

Recommendation Status Report



Report Title	Collision with buffer stops at King's Cross
Report Number	15/2016
Date of Incident	17/09/2015

Rec No.	Status	RAIB Concern	Recommendation	RAIB Summary of current status
15/2016/01	Implemented	None	<p>The intent of this recommendation is to reduce the risk of accidents arising from errors by inexperienced drivers.</p> <p>Govia Thameslink Railway should review its arrangements for managing trainee drivers, to minimise the risks that may arise from errors associated with inexperience. The review should include consideration of:</p> <p>the stage of training at which new drivers are permitted to drive on higher-risk sections of route, such as the approach to buffer stops;</p> <p>the amount and type of training, and experience, necessary for trainee drivers to achieve competence in other circumstances in which they may need to respond quickly to events, or otherwise act in a timely manner, such as sounding the warning horn, entering occupied platforms, and drawing up to other vehicles and obstructions; and</p> <p>additional measures to enhance trainees' familiarity with train controls before first driving trains in passenger service (eg the greater use of simulators and/or practice on trains in sidings).</p> <p>Govia Thameslink Railway should then put in place a programme for the implementation of any reasonably practicable measures for improvement that are identified during the review (paragraphs 90a, 90b and 90c).</p> <p>This recommendation may also apply to other train operating companies.</p>	<p>ORR has reported that Network Rail has reported that it has completed actions taken in response to this recommendation. ORR proposes to take no further action unless they become aware that the information provided becomes inaccurate.</p>
15/2016/02	Implemented	None	<p>The intent of this recommendation is to improve the quality of the training given to new drivers by driver instructors on GTR, to reduce the risk of accidents and incidents</p>	<p>ORR has reported that Network Rail has reported that it has</p>

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		<p>occurring during training.</p> <p>Govia Thameslink Railway should review the selection, training and management of its driver instructors, to improve the quality of training delivered to drivers. The review should draw on the guidance in RSSB publication RS/100 'Good practice guide on competence development' and ORR publication RSP1 'Developing and maintaining staff competence', and include:</p> <p>the criteria for selection of individuals to act as driver instructors;</p> <p>the training given to driver instructors on methods of teaching, the supervision and mentoring of trainees, and development of non- technical skills; and</p> <p>how the competence of driver instructors is assessed, with particular reference to the ability to teach, and possible techniques for assessment, including assessment from the driving seat.</p> <p>The management arrangements should be updated with relevant findings from this review (paragraphs 90b, 90c, 91a and 91b).</p> <p>This recommendation may also apply to other train operating companies.</p>	<p>completed actions taken in response to this recommendation. ORR proposes to take no further action unless they become aware that the information provided becomes inaccurate.</p>
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