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Authorising Rail Traffic to Pass an Absolute Signal at STOP

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Introduction

Drivers or *track vehicle operators* and *Signallers* use a specific form of words to make sure that *Train Crews* and *track vehicle crews* get and understand the authority to pass an *absolute signal* at STOP.

Passing an absolute signal at STOP

Driver or track vehicle operator

1. Give the signaller:
 - the identification of the *train* or *track vehicle*, and
 - the signal number, *location* or designation.

Signaller

2. Give the Driver or track vehicle operator authority to pass the signal at STOP in accordance with Rule *OTSG 608 Passing signals at STOP*.
3. Say:

"Driver of (*train number* or *track vehicle number*), this is Signaller at (your location).

You are *authorised* to pass signal (signal number), and to proceed to (name of location)."
4. Give the Driver or track vehicle operator additional instructions, and information about the condition of the *block* ahead, as necessary.

Driver or track vehicle operator

5. Say:

"Signaller at (location), this is Driver of (train number or track vehicle number).

I am authorised to pass signal (signal number), and to proceed to (name of location)."
6. Repeat the Signaller's additional instructions back to the Signaller.



Signaller

7. Acknowledge that the Driver or track vehicle operator has repeated the authority and the instructions correctly.

Driver or track vehicle operator

8. Wait for the Signaller's acknowledgment that the authority and the instructions have been repeated correctly.

Examples

In the following example, the Driver of train (run number 29-J) is authorised by the Signaller at Sydenham to pass signal number SM675, and instructed to report the condition of the block.

Driver of 29-J	"Signaller at Sydenham, this is Driver of train 29-J. I am standing at signal SM675, which is at STOP."
Signaller at Sydenham	"Driver of train 29-J, this is Signaller at Sydenham. The last train to enter the block was 132L, and it has arrived complete at Campsie. You are authorised to pass signal SM675 and proceed to the next signal. Obey that signal indication and report the condition of the block. Read back the authorisation."
Driver of 29-J	"Signaller at Sydenham, train 29-J is authorised to pass signal SM675. I am to obey the next signal indication, and report the condition of the block."
Signaller at Sydenham	"Driver of train 29-J, correct."



In the following example, the Driver of train 29-J is given information about what is known about the condition of the block at the time, and authorised to pass signal number SM675.

Driver of 29-J	"Signaller at Sydenham, this is Driver of train 29-J. I am standing at signal SM675, which is at STOP."
Signaller at Sydenham	"Driver of train 29-J, this is Signaller at Sydenham. The last train to enter the block was 132L, which has arrived complete at Campsie. The line ahead has been reported clear. You are authorised to pass signal SM675. Proceed to the next signal and obey the next signal indication. Read back the authorisation."
Driver of 29-J	"Signaller at Sydenham, train 29-J is authorised to pass signal SM675. I am to proceed to the next signal and obey the next signal indication."
Signaller at Sydenham	"Driver of train 29-J, correct."

Related OTHR Network Procedures

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