ETP-03-01 Inspection of Points and Crossings: Procedure

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TURNOUT DETAILED INSPECTION – HOUSED POINTS

Location:	Turnout Number:	Equipment No.:	Kilometrage:
Inspector Name:	Date:	Work Order:	Track:

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ELEMENT	MEASURE	COMMENT	CONDITION		RESPONSE	
Component Damage			Any component loose, missing or broken.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
Track geometry, Pumping			5 – 20 mm	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
in Critical Areas			20 mm or more	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
			Visible deterioration	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
Track Geometry, Overall Condition			Single Measured defect	-	ETS-05-00 5.4 table 5-15	
			Multiple measured defects	-	ETS-05-00 5.4 table 5-15	
			1	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
Bearers and Fasteners, Ineffective in Critical Areas			2 consecutive	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired	
			> 2 consecutive	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
			< 20% loose clips, screws or spikes, timbers degraded	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
Bearers and Fasteners, Overall Condition			Pads and insulators skewed some fasteners missing 1 in 4 timbers deteriorating	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
			> 50% loose clips, screws or spikes, 1 in 3 timbers degraded missing fasteners	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
Pollast condition and			Fines on surface. Ballast shoulder reduced.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
Ballast, condition and profile			Trapped moisture, mud and track pumping. Ballast low, ends of multiple bearers visible.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
			Ballast < 25 mm from moving parts. Ballast loose on sleepers.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
Ballast, Excess			Ballast touching moving parts or ballast obstructing inspection of fasteners. Ballast fallen into trough.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	



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ELEMENT	MEASURE	COMMENT	CONDITION		RESPONSE
			Any of below		
			Misalignment at heel		
			Signs of rail movement		
Rail, Creep			Blade up out of square.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair
			Greater than 15 mm clearance of moving drive locking and detection equipment from fixed parts.		
			Anti creep device not correctly positioned for current rail temp		
			Irregular contact band.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair
Rail, Condition			Minor RCF, wheel burns or top / side wear. Evidence of bent rail.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair
			Severe RCF likely to interfere with Ultrasonic testing. Advanced wear. Corrugations. Other rail defects requiring a response.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair
Rail, Remaining Head Height			35mm to 26 mm	A7	Routine scheduled inspection
			24 to 26 mm and without defect per Section 1 Rail	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair
			Head height defect	-	Section 1 Rail

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			85 mm to < 95 mm	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
Switch Opening, actual	LEFT		80 mm to < 85 mm	A2	20 km/h TSR until repaired	
	RIGHT		< 80 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
			≥ 1456 mm	-	Assess as per ETS-05-00 Table 5-15	
			1445 mm to < 1456 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
Track gauge (at the switch			1430 mm to < 1445 mm	A7	Routine scheduled inspection	
tip)			1427 mm to < 1430 mm	A4	60/65 km/h TSR until repaired	
			1425 mm to < 1427 mm	A2	20 km/h TSR until repaired	
			< 1425 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
Back of switch blade to	LEFT			1360 mm to < 1365 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
opposite switch gauge			1365 mm to < 1370 mm	A2	20 km/h TSR until repaired	
face at tip	RIGHT		≥ 1370 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
	LEFT		1370 mm to < 1380 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
Back of switch blade to opposite switch blade at			1380 mm to < 1390 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired	
supplementary drive or stretcher, measurement	RIGHT		1390 mm to < 1400 mm	A2	20 km/h TSR until repaired	
Stretcher, measurement			> 1400 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
Throat Opening (Back of	LEFT		≥ 40 mm	A7	Routine scheduled inspection	
switch blade to stock rail at	LEFI		35 mm to < 40 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired	
the junction of heads)	RIGHT		< 35 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
	LEFT					
Switch blade and stock rail condition, metal flow		-	1 mm or more flow	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
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ELEMENT	MEASURE	COMMENT	CONDITION		RESPONSE ACTION
Switch blade and stock rail condition, surface	LEFT		Visible damage, breakout of cracks, moderate to severe RCF and head checking	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
condition	RIGHT	7			
Switch Alignment	LEFT	_	Bends evident, possible previous repair. Gap to switch stops and/or gap switch blade to stock rail through (excepting toe) 5 -10 mm.	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
	RIGHT		Bent, gaps greater 10 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
	LEFT		1 mm to 3 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
Switch blade closed gap			>3 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
	RIGHT				
	LEFT		3 mm to < 4 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
Switch width at the tip, conventional only			> 4 mm to < 5 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
	RIGHT		5 mm or more	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
Switch height at the tip,	LEFT		> 10 mm to < 12 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
measured using ARTC switch tip gauge,			> 8 mm to < 10 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
conventional only	RIGHT		8 mm or less	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
Switch height at the tip,	LEFT		> 12 mm to < 13 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
measured with ruler, conventional only	RIGHT	_	12 mm or less	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
			2 mm to > 1 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
Switch Tip Wheel Clearance, undercut only	LEFT		1 mm to > 0 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
Clearance, undercut offly	RIGHT	1	0 mm or less	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
			100 mm to < 200 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
Switch blade damage	LEFT		> 200 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
	RIGHT				

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ELEMENT	MEASURE	COMMENT	CONDITION		RESPONSE ACTION
	LEFT		≤ 22	A7	Routine scheduled inspection
Stock rail or switch blade gauge wear face angle			>22 to < 26	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
g	RIGHT		26 or greater	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
					80/90 km/h TSR until repaired
Fixed and pivot heel	LEFT		Cracked	A4/A3	Heavy Haul 40 km/h TSR until repaired
blocks	RIGHT		Broken but still effective	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
	RIGHT		Missing/Broken and ineffective	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
					60/65 km/h TSR until repaired
Fixed and pivot heel blocks, bolts	LEFT	Missing/ineffective ≤ 2	A4/A3	Heavy Haul 40 km/h TSR until repaired	
			Missing/ineffective 3	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
	RIGHT		Missing/ineffective >3	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
Anti creep device including	LEFT		Loose cracked but effective.	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
bolts	RIGHT		Missing/Broken and ineffective	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
			1 only - Cracked/loose	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
	LEFT				60/65 km/h TSR until repaired
Rail brace/chair, slide plates and rollers.		1 only - Broken/Ineffective	A4/A3	Heavy Haul 40 km/h TSR until repaired	
	DIGHT		2 consecutive - cracked / loose / broken / ineffective	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
		> 2 consecutive - cracked / loose / broken / ineffective	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	



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ELEMENT	MEASURE	COMMENT	CONDITION		RESPONSE ACTION
			1 only - Cracked/loose	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
	LEFT				60/65 km/h TSR until repaired
Switch Stops			1 only - Broken/Ineffective A		Heavy Haul 40 km/h TSR until repaired
	RIGHT		2 consecutive - cracked / loose / broken / ineffective	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
			> 2 consecutive - cracked / loose / broken / ineffective	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
Spreader ber			Loose fastenings or worn insulators	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
Spreader bar			Missing/broken	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
Switch Blade Support	LEFT		Gaps up to >2mm through blade or >1mm at drive points	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
	RIGHT				

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HOUSED POINTS INPSECT	HOUSED POINTS INPSECTION (ONLY WHERE APPLICABLE)					
ELEMENT	MEASURE	COMMENT	CONDTION		RESPONSE	
			> 50 mm	A4	60/65 km/h TSR until repaired	
Checkrail flangeway and			48 mm to 50 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
housing flangeway			42 mm to 47 mm	A7	Routine scheduled inspection	
clearance			40 mm to 41 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
			< 40 mm	A4	60/65 km/h TSR until repaired	
			32 mm to 35 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
Top of housing above checkrail			36 mm to 37 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired	
			> 37 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
Vertical clearance between Switch tip and Housing			< 3 mm	A6	Increase monitoring, raise known condition and plan rectification.	
			85 mm to < 95 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
Switch toe to stock rail open throw dimension			80 mm to < 85 mm	A2	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
			< 80 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
Width of housing			< 140 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
			1360 mm to < 1365 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
Flare at end of housing and check rail			1365 mm to < 1370 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired	
			≥ 1370 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	



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FIXED V CROSSING INPSECTION						
ELEMENT	MEASURE	E COMMENT CONDITION		RESPONSE		
			≥ 1443 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
			> 1440 mm to < 1443 mm	A4	60/65 km/h TSR until repaired	
	LEFT V1		> 1438 mm to 1440 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
Track gauge (at the crossing nose)			> 1430 mm to 1438 mm	A7	Routine scheduled inspection	
			> 1427 mm to 1430 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
	RIGHT V1		> 1425 mm to 1427 mm	A4	60/65 km/h TSR until repaired	
			1425 mm and less	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
			≥ 1400 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
	LEFT V1		1398 mm to < 1400 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired	
			1396 mm to < 1398 mm	A4	60/65 km/h TSR until repaired	
			1389 mm to < 1396 mm	A7	Routine scheduled inspection	
Check Rail Effectiveness	RIGHT V1	7	1386 mm to < 1389 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
			1384 mm to < 1386 mm	A4	60/65 km/h TSR until repaired	
			1382 mm to < 1384 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired	
			< 1382 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
			15 mm to 20 mm width	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
Crossing nose break width	V1		20 mm to 25 mm width	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired	
			> 25 mm wide	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
Crossing nose condition, metal flow	V1		1 mm or more flow	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
Crossing nose condition, batter/ hollow	V1		2 mm or more hollow / severe	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
Crossing nose condition, surface condition	V1		Pieces 3mm or more across have fallen from surface	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	



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ELEMENT	MEASURE	COMMENT	CONDITION	RESPO	DNSE		
			No cracks	A7	Routine scheduled inspection		
			Noncritical	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair		
Crossing Cracks	V1		Critical	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair		
			Fully (not affecting the running surface)	A4	60/65 km/h TSR until repaired		
			Fully (affecting the running surface)	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired		
	LEFT V1		Visible evidence of flange tips running in dirt.	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair		
Crossing flangeway	RIGHT V1		Flangeway obstructed (with ballast etc) or evidence of flange tip running on steel work	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired		
					60/65 km/h TSR until repaired		
Crossing spacer blocks	V1	Cracked	A4/A3	Heavy Haul 40 km/h TSR until repaired			
			Broken but still effective	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired		
			Missing/Broken and ineffective	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired		
		Single or multiple bolts loose yet effective	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair			
					60/65 km/h TSR until repaired		
Crossing spacer blocks, bolts	V1		Missing/ineffective ≤2	A4/A3	Heavy Haul 40 km/h TSR until repaired		
		Missing/ineffective 3	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired			
			Missing/ineffective >3	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired		
Wing rail vertical wear	LEFT V1		5 mm to 10 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair		
Wing fail vertical wear	RIGHT V1		>10 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired		
Wing Rail Condition, metal	LEFT V1		1 mm or more flow	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair		
flow	RIGHT V1			AO	increase monitoring. Phontise repair		
	LEFT V1			A6			
Wing Rail Condition, surface condition	RIGHT V1		Pieces 3mm or more across have fallen from surface		Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair		

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ELEMENT	MEASURE	COMMENT	CONDITION	RESPO	DNSE
			1360 mm to < 1365 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
Wing Rail flare	LEFT V1		1365 mm to < 1370 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
	RIGHT V1		≥ 1370 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
			>49 mm	A4	60/65 km/h TSR until repaired
	LEFT V1		48 mm to 49 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
Check rail flangeway			40 mm to < 48 mm	A7	Routine scheduled inspection
	DIGUT VA		38 mm to < 40 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
	RIGHT V1		< 38 mm	A4	60/65 km/h TSR until repaired
			1360 mm to < 1365 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
Check rail flare	LEFT V1		1365 mm to < 1370 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
	RIGHT V1		≥ 1370 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
	V1				60/65 km/h TSR until repaired
Check rail spacer blocks			Cracked	A4/A3	Heavy Haul 40 km/h TSR until repaired
·			Broken but still effective	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
			Missing/Broken and ineffective	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
Check rail spacer blocks, bolts					60/65 km/h TSR until repaired
	V1	Missing/ineffective ≤2	A4/A3	Heavy Haul 40 km/h TSR until repaired	
	V 1		Missing/ineffective 3	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
			Missing/ineffective >3 or missing end bolt in check rail.	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired