

AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD

Engineering (Track & Civil) Instruction

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Trip Gear – Track Magnets (XPT & Explorer Trains)

Applicability

ARTC Network Wide	Western Jurisdiction		New South Wales	✓	Victoria		
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Audience	Main Points	Change History	
Corridor/Delivery Managers	Location of Trip Gear Magnets	Amended version of RailCorp	
Team Managers	Track Magnets and signage are inspected in	CTN 05/15	
Work Group Leaders	conjunction with Track Patrol		
Project/Delivery Engineers	Track Magnets and fastenings to be examined six		
Engineering Compliance Managers	monthly		

XPT and Explorer trains have been fitted with train stop trip gear for operation in the Metropolitan area.

To minimise the operating of the trip gear outside the train stop area, an induction system to raise and lower the trip gear using rack magnets has been installed with appropriate signage at points entering the metropolitan network.

Handling Precautions

Staff with pacemakers MUST NOT work on or approach this magnetic equipment.
Staff with hearing aids MUST NOT place hearing aids within 125mm of the magnet.
Staff should remove wallets, watches etc before working with magnets.

A very strong magnetic field occurs around these magnets.

Bringing electronic watches or equipment (Laptops, etc) credit cards/passes etc with magnetic strips to within 300mm of the magnets will result in the data being destroyed irrespective of the exposure time.

Exposures in the 300mm to 600mm range from the magnets will not result in the data being immediately destroyed, but should also be avoided.

Location of Track Magnets on ARTC Property:

North Islington Jct 164.544 – 164.593 on the Up and Down Main

These Track Magnets are maintained by RailCorp.

Damaged equipment should be reported to RailCorp.

Discussions are in progress to remove these from ARTC territory.

DateJohn Cowie, Manager Standards
08 May 2007



List of RailCorp Magnet Locations

South Macarthur		City end of structure 56+859, 56.857km to 56.897km Up and Down Main South	
West Lithgow		156.800 km to 156.840 on the Up and Down Main West.	
North	Islington Jct	164.544 – 164.593 on the Up and Down Main (Note this is outside RailCorp boundaries)	
Illawarra	Moss Vale Line	90.931 - 90.948km Single line	
	Kiama - Nowra	vra 120.610-120.647km Illawarra Single Line	
Metro	XPT & Xplorer Centres at Sydenham, Eveleigh and Broadmeadow have South magnets installed at departure roads ensuring the trip arm is lowered on vehicles as they leave the maintenance centre		