



# ***EAST COAST RAILROADERS GROUP***

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## **Bulletin Order # 102720 Additions to ECRG Rulebook 09-25-2020**

The following rules are to be added to the ECRG Rulebook 09-25-2020

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## **Rule 402(b)**

Seat (lap) belts: On open (no cab) track cars. seat belts are optional. On semi enclosed track cars With easy Ingress/egress. (Example: Fairmont M-9, M-19. MT-19 etc.) seatbelts are optional but recommended.

On all Hi Rails, large, (Fairmont A-4 size) or enclosed cars (Fairmont MT-14 size and larger) or any track car without easy ingress/egress (example: Wooding's with doors closed), seat belts for all occupants are required.

All operators and passengers must be belted during operations above 5 mph. Cars not originally equipped with seat belts must be equipped with automotive style seat lap belts bolted to frame members of the car by a minimum of 3/8" diameter steel bolts and one-inch diameter washers. Lap belts for 1-3 people are permissible provided they are of sufficient strength and design to keep people In their seat during a rollover.

## **Rule 438(b)**

When slowing down and or stopping, all operators shall remain vigilant regarding the rate of deceleration of the car ahead as well as the car following behind.

The car following shall acknowledge the slowdown/stop signal (flag or brake lights) of the car ahead by either displaying their own flag and/or brake lights visible to BOTH the car ahead AND the car behind or by two short whistle or horn blasts. If the convoy Is stopped, the slowing cars are to approach the stopped cars at slow speed, leaving 5-6 car lengths between themselves and the car ahead UNTIL the following car has acknowledged their slow/stop signal AND Is observed to be slowing down.

If the following car does not acknowledge the slow/stop signal OR is not slowing down, all occupants of the forward car are to vacate their car Immediately and remaining clear of the track and walk toward the unresponsive following car using flags, lights and anything else to get their attention to avoid a collision.

If you are the operator of a track car that cannot stop In time due to a stuck throttle, broken brakes or any other defect, you must do whatever It takes to stop your car (Shift in neutral, turn key/engine off, etc.) and notify those ahead of you of your inability to stop.

## **Rule 441 (b).**

Between October 1 and February 1, and as necessary at Other times, all operations on downgrades exceeding .5% shall be limited to 10 mph or less and all track cars shall maintain a distance of 200 feet (five, 39 ft. rail lengths) or more, from the car ahead. Operators shall test their brakes and rail adhesion conditions frequently, and

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adjust their speed accordingly. In cases of extreme rail slickness, operators shall run at 'walking speed' (1-2 mph).

The use of granular sand ONLY is permitted on upgrade and downgrade operation.

The use of "Kitty Litter" or similar material that forms a slime when wet is prohibited.