

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

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DETAILED INSPECTION – Catch Point

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

OVERVIEW INSPECTION These tasks apply generically to all points and crossings assemblies						
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	
Ballast, condition and profile			Fines on surface. Ballast shoulder reduced.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
			Trapped moisture, mud and track pumping. Ballast low, ends of multiple bearers visible.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
Ballast, Excess			Ballast < 25 mm from moving parts. Ballast loose on sleepers.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	
			Ballast touching moving parts or ballast obstructing inspection of fasteners. Ballast fallen into trough.	A6	Increase monitoring, prioritise repair	



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			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			80 mm to < 85 mm	A2	20 km/h TSR until repaired
			< 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			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			≥ 1370 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
Deale of excitate blacks			1370 mm to < 1380 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
opposite switch blade at			1380 mm to < 1390 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
supplementary drive or			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			≥ 40 mm	A7	Routine scheduled inspection
switch blade to stock rail at			35 mm to < 40 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
the junction of heads)			< 35 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
Switch blade and stock rail condition, metal flow			1 mm or more flow	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
Switch blade and stock rail condition, surface condition			Visible damage, breakout of cracks, moderate to severe RCF and head checking	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair



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Switch Alianment			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
			Bent, gaps greater 10 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
			1 mm to 3 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
Switch blade closed gap			>3 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
			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
			5 mm or more	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
Switch height at the tip,			> 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			8 mm or less	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
Switch height at the tip.			> 12 mm to < 13 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
measured with ruler, conventional only			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			1 mm to > 0 mm	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired
			0 mm or less	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
Switch blade damage			100 mm to < 200 mm	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
			> 200 mm	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
			≤ 22	A7	Routine scheduled inspection
Stock rail or switch blade			>22 to < 26	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
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					80/90 km/h TSR until repaired	
Fixed and pivot heel			Cracked	A4/A3	Heavy Haul 40 km/h TSR until repaired	
DIOCKS			Broken but still effective	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired	
			Missing/Broken and ineffective	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
					60/65 km/h TSR until repaired	
Fixed and pivot heel			Missing/ineffective ≤ 2	A4/A3	Heavy Haul 40 km/h TSR until repaired	
DIOCKS, DOITS			Missing/ineffective 3	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired	
			Missing/ineffective >3	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired	
Anti creep device including			Loose cracked but effective.	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
bolts			Missing/Broken and ineffective	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
			1 only - Cracked/loose	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
					60/65 km/h TSR until repaired	
Rail brace/chair, slide			1 only - Broken/Ineffective	A4/A3	Heavy Haul 40 km/h TSR until repaired	
plates and rollers.			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	
			1 only - Cracked/loose	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair	
Switch Stops					60/65 km/h TSR until repaired	
			1 only - Broken/Ineffective	A4/A3	Heavy Haul 40 km/h TSR until repaired	
			2 consecutive - cracked / loose / broken / ineffective	A3	40 km/h TSR until repaired	
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Spreader bar			Loose fastenings or worn insulators	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair
			Missing/broken	A1	10 km/h TSR until repaired
Switch Blade Support			Gaps up to >2mm through blade or >1mm at drive points	A6	Increase monitoring. Prioritise repair

POINTS INSPECTION						
ELEMENT	MEASURE	COMMENT	CONDITION		RESPONSE ACTION	
Condition of through off rail (if applicable)						
Condition of ramp						
Condition of landing area						