- inform the Rail Traffic Crew of any restrictions that may apply, and
- confirm the limits of the proceed authority to the Rail Traffic Crew.

Rail Traffic Crew

You must confirm the proceed authority limit with the Rail Controller before moving.



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WT06 - 7.0 Record Keeping

Rail Controller

You must make a record of the Standing Train Protection when authorised by the Rail Controller on the rail control diagram.

WT06 - 8.0 Related Documents

Rule *[WT01 – Planning Work in the Rail Network]*

Rule *[WT06 – Standing Train Protection]*

Procedure *[NP06 – Using Standing Train Protection]*

Procedure *[NP08 – Securing Points]*

Procedure *[NP09 – Using Identification and Verification of Location]*

Procedure *[NP10 – Protecting Work from Rail Traffic on Adjacent Track]*

Procedure *[NP15 – Protecting Level Crossings]*

Procedure *[NP21 – Using Three Step Protection]*

WT06 - 9.0 Effective Date

08 December 2022