

Rail Notice

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When railway cars are to be moved by a winch / capstan / vehicle utilizing a cable and hook arrangement, the cable hook must only be applied to the approved hook attachment location on the rail car.

HOPPER, CENTER BEAM, FLAT and OTHER RAILWAY CARS

Rail cars with approved hook attachment locations have marked hook cut outs as part of the car body, e.g “pull here”. If there are no approved attachment points the car can only be moved by a locomotive, rail car mover, or other vehicle equipped with an approved coupler.



TANK CARS

Tank cars do not have approved hook locations and can only be moved by a locomotive, rail car mover or other vehicle equipped with an approved coupler.



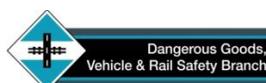
When moving cars with approved hook locations the following recommendations apply:

1. Cars are not to be moved over a public crossing at grade.
2. Partial handbrakes should be applied to control/retard the movement.
3. Care must be taken to avoid wheel slide on cars with handbrakes partially applied to protect from wheel tread damage such as skidding which can lead to wheel change out.
4. Personnel must protect movements by riding the B-end side ladder of the trailing car in the direction of movement in a position where they can apply additional handbrake force if required to control and/or stop the movement.
5. The pulling device and hook must be periodically inspected to ensure there is no degradation.
6. The pulling device and hook shall be of sufficient strength to ensure the safe movement of cars.
7. Two way derails must be installed to ensure any unintended movement does not foul the service provider track.
8. The winch must only function when the operator holds down the power button.

NOTE:

- A risk assessment must be conducted by the operating crew prior to making any movement of rail cars with a winch / capstan / vehicle utilizing a cable and hook arrangement.
- Wheels must not be skidded.

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