



Course 202: Inspection and Maintenance of Switches and Derails

Module 1: Overview and Safety

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Consortium members tour GCRTA rail maintenance facility in Cleveland during one of the courseware development meetings

Participating Locations	
Agency	Union
Amtrak	BRS
BART	SEIU 1021
CATS	
CMTA	
GCRTA	ATU 268
LACMTA	ATU 1277
LIRR	BRS
MBTA	IBEW 103
Metra	BRS
Metro North	ACRE
MetroTransit	ATU 1005
NFTA	ATU 1342
NJTransit	IBEW/BRS
NCTD	
PATCO	IBT 676
SacRT	IBEW 1245
San Diego MTS	IBEW 265
SEPTA	TWU 234
TriMet	ATU 757


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Inspection and Maintenance of Switches and Derails

Outline

- Identify trip, slip and fall hazards related to inspection and maintenance of switches and derails
- Identify pinch points related to inspection and maintenance of switches and derails
- Describe how to manually throw a switch
- Demonstrate ability to utilize secondary protection in order to stop switch from being thrown

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- Describe procedures for working in electrified territory
- Identify proper PPE to be used during inspection and maintenance of switches and derails
- Identify and describe tools specific to inspection and maintenance of switches and derails
- List Tests Mandated by the FRA
- List pertinent timing for each test (monthly, quarterly, etc) as per your authority
- Demonstrate ability to complete proper documentation

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Key Terms

Activity: In your course book, circle any key terms you feel you need to learn better.

Example:

- Obstruction Test


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Recall

Thinking back to previous knowledge or course work, what do you already know about safe inspection and maintenance for switches?

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Safety in Electrified Territory


- Perform Lockout/Tagout
- Discharge capacitors
- Contact proper authority when needed
- Use tools with proper insulation
- If power cannot be removed
 - Keeping a pre-determined clearance
 - Wrapping the third rail

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Safety in Electrified Territory



- The third rail must be considered energized (LIVE) at all times.
- The cover board over the third rail **MUST NEVER** be used as a walkway, step or a ledge on which to place tools or other items.

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