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List of Acronyms and Abbreviations for Railways (LAAR)
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Obsolete terminology is shown in grey, where the status is known.

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In general, the UK term “railway” is used rather than the US term “railroad”.

3G – 3rd Generation Mobile Phone
4GL – Fourth Generation Language

– A –

AAR – Association of American Railroads
AB – Absolute Block (system of working)
ABCL – Automatic Barrier Crossing Locally monitored
ABCR – Automatic Barrier Crossing Remotely monitored
ADIF – Spanish Infrastructure Manager
AHB – Automatic half barrier crossing
AHQ – (British Transport Police) Area Headquarters
ALARP – As low as reasonably practicable
ALCRAM – All Level Crossing Risk Assessment Model
AM – Amplitude Modulation
AOA – Angel Of Attack
AOCL – Automatic Open Crossing Locally monitored
AOCR – Automatic Open Crossing Remotely monitored
ARS – Automatic Route Setting
ASLEF – Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.
ASPER – ASset PERformance database
AT – (1) Auto Transformer (supply)
AT – (2) Auto Transformer
ATA – Automatic Track Alignment
ATC – Automatic Train Control
ATCO – Association of Transport Co-ordinating Offices
ATM – Amended Timetable Manager
ATO – Automatic Train Operation
ATOC – Association of Train Operating Companies
ATP – Automatic Train Protection
ATPM – Automatic Train Protection Manual

ATR – (1) Automatic Train Reporting
ATR – (2) Automatic Train Regulation
ATS – (1) Automatic Train Stop
ATS – (2) Automatic Train Supervision
ATS – (3) Applicable Timetable Service
ATSS – Automatic Train Supervision System
ATT – Active Tilting Train
ATTA – Automatic Track Top and Alignment
ATWS – Automatic Track Warning System
AVACS – Aire Valley Control System
AVB – Automatic Vacuum Brake
AVI – Automatic Vehicle Identification
AWB – Advance Warning Board
AWE – Advance Warning Estimates
AWG – Adhesion Working Group
AWS – (1) Automatic Warning System
AWS – (2) Auxiliary Wayside System
AWS – (3) Audible Warning System

– B –

b – braking rate (abbreviation)
B/C – Benefit to Cost Ratio
BAA – British Airports Authority
BABT – British Approval Board for Telecommunications
BACS – Banking Automated Credit System
Baneverket – Swedish infrastructure manager
BATS – Business Analysis of Train Services
BBEST – Balfour Beatty Embedded Slab Track
BBRM – Balfour Beatty Rail Maintenance Ltd. (formerly SIE)
BBRPL – Balfour Beatty Rail Projects Ltd.
BBRR – Balfour Beatty Rail Renewals
BCA – Business Critical Application (IT term)
BCC – Banking Control Account
BCK – Brake Composite Corridor

BCRRE – Birmingham Centre for Railway Research and Education	BSPG – Business Systems Policy Group: an RTIS authorising body
BCU – Brake Control Unit	BST – (1) Basic Signalling Technology
BCWS – Budgeted Cost of Work Scheduled	BST – (2) British Summer Time
BDM – (1) Business Development Manager	BT – Booster Transformer
BDM – (2) Business Development Manual	BTA – British Transport Advertising
BFK – Brake First Corridor	BTOG – British Transport Officers' Guild
BFO – Brake First Open	BTP – British Transport Police
BH–RAIL – Bull Head Rail Section	BTS - Base Transceiver Station
BHX – Bank Holiday eXcepted	BZP – Bright Zinc Plating
BIFS – Billing Infrastructure Freight System	
BMB – Block marker board	– C –
BMIS – Business Management Information System	C&W – Carriage and Wagon
BMS – Basic Mechanical Signalling	C/E – Country End
BNC – British National Connector	C2C – Commercial Name for London Tilbury and Southend lines
BOP – Booking On Point	CA – (1) CAble,
BP – (1) Brake Pipe	CA – (2) Commercial Assistant,
BP – (2) British Petroleum	CA – (3) Cash Accounts
BP – (3) Business Plan	CAD – Computer Aided Design
BPA – (1) Business Planning Accountant	CAG – (1) Contract Approval Group
BPA – (2) Business Planning Analysis	CAG – (2) Crossrail Project Compliance & Assurance Group
BPM – Business Process Manual	CAHA – Claims Allocation and Handling Agreement (see also RIDRR)
BPR – Business Policy Review group: an RTIS body	CAMPS – Computer Assisted Maintenance Planning System
BR – (1) British Railways	CAMS – Cost Allocation Management System
BR – (2) British Rail	CAPE – (1) Train Cancelled, derived from former Telegraph Code
BRASS – British Railways Additional Superannuation Scheme	CAPE – (2) Computer Aided Project Engineering
BRB – British Railways Board	CAPEX – CAPital EXPenditure – funds spent on fixed assets
BRBS – British Railways Business Systems (former BR equivalent of RTIS)	CAPM – Capital Asset Pricing Model
BRENDA – BRidge ENgineer Data, computer system	CAPP – Confirmed Annual Possession Plan
BRG – Business Review Group	CAPS – Colchester Area Power Supplies
BRI – British Rail International	CAR – Corrective Action Request
BRIMS – British Rail Incident Monitoring System	CARINO – TOPS (Total Operations Processing System) wagon number
BRIS – British Rail Infrastructure Services	CARKND – TOPS (Total Operations Processing System) wagon type
BRP – Budget Reporting Pack	CAT – Cable Avoiding Tool
BRR – British Rail Research	CATP – Continuous ATP
BRS – Business Route Section	CATE – Computer Assisted Train Enquiries
BRSA – British Rail Staff Association	CB – (1) Central Battery
BRT – British Rail Telecommunications, now known as RACAL	CB – (2) Circuit Breaker
BRV - Brake Release Valve (LUL)	CB – (3) Car body, carriage body
BS – British Standard	CBA – Cost Benefit Analysis
BS spec – British Standards specification	CBCT – Communications Based Train Control
BS&TE – Business Signal & Telecommunications Engineer	CBI – (1) Confederation of British Industry
BSC – Base Station Controller	CBI – (2) Computer Based Interlocking
BSK – Brake Second Corridor	CBS – Contract Breakdown Structure
BSN – Bridge Strike Nominee (see Bridge Bash / Strike)	CBTC – Communication Based Train Control
BSO – Brake Second Open	
BSP – Bulk Supply Point	

CCA – Current Cost Accounting	CITDS – Construction Industry Tax Deduction Scheme
CCF – Control Centre of the Future	CITR – Centre for Independent Transport Research (London)
CCI – Confirmation of Client's Instruction	CLASS 0 TRAINS – Light locomotives
CCM – Company Control Manager (EWS)	CLASS 1 TRAINS – Express passenger trains, mail trains and some emergency trains
CCS – Contract Conditions – Safety	CLASS 2 TRAINS – Stopping passenger trains
CCSC – Contractor Core Safety Case	CLASS 3 TRAINS – Express parcel trains
CCTV – Closed Circuit TeleVision	CLASS 4 TRAINS – Express freight trains – 75mph maximum speed
CCU – Core Control Unit	CLASS 5 TRAINS – Empty coaching stock trains
CD – (1) Closed Doors platform indicator	CLASS 6 TRAINS – Express freight trains – 60mph maximum speed
CD – (2) Circuit Diagramme	CLASS 7 TRAINS – Freight trains with 45mph maximum speed
CD ROM – Compact Disc Read Only Memory	CLASS 8 TRAINS – Freight trains with 35mph maximum speed and engineers' trains
CDL – Central Door Locking	CLASS 9 TRAINS – Eurostar trains
CDM – (1) The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994	CM – (1) Contracts Manager
CDM – (2) Control Duty Manager	CM – (2) Coded Manual
CDMA – Collision Detection Multiple Access	CMD – Central Materials Depot
CDNP – Cheques Drawn Not Presented	CMS – Competence Management System
CE – Contract Engineer	COA – Chart Of Accounts
CEDAC – Civil Engineering Design And Construction	CoCoSig – Command, Control and Signalling (TSI)
CEDG – Civil Engineering Design Group	CoCP – Code of Construction Practice
CEGB – Central Electricity Generating Board	COCS – Computerised Operations Control System
CENELEC – European Committee for Electro-technical Standardisation	COI – Confirmation Of verbal Instruction
CENTRO – Marketing name of West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive	COMET – Community Metro
CER – (1) Change En Route	COMPASS – COMBined Performance And Safety System
CER – (2) Community of European Railways	CoPA – Control of Pollution Act 1974
CER – (3) Communications Equipment Room	COS – Central Operating Section
CERT – City of Edinburgh Rapid Transport	COS – Client Operating System
CESM – Civil Engineering Safety Manual	COSHH – Control Of Substances Hazardous to Health 1988
CET – Controlled Emission Toilet	COSS – Controller of Site Safety
CGT – Capital Gains Tax	COT – Condition Of Track.
CH – CHiltern Railway Company	COTS – Commercial Off The Shelf equipment
CHALET – Casualties, Hazards, Access, Location, Emergency services and Time	COWD – Cost Of Work to Date
CHAPS – Clearing House Accounts Payable System	CPC – Circuit Protective Conductor
CHIP – Chemicals Hazard Information and Packaging regulations	CPD – Continuing Professional Development
CI – Contract Instruction	CPD –Capital Programmes Directorate
CIÉ – Corás Iompair Éireann, holding company of Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail)	CPFR – Crossrail Programme Functional Requirements
CILT – Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport	CPM – Codes per Minute
CIM – rules for international carriage of goods (Convention Internationale concernant le transport des marchandises par chemins de fer)	CPMG – Company Performance Management Group
CIMA – Chartered Institute of Management Accountants	CPMT – Central Project Management Team, WCML
CIMAH – Control of Industrial Major Accident Hazard	CPO – Compulsory Purchase Order
CIMU – Central Infrastructure Maintenance Unit	CPPP – Confirmed Period Possession Plan
CIP – Core Investment Programme	CPS – Crown Prosecution Service
CIS – Customer Information System	CPST – Central Project Sponsor's Team, WCML
CITB – Construction Industry Training Board	CR – Change Request

CRA – Call Routing Apparatus
CRC – Class Representative Committee
CRE – (1) Contractor’s Responsible Engineer
CRE – (2) Conductor Rail Equipment
CRG – (1) Contracts Review Group
CRG – (2) Commercial Review Group
CRL – Crossrail Ltd.
CRR – Competition & Regulatory Review
CRS – Computerised Reservation System
CRT – (1) Critical Rail Temperature
CRT – (2) Construction Round Table
CRUCC – Central Rail Users’ Consultative Committee
CSA – Cross-Sectional Area
CSAC – Candidate Special Area of Conservation
CSC – (1) Connex South Central
CSC – (2) Contractor’s Safety Case
CSDE – Correct Side Door Enable
CSE – Connex South Eastern
CSI – Common Safety Indicator
CSM – (1) Commercial Services Manager
CSM – (2) Customer Service Manager
CSM – (3) Common Safety Method
CSR – Cab Secure Radio
CST – Common Safety Target
CT – Central Trains
CTC – Centralised Traffic Control
CTOC – Crossrail Train Operating Company
CTR – Cost Time Resource
CTR1 – Channel Tunnel Route 1 (via Tonbridge)
CTR2 – Channel Tunnel Route 2 (via Maidstone)
CTR3 – Channel Tunnel Route 3 (via Redhill)
CTRL – Channel Tunnel Rail Link
CTRU – Central Track Renewals Unit
CV – Curriculum Vitae
CWG – Canary Wharf Group
CWM – Carriage Washing Machine
CWPR – Company Weekly Performance Report
CWR – Continuously Welded Rail
CWT – Carlson Wagonlit Travel

– D –

D&C – Design and Construction
D&D – Design & Development
D&DA – Design and Development Authority
D&DR – Design & Development Report
D&I – Design & Implementation
D&IA – Design and Implementation Authority (see also DD&I)
DAB – Departmental Advice (Blue).
DAC – Depot Access Conditions
DAL – Down Avoiding Lane

DAPF – Document Amendment Proposal Form
DAPP – Draft Annual Possession Plan
DART – (1) Dublin Area Rapid Transit, the coastal metro system in Dublin
DART – (2) Developing Auckland Rail Transport
DART – (3) Digital Advanced Radio for Trains
DB – Deutsche Bundesbahn, German State Railways
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DB AG – Deutsche Bahn AG, German State Railways
DB Netz – German infrastructure manager
DB Regio – Deutsche Bahn Regio
DB Schenker – Deutsche Bahn Schenker (formerly English, Welsh and Scottish railway - EWS)
DBFO – Design Build Finance Operate (Highways Agency Tender arrangements)
DBVIC – Driver’s Brake Valve Isolating Cock (LUL)
DBSO – Driving Brake Second Open (Anglia TOC Push-Pulls)
DC – Direct Current
DCA – Data Concentrator Appreciation
DCF – Discounted Cash Flow
DCIO – Deputy Chief Inspecting Officer (or Railways)
DCM – Duty Contracts Manager
DCP – (1) Document Control Point
DCP – (2) Designated Competent Person
DCU – Digital Control Unit
DD – Direct Debit
DDA – (1) Disability Discrimination Act
DDA – (2) Design & Development Authority
DDI or DD&I – Design Development and Implementation
DeBo – Designated Body (as defined by the RIR)
DEL – Down Electric Line
DeltaRail – Formerly British Rail Research & AEA Technology Rail
DEMU – Diesel Electric Multiple Unit
DEP – Designated Earth Point
DETP – Detailed Engineering Train Plan
DETR – Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions
DFL – Down Fast Line
DFO – Depot Facility Owner
DFT – DART Fixed Terminal
DfT – Department for Transport
DG – Dangerous Goods
DGI – Dangerous Goods Incident
DGL – Down Goods Loop
DGPS – Differential Global Positioning by Satellite.
DIADS – Diagram Input And Distribution System
DiPTAC – Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee

DIRFT – Daventry International RailFreight Terminal	DTS – (1) Dynamic Track Stabiliser
DIS – Flexible DIsplay System (IECC replacement for SDS)	DTS – (2) Data Transmission System
DLM – Data Link Module	DVT – Driving Van Trailer.
DLR – Docklands Light Railway	DWL – Dynamic Warning Lights
DM – Deutsche Mark (former German Currency)	DWP – Department of Work and Pensions
DML – (1) Data Manipulation Language	DX – Direct eXtract (air distribution system)
DML – (2) Down Main Line	
DMMU – Diesel Mechanical Multiple Unit	– E –
DMSS – Development Manager, Signalling Strategy	E – Energy (normally measured in J or Ws)
DMU – Diesel Multiple Unit	E&G – Edinburgh to Glasgow line
DNC – Declared Non-Compliance	E&M – Earth and Mark
DO – Driver Only	E&OD – Engineering and Operations Development
DoE – Department of the Environment	E&P – (1) Electrification and Plant
DoETR –Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions	E&P – (2) Engineering and Production
DOO – Driver Only Operation	E,L&N – Early, Late and Night (turns of duty)
DOO(NP) – Driver Only Operation – Non Passenger	EA – (1) East Anglia
DOO(P) – Driver Only Operation – Passenger	EA – (2) Electronics Appreciation
DOP – Driver Only Passenger	EAC – (1) Extended Arm Contract
DOS – Disk Operating System	EAC – (2) Equivalent Annual Cost
DOT – Department Of Transportation (United States)	EAM – Engineering Access Manager
DoT or DTp – (former) Department of Transport	EAMG – Engineering Access Management Group
DP – Delivery Partner	EAWA – Electricity at Work Act
DPA – Delegated Procurement Authority	EAZ – East Anglia Zone
DPC – (1) Data Protocol Converter	EAZIAL – Easy Access Zonal Infrastructure Asset Log
DPC – (2) Development Planning Centre	EBA – Eisenbahnbundesamt (German Regulator)
DPC – (3) Damp Proof Course	EBS – Emergency Bypass Switch (on rolling stock)
DPI – Dye Penetrant Inspection	EC – (1) European Commission
DPL – (1) Down Platform Line	EC – (2) European Community (now EU)
DPL – (2) Down Passenger Loop	EC4T – Electric Current for Traction
DPM – Development Planning Manager	ECC – English China Clays
DPPP – Disabled People's Protection Policy ^z	ECML – East Coast Main Line
DPPP – Draft Period Possession Plan	ECO – Electrical Control Operator
DQM – Data Quality Manager	ECR – (1) Electrical Control Room
DRA – Driver Reminder Appliance	ECR – (2) Evaluation of Change Request
DRACAS – Data Reporting, Analysis & Corrective Action System	ECRO – Electrical Control Room Operator
DRM – Delivery Resource Manager	ECS – Empty Coaching Stock
DRS – (1) Direct Rail Services	ECU – (former) European Currency Unit (now EURO)
DRS – (2) Drive Reverse Switch	EDB – Electrodynamic brake
DRS – (3) Down Refuge Siding	EDI – Electronic Data Interchange
DSD – Driver's Safety Device	EDP – Electrification Distribution and Plant
DSE – Display Screen Equipment	EDP – Electronic Data Processing
DSL – Down Slow Line	EE&CS – Electrical Engineering & Control Systems
DSP – Digital Signal Processing	EEB – Eastern Electricity Board
DSS – formerly Department of Social Security	EEC – European Economic Community, now referred to as the EU
DTG-R – Distance To Go-Radio	EEN – Examining Engineer's Nominee (for bridge strikes)
DTI – Department of Trade and Industry	E/E/PES – Electrical /Electronic /Programmable Electronic Systems
DTL – Down Tilbury Loop	EFC – External Financing Contribution
DTMF – Dual Tone Multi Frequency	
DTN – Data Transmission Network	

EFE – Electrification Fixed Equipment	EROS – (1) Early Rationalisation Of Signalling
EFL – External Financing Limit	EROS – (2) Efficiency by means of Rationalisation Of Signal boxes
EFPL – Economical Facing Point Lock	EROS – (3) Emergency Restriction Of Speed
EFRTC – European Federation of Railway Trackwork Contractors	ERRI – European Rail Research Institute
EG – Executive Grade: old style executive job grading system	ERRAC – European Rail Research Advisory Council
EHD – East Ham Depot	ERTMS – European Railway Traffic Management System
EI – Electrical Installation	ES – Engineering Supervisor
EIA – (1) Electronics Industry Association (standards setting body)	ESI – Electricity Supply Industry
EIA – (2) Environmental Impact Assessment	ESM – Engineering Safety Management (Yellow Book)
EIB – European Investment Bank	ESMS – Engineering Safety Management System
EIM – European Infrastructure Managers (association)	ESR – Emergency Speed Restriction
EIP – Examination In Public	ESSD – Electro-Static Sensitive Device
EIRENE – European Integrated railways Radio Enhanced Network	ETA – Expected Time of Arrival
ELCB – Earth Leakage Circuit Breaker	ETB – Electronic Token Block
ELP – East London Partnership	ETCS – European Train Control System
ELR – Engineers Line Reference	ETD – (1) Expected Time of Departure
EM – Environmental Manager	ETD – (2) National Extension Trunk Dialling
EMC – ElectroMagnetic Compatibility	ETE – Electric Traction Engineers
EMGTPA – Equivalent Million Gross Tonnes Per Annum	ETH – Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology)
EMI – ElectroMagnetic Interference	ETH index – Electric Trains Heating Capacity (on traction rolling stock)
EMP – Environmental Management Plan	ETHERNET – Computer cabling system
EMS – (1) Environmental Management Statement	ETM – Electric Track Maintenance
EMS – (2) Engineering Management System	ETR – Electronic Train Recording.
EMU – (1) Electric Multiple Unit,	ETRB – Electronic Train Register Book
EMU – (2) European Monetary Union	ETRM – Engineering Train Routing Map
EN – Euro Norm	EU – European Union
ENS – European Night Services	EUCG – End User Computing Group
EOA – End of Authority	EUKL – Eurostar (UK) Ltd
EOTD – End of Train Device	EuroSPIN – European Seamless Passenger Information Network
EP – Electronic Principles	EVA – Ethylene Vinyl Acetate
EPA – Engineering Publications Assistant	EVR – Early Voluntary Retirement
EPB – Electro-Pneumatic Brake	EWD – Each Week Day
EPBIC – Electro-Pneumatic Brake Isolating Cock (LUL)	EWI – Emergency Warning Indicator
EPD – Engineering & Production Directorate	EWS – English, Welsh & Scottish Railway Ltd.
EPI – Environmental Performance Indicator	EWSA – Engineering Works & Safety Arrangements. (LUL)
EPROM – Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory	ExCo – Railtrack Line Executive Committee
EPS – (1) Earnings Per Share	Expotel – hotel accommodation and conference booking agency
EPS - (2) Enhanced Permissible Speed	EZP – (1) Electro-Zinc Plating
EPS – (3) European Passenger Services	EZP – (2) Engineering Zone of Possession
EQAP – Equipment Appreciation	
ER – Employer's Representative	– F –
ERA – European Railway Agency	F/B – Foot Bridge
ERDF – European Regional Development Fund	F/H – FreeHold
	FA – Fixed Assets
	FAQ – Frequently Asked Question

FAST – (1) Federation Against Software Theft
FAST – (2) Facility for Accelerated Service Testing, Pueblo, USA
FAT – Factory Acceptance Test
FBMIS – Finance and Business Management Information System: now known as BMIS
FBP – Fixed Block Processor
FB-RAIL – Flat Bottom Rail
FC – Financial Controller
FCU – Fixed Communications Unit
FDC – (1) Financial Data Control
FDC – Framework Design Consultant
FDDB – Fibre Distributed Database
FDDI – Fibre Distributed Data Interface
FDM – Frequency Division Multiplex
FE – (1) Finite Elements
FE – (2) Foundation Electronics
FEA – Finite Element Analysis
FFG – Freight Facilities Grant
FFT – Functional Fault Tree
FGE – First Great Eastern
FGW – First Great Western
FIBU – Fifty hertz Booster Unit
FIO – For Information Only
FIRM – Fares Increases Regulation Mechanism
FIS – Fault isolating switch (LUL)
FK – Corridor first
FLAWS – a computer database of rail flaws
FLT – Freight Liner Terminal
FM – Frequency Modulation
FMEA – Failure Mode and Effects Analysis
FMECA – Failure Mode Effect and Criticality Analysis
FMES – Fixed & Mobile Equipment Supply
FN – Fault Number
FNW – First North Western
FO – Open First
FOC – (1) Freight Operating Company
FOC – (2) Fibre Optic Cable
FOC – (3) Free Of Charge
FORI – Fibre Optic Route Indicator
FOU – Freight Operating Unit
FP – FootPath (level crossing)
FPL – Facing Point Lock
FPM – Fire Precautions Manager
FR – Feasibility Report
FRA – (1) Federal Railroad Administration, USA
FRA – (2) Fixed Rate Agreement
FRAME – Fault Reporting And Monitoring Equipment
FRED – Financial Reporting Exposure Draft
FRP – Field Reporting Procedures

FRS – (1) Financial Reporting Standard,
FRS – (2) Functional Requirements Specification[±]
FS – (1) Feeder Station
FS – (2) Fixed Stations, trackside radio equipment for cab secure radio
FSG – Financial Statement Generator: a reporting tool within the BMIS system
FSH – Full Screen Height
FSK – Frequency Shift Keying
FTA – (1) Fault Tree Analysis
FTA – (2) Federal Transit Administration (of the DOT, United States)
FTA – (3) Freight Transport Association
FTS – Failure To Stop
FUG – Freight UpGrade
FURNO – Until FURther NOtice
FWI – Fatality & Weighted Injuries
FX – Foreign Exchange

– G –

G&SW – Glasgow and South Western line
GBP – Great Britain Pound
GBPRT – Great Britain Passenger Rail Timetable
GBV – Gross Book Value
GCC – Gauge Corner Cracking
GDI – Graphical Data Interface
GDP – Gross Domestic Product
GE – Great Eastern
GENIUS – GEMini for Non Integrating Unit Stock
GEOGIS – GEOGraphic Information System
GER – Great Eastern Railway
GF – Ground Frame
GIJ – Glued Insulated rail Joint
GIS – (1) Geographic Information System
GIS – (2) Graphical Information System[±]
GL – (1) Goods Line
GL – (2) General Ledger
GLE – Grant Lyon & Eagre
GLW – Gross Laden Weight
GMITA – Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority
GMITE – Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Executive
GMPTA – formerly Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority
GMPTE – formerly Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive
GMT – Greenwich Mean Time
GN – Great Northern Line (Kings Cross to Cambridge via Royston)
GNER – Great North Eastern Railway
GTS – Greater Nottingham Rapid Transit System

GOB – Gospel Oak to Barking line
GOL – Government Office for London
GP – General Purpose
GPF – General Protection Fault (in computing)
GPL – Ground Position Light
GPR – General Purpose Relief (staff)
GPRS – General Packet Radio Service
GPS – Global Positioning by Satellite system
GRIP – Guide to Railway Investment Projects
GRN – Goods Received Note
GSM – Global System for Mobile communications
GSM-R – Global System for Mobile communications
for Railways
GSP – Ground Switch Panel
GSPP – General Specification for Possession
Planning
GTD – Group Tax Department
GTO – Gate Turn Off Thyristor
GTRM – GT Railway Maintenance
GUI – Graphical User Interface
GUV – General Utility Van
GW – Great Western
GWH – Great Western Holdings
GWML – Great Western Main Line
GWR – Great Western Railway
GWT – Great Western Trains
GWUG – Great Western UpGrade
GWZ – Great Western Zone
GZ – (Safeguarded) Greenzone

- H -

H&S – Health and Safety
H&SE – Health & Safety Executive (UK)
H/S – Hand Signaller
HA – Highways Agency
HABD – Hot Axle Box Detector
HASAW – Health And Safety At Work
HAZCHEM – HAZardous CHEMical
HAZID – HAZard IDentification
HAZOP – HAZard OPerability study
HAZPAK – training course for drivers of vehicles
carrying dangerous substances in packages
HCA – Historic Cost Accounting
HEP – Head End Power
HEX – Heathrow EXpress
HFDG – Human Factors Development Group
HIP – Headquarters Investment Panel
HL – (1) High Level
HL – (2) Home Location
HLOS – High Level Output Statement
HM – Her Majesty's
HMG – Her Majesty's Government

HMFI – Her Majesty's Factory Inspectorate
HMI – Human Machine Interface
HMRI – Her Majesty's Railway Inspectorate
HOBC – High Output Ballast Cleaner
HOCM – Head of Contract Management
HOE (HofE) – Head Of Engineering
HOP – Head Of Projects
HOPO (HoPO) – Head Of Projects Organisation
HOPP – Head Of Property Projects
HQ – HeadQuarters
HR – Human Resources
HRA – Heritage Railway Association
HRM – Human Resources Manager
HRRP – (Crossrail Project) Hazard Record Review
Panel
HRS – Human Resources System
HSC – Health & Safety Commission
HSDR – High Speed Data Ring
HSE – Health & Safety Executive (UK)
HSM – Hand Signal Man
HST – High Speed Train
HSTRC – High Speed Track Recording Coach
HSTRT – (1) High Speed Track Recording Train
HSTRT – (2) High Speed Track Relaying Train
HSWA – Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
HTS – High Tensile Steel
HV (hv) – (1) High Voltage
HV (hv) – (2) High Visibility
HVAC – Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning
HVI – High Voltage Impulse (track circuit type)
HVITC – High Voltage Impulse Track Circuit
HW – HardWare
HW-Point – Particular type of point with electric
motor drive
Hz – Hertz

- I -

I/L – InterLocking
IA – (1) Implementation Authority
IA – (2) Investment Authority
IAMS – Integrated Asset Management System
IATC – Intermittent Automatic Train Control
IBH – Intermediate Block Home Signal
IBIS – Internal Business Invoicing System: a former
BR internal trading system
IBJ – Insulated Block Joint
IC – (1) InterCity
IC – (2) Integrated Circuit
IC – (3) Investment Committee
IC – (4) Investment Controller
ICAEW – Institute of Chartered Accountants of
England and Wales

ICC – (1) International Convention Centre	IORPS – Integrated Operational Railway Planning System
ICC – (2) Infrastructure Control Centre	IP – (1) Intellectual Property
ICDB – Industry Capacity DataBase	IP – (2) Investment Proposal
ICE – (1) Institution of Civil Engineers	IR – InfraRed
ICE – (2) InterCity Express (Germany)	IRJ – Insulated Rail Joint
ICM – (1) Infrastructure Contracts Manager	IRR – Internal Rate of Return
ICM – (2) Internal Communications Manager	IRSE – Institution of Railway Signal Engineers
ICMU – Interference Current Monitoring Unit (on 3 phase train)	IS – (1) Information System
IDC – (1) Insulation Displacement Connector	IS – (2) Intermediate Signalling
IDC – (2) Inter Disciplinary Check	ISA – Independent Safety Assessor
IDF – Intermediate Distribution Frame	ISAR – Information Systems Activity Request
IDMS – Integrated Document Management System	ISDN – Integrated Services Digital Network
IDS – Infrastructure Data Server	ISG – Infrastructure Support Group
IDT (ID&T) – Implementation, Development and Training	ISM – IECC System Monitor
IÉ – Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail)	ISO – International Standards Organisation
IEC – International Electrotechnical Commission	ISRS – International Safety Rating System
IECC – Integrated Electronic Control Centre	ISTP – Intermediate Signalling Technology: Principles
IEE – (1) Institution of Engineering and Technology	ISU – Infrastructure Services Unit
IEE – (2) Institution of Electrical Engineers, now IET	ISwA – Independent Software Assessor
IEEE – Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (United States)	IT – Information Technology
IEP – Intercity Express Programme	ITA – Integrated Transport Authority
IERS – International Environmental Rating System	ITE – Institute of Transportation Engineers (United States)
IFC – Infrastructure Fault Control	ITPM – IT Process Model
IFS – Independent Function Switch	ITS – Infrastructure Testing Services
IGBT – Integrated Gate Bipolar Transistor	ITT – Invitation To Tender
IHHA – International Heavy Haul Association, USA	ITU – International Telecommunications Union
IIP – Investors In People	IVPS – Intermediate Voltage Power Supply
ILGRI – International Railway Inspectors Group	IVS† – Infrastructure Video System (Omnicom Ltd)
ILM – Railtrack Infrastructure Liability Manager	IWA – Individual Working Alone
ILWS – Inductive Loop Warning System	IZ – Inter Zonal: the transfer of costs between Business Units without cash
IM – Infrastructure Manager	IZPD – Inter-Zonal Possession Database
IMACS – Inventory Management Accounting and Control System	
IMC – (1) Infrastructure Maintenance Company	– J –
IMC – (2) Infrastructure Maintenance Contract	J – Joule, international unit for energy (= Ws)
IMC – (3) Infrastructure Maintenance Contractor	JCN – Job Cost Number
IMC2 – 2nd generation Infrastructure Maintenance Contract	JCN – JunCtioN
IMCO – Infrastructure Maintenance COmpany	JCT – Joint Construction Trades
IMDG – International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code	JD – Job Description
IMechE – Institution of Mechanical Engineers	Jernbaneverket – Norwegian railway infrastructure manager
IMG – Infrastructure Materials Group	JLE – Jubilee Line Extension
IMPACT – Improved Manufacturing Performance Through Active Change and Training	JN (JC) – Junction
IMPS – Investment Monitoring and Planning System: the BR predecessor to PIPS	JS1 – basic signalling cable jointing and testing
IMR – Interlocking Machine Room	JS2 – advanced signalling cable jointing and testing
IMU – Infrastructure Maintenance Unit	JSOP – Joint Signing On Point
INLORS – INner London Orbital Route Strategy	JTC – Jointless Track Circuit

– K –

KDC – Key Distribution Centre
KE – Kinematic (or kinetic) Envelope
km – kilometre, 1000 m
km/h – kilometre per hour
KPI – Key Performance Indicator
kVA – kilovolt-Ampere

– L –

L&B – Land and Buildings
L/H – Leasehold
L/S – (1) Late Start
L/S – (2) London Side
LA – Local Authority
LAN – Local Area Network (for computer systems)
LAWS – Low Adhesion Warning System
LB – Line Blocked
LC – (1) Level Crossing
LC – (2) locally controlled manned level crossing
LC – (3) Line Clear
LCC – Life Cycle Costing
LCAMS – Low Carbon Austenitic Manganese Steel^{RT}
LCD – Liquid Crystal Display
LCP – Local Control Panel
LCR – London and Continental Railways
LCU – Local Control Unit
LD – (1) Light Diesel locomotive
LD – (2) Liquidated Damages
LDDC – (former) London Docklands Development Corporation
LDG – List of Dangerous Goods (obsolete)
LDT – Long Distance Termination
LE – Light Engine (or Light Electric loco)
LEB – London Electricity Board
LEC – (former) London Electricity Contracting Ltd.
LED – Light Emitting Diode
LEM – Local Estimating Manager
LEU – Lineside Electronic Unit
LFB – London Fire Brigade, now London Fire & Civil Defence Authority
LGV – Ligne à Grande Vitesse: French high speed line
LIFT – London International Freight Terminal
LITM – Local IT Manager
LJU – Line Jack Unit
LL/H – Long Leasehold
LLPA – Long Lead (Line) Public Address
LMA – Limit of Movement Authority

LMD – Light Maintenance Depot (for locos and stock)
LN – Leeds Northern
LNE(Z) – London North Eastern (Zone)
LOA – Limit of Authority
LOP – Loss of Power
LOROL – London Overground Railway Ltd.
LOS – Limit Of Shunt indicator
LOWS – Lookout Operated Warning System
LP – Local Processor
LPA – Local Procurement Agent
LPO – Local Process Owner
LPS – Local Policy Statement
LRM – Layout Risk Model
LRP – Local Reporting Pack
LRPC – London Regional Passengers' Committee
LRT – Light Rail Transit
LRV – Light Rail Vehicle
LS – (Network Rail) Line Standard
LSB – Local Sensor Bus
LSC – Local Site Computer
LSPD – Local Safety Policy Document
LSS – London Shift Supplement
LT – London Transport
LTA – (1) London Transport Authority
LTA – (2) Lost Time Accidents
LTC – Long Term Charge
LTP – Local Transport Plans
LTS – (former) London, Tilbury and Southend railway, now C2C
LU – London Underground
LUL – London Underground Ltd
LV – (1) LiVerpool Street
LV – (2) Low Voltage
LVDT – Linear Variable Differential Transformer
LWR – Long Welded Rail
LWRT – Long Welded Rail Train
LX (L/X) – level crossing

– M –

m – metre, international unit of length
M&E – Mechanical and Electrical
M&EE – Mechanical & Electrical Engineer
M&EE – Mechanical & Electrical Engineering
MA – Movement Authority
MAF – Main Aspect Free
MAFF – Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries & Food
MART – Mean Active Repair Time
MAS – (1) Management Aspects of Supervision (Signalling & Telecomms)
MAS – (2) Multiple Aspect Signalling
MATP – Manual ATP

MB – (1) level crossing with Manually lifted Barriers	MRT – (1) Minimum Rail Temperature
MB – (2) MegaBit	MRT – (2) Mass Rapid Transit
MB/s – MegaBit per second	MS – (1) Member State (of the EU)
MBS – Motor Brake Second (or Standard)	MS – (2) Method Statement
MBO – Management Buy Out	MSL – Level crossing with Miniature Stop Lights
MBSS – Moving Block Signalling System	MSP – Measured Shovel Packing
MCB – (1) Manually Controlled Barrier (of level crossing)	MSS – Maximum Safe Speed
MCB – (2) Miniature Circuit Breaker	MTBF – Mean Time Between Failures
MCU – Main Control Unit	MTBFF – Mean Time Between Functional Failures
MDC – Management Driven Change	MTBHE – Mean Time Between Hazardous Events
MDF – (1) Medium Density Fibreboard	MTBSAF – Mean Time Between Service Affecting Failures
MDF – (2) Main Distribution Frame	MTBWF – Mean Time Between Wrongside Failures
MEAV – Modern Equivalent Asset Value	MTL – Mersey Travel Ltd.
MEBO – Management and Employee Buy Out	MTP – Mode of Travel Priority
MEF – Modern Equivalent Form	MTR – Mass Transit Railway, Singapore
MEP – Member of European Parliament	MTRC – Mass Transit Railway Corporation, Hong Kong
MEWP – Mobile Elevating Work Platform	MTRT – Matisa Track Recording Trolley
MGL – Multiple Groove Locking	MTTR – Mean Time To Repair
MGR – Merry-Go-Round	MTTRS – Mean Time To Restore Service
MGT – Mega (Million) Gross Tonnes	MVB – Multifunctional Vehicle Bus
MHSW (MHSAW, MHSWR) – Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, 1992	MWL – Level crossing with Miniature red/green Warning Lights
MI – Mechanical Installation Practices	MWO – Minor Works Order
MICC – Management Information Communications Centre (controls BTP operations South of England)	MZ – Midland Zone (Lead Zone)
Mids – Midlands	MZSA – Midland Zone Sponsor's Agent
MIP – Mobility Impaired Person	– N –
MIPS – Million Instructions Per Second	N – Newton, international unit of Force [kg m / s ²]
MIS – Management Information System	N&VMP – Noise and Vibration Management Plan
MLF – Main Line Freight	NAO – National Audit Office
MLRI – Multi-Lamp Route Indicator	NAPS – National Accounts Payable System: a former BR system
MM – Money Market	NASG – National Applications Support Group
MMC – Monopolies and Mergers Commission	NAT – Not Applicable Timetable
MMIS – Maintenance Management Information System	NATM – New Austrian Tunnelling Method
MML – (1) Minimum Monetary Limit	NBA – National radio network Base station Alignment
MML – (2) Midland Main Line	NBV – Net Book Value
MOD – Ministry Of Defence	NCC – National Control Centre
MoP – Member of the Public	NCL – Northern City Line
MOS – (1) Mobile Operations Supervisor	NCR – Non-Conformance Report
MOS – (2) Motor Operated Switch	NDA – Not Described Alarm
MP – (1) Major Projects	NDE – Non-Destructive Evaluation
MP – (2) MilePost	NDF – No Defect Found
MPD – Major Projects Division (Thameslink 2000, WCML, Crossrail etc.)	NDM – Network Development Manager
MPI – Magnetic Particle Inspection	NDN – National Data Communications Network
MPM – Multi Processor Module	NDT – Non-Destructive Testing
MPU – Motive Power Unit	NEBOSH – National Examination Board in Occupational Safety & Health
MPV – Multi Purpose Vehicle	NEC – National Electrical Code (also known as NFPA 70)
MRP – (1) Management Reporting Pack	
MRP – (2) Monthly Reporting Pack	

OPUG – Other Passenger Upgrades
ORE – Office de Recherches et d'Essais
ORN – Overlay Radio Network
OROR – Outside Rules Of the Route
ORR – (1) Office of Rail Regulation
ORR – (2) Office of the Railway Regulator
OS – Ordnance Survey
OSG – Operation Safety Group
OSGR – Ordnance Survey Grid Reference
OSI – Open Systems Interconnect
OTDR – Optical Time Domain Reflectometer
OTM – (1) On-Track Machine
OTM – (2) Overhead–Line Traction Maintenance
OTMR – On Train Monitoring Recorder
OTP – On-Track Plant
OTW – One Train Working

– P –

P3 – Primavera Project Planner
P – Programme
P&C – Points and Crossings: an alternative abbreviation for S&C
P&E – Plant and Equipment
P&L – Profit and Loss
P&M – Plant & Machinery
p.a. – per annum
P.Way (P–way) – see Permanent Way
Pa – Pascal, international unit of pressure [N / m²]
PA – (1) Public Address (System)
PA – (2) Personal Assistant
PABS – Passenger track Access Billing System
PABX – Private Automatic Branch eXchange
PAC – Platform ATO Communicator
PACS – Public Affairs Correspondence System
PACT – PAVed Concrete Track: a slab track system
PADS – Parts And Drawing System
PAF – Project Authority Form
PAL – Property Action Line
PALADIN – Performance And Loading Analysis Database INformation
PAM – Product Acceptance Manager
PAMX – PrivAte Manual branch eXchange
PAT – Performance Action Tracking
PAX – Private Automatic Exchange
PAYE – Pay As You Earn (i.e., income tax)
PBI – Processor Based Interlocking
PBT – Profit Before Tax
PBX – Private Branch eXchange
PC – (1) Personal Computer
PC – (2) Protection Controller

PCB – (1) Printed Circuit Board
PCB – (2) PolyChlorinated Biphenyl, coolant / insulant for transformers, toxic, PCB production was banned in 2001
PCB – (3) Petty Cash Book
PCI – Positive Crew Identification
PCM – (1) Production Control Manager
PCM – (2) Project Control Manual
PCS&TE – Profit Centre Signal & Telecommunications Engineer
PCSE(M) – Profit Centre Signal Engineer (Maintenance)
PCSE(W) – Profit Centre Signal Engineer (Works)
PCTE – Profit Centre Telecommunications Engineer
PCV – Petty Cash Voucher
PD – Project Delivery
PDAC – Performance Data Accuracy Code
PDFH – Passenger Demand Forecasting Handbook
PDH – Plesiochronous Digital Hierarchy
PDM – Project Development Manager
PDMX – Programmable Digital Multiplexer
PDP – Personal Development Plan
PDS – Project Definition Stage
PDT – Portable Data Terminal
PEA – Passenger Emergency Alarm (LUL)
PEARLS – Personnel Enquiries and Administration Recording Local System
PEARS – Paladin data Extract And Recording System
PEDROUTE – Passenger flow modelling tool
PER – Portable (relocatable) Equipment Room
PESRCY – PassEnger Service Requirement Compliance Yardstick
PETS – Public Emergency Telephone System
PF – Passsenger Focus
PFI – Private Finance Initiative
PFM – (1) Performance Focus Manager
PFM – (2) Projects Finance Manager
PFPI – Process For Performance Improvement
PH – Professional Head
PHA – Preliminary Hazard Analysis
Phase 0 – Period of interim and full running of Virgin ATT at existing line speeds
Phase 1 – Period of full running on WCML at speeds of up to 200 km/h between 2002 & 2005
Phase 2 – Full service after April 2005 at speeds of up to speeds of 225 km/h
PHIS – Performance Historical Information System
PI – Platform Indicator
PIC – Person in Charge
PICOP – Person In Charge Of Possession
PICP – Pollution Incident Control Plan
PIDS – Passenger Information Display System

PIE – Performance Improvement Executive	PRIDE – (1) Passenger Rail Information Display Equipment
PIM – Precursor Indicator Model	PRIDE – (2) Possession Resource Information Databases
PIMS – Programme Integrated Management System	PRIMA – Professional Rail Industry Management Association
PIO – Police Incident Officer	PRM – PRocurement Manager
PIP – Property Investment Panel	PROCSYS – Procurement Control
PIPS – Packaging and Investment Planning System	PROJEX – PROJect EXpenditure
PIS – Passenger Information System	PROM – Programmable Read Only Memory
PIXC – Passengers In eXcess of Capacity (bespoke regime applied to commuter services)	PROMISE – Planning and ResOurces MonItoring SystEm
pkm – passenger kilometres	PROMPT – PRiority On Managing Performance Trends
PLC – Public Limited Company	PSB – Power Signal Box
PLGS – Position Light Ground Signal	PSBR – Public Sector Borrowing Requirement
PLJI – Position Light Junction Indicator	PSD – Platform Screen Door
PLOD – Patrolman's LockOut Device (Trackside staff protection system)	PSM – Performance Strategy Manager
PLRA – Private Locomotive Registration Agreement	PSN – Packet Switched Network
PLS – Position Light Signal	PSO – Public Service Obligation
PLUG – Pride Local User Group	PSPP – Particular Specification for Possession Planning
PM – (1) Production Manager	PSR – (1) Permanent Speed Restriction
PM – (2) Project Manager	PSR – (2) Public Service Requirement
PMBX – Private Manual Branch Exchange	PSRG – Project Strategy Review Group
PMCS – Project Management Control System	PSTN – Public Switched Telecommunications Network
PMI – Project Manager's Instruction	PT&R – Promotion Transfer & Redundancy
PMT – Project Management Team	PTA (see ITA) – Passenger Transport Authority
PMUX – Panel MULTipleXer	PTC – Positive Train Control (US term)
PNB – Personal Needs Break	PTE – Passenger Transport Executive
PO – Purchase Order	PTI – (1) Positive Train Identification
POA – Payment On Account	PTI – (2) Platform Train Interface (LUL)
POD – Point Of Derailment	PTM – Permanent Timetable Manager
PoD – Probability of Detection	PTO – Public Telecommunications Operator
POM – Possession Optimisation Manager	PTS – Personal Track Safety
POMG – Police Incident Office	PTW – Permit To Work
PON – Periodical Operating Notice	PUG1 & 2 – Passenger Up Grades 1&2 on (WCML)
PORV – Possession Only Rail Vehicle	PUWER – Provision and Use of Workplace Equipment Regulations 1992
POSA – Proceed On Sight Authority	PVC – PolyVinyl Chloride
PP – Period available for Possessions	PW – (1) Parallel Wing
PPE – Personal Protective Equipment	PW – (2) Permanent Way
PPG – Planning Policy Guidance	PWay – Permanent Way (track, ballast etc)
PPM – (1) Panel Processor Module	PWI – Permanent Way Institution
PPM – (2) Planned Preventative Maintenance	PWM – Pulse Width Modulation
PPM – (3) Public Performance Measure	PWMA – Permanent Way Maintenance Assistant
PPP – (1) Period Possession Plan	PWME – Permanent Way Maintenance Engineer
PPP – (2) Public Private Partnership	PWRA – Private Wagon owners Registration Agreement
PPTC – Powered Plant Training – Chainsaw	PWS – (1) Permanent Way Supervisor
PPTD – Powered Plant Training – Disc Cutter And Class 9 Cutting Of Wheels	PWS – (2) Permanent Way Slack (slang term for TSR)
PRB – Personalised Rule Book	
PRDC – Princess Royal Distribution Centre (Royal Mail Railnet Hub at Willesden)	
PRI – Preliminary Routing Indicator	

PWSS – Permanent Way Section Supervisor

– Q –

QA – Quality Assurance

QAM – Quality Assurance Manager

QM – Quality Manual

QMS – Quality Management System

QRA – Quantified Risk Analysis / Assessment

QRP – Quarterly Reporting Pack

QS – Quantity Surveyor

QX – Qualifying eXceptions

– R –

R&PA – Route and Programme Analyst

R&R – Rationalisation and Resignalling

R(SCW)R – Railway (Safety Critical Work)
Regulations 1994

R/G – level crossing with miniature Red & Green
warning lights

R/T – Right Time

R3G – RAIB Recommendation Review Group

RA – (1) Radio Agency

RA – (2) Reporting Accountant

RA – (3) Right Away platform indicator

RA – (4) Route Availability

RAB – Regulatory Asset Base

RAC – Risk Assessment Criteria

RAFS – RAil Freight billing System

RAI – Right Away Indicator

RAIB – Railway Accident Investigation Branch

RAILTEL – RAILway TELephone project

RAM – (1) Random Access Memory

RAM – (2) Reliability, Availability, Maintainability

RAMS – Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and
Safety

RAP – Remedial Action Project

RAR – Railtrack Asset Register

RBC – Radio Block Centre

RC – (1) Reinforced Concrete

RC – (2) Remote Control

RC – (3) Remotely Controlled (Level Crossing)

RC – (4) Return Conductor

RCC – Route Control Centre

RCD – Residual Current Device

RCDO – Railway Crossing Diversion Order

RCE – Regional Civil Engineer

RCF – Rolling Contact Fatigue

RCH – Railway Convalescent Home

RCI – Railtrack Controlled Infrastructure

RCL – Railway Claims Ltd

RCM₍₁₎ – Reliability Centred Maintenance

RCM₍₂₎ – Remote Condition Monitoring

RCM² – Combination of RCM₍₁₎ and RCM₍₂₎

RCS – Radio Control System

RD – GEC time division multiplex, type RD

RDN – Railtrack Director's Nominee

RDO – Relevant Delivery Organisation

RE – Resident Engineer

REB – Relocatable Equipment Building

RED – Railtrack Energy Database

REFOS – Running Edge to Face Of Structure

REG – Railtrack Executive Group

REN – Ringer Equivalence Number, unit of load for
telephone ringers

RENFE - Red Nacional de los Ferrocarriles
Españoles

Renlog – infrastructure renewals log

REPTA – Railway Employees Privilege Ticket
Association

RES – Rail Express Systems (now part of DB Schenker)

RETB – Radio Electronic Token Block

RF – Radio Frequency

RfD (RFD) – Railfreight Distribution (DB Schenker)

RFF – Réseau Ferré de France (French infrastructure
manager)

RFI – Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (Italian Infrastructure
Manager)

RfL – Rail for London

RGS – Railway Group Standard

RGSP – Railway Group Safety Plan

RHA – Road Haulage Association

RHS – Rectangular Hollow Section

RHT – Railway Heritage Trust

RI – Relay Interlocking

RIA – Railway Industry Association

RIAC – Railway Industry Advisory Committee

RIC – (1) Rail Incident Commander

RIC – (2) Regolamento Internazionale Carrozze
(Regulations for the international exchange of
passenger carriages)

RICA – Regional Independent Commercial Auditor
(SRP)

RICP – Rail Incident Control Post

RID – Regulations governing International carriage
of Dangerous goods by rail

RIDDOR '95 – Reporting of Injuries, Disease and
Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995

RIDRR – Railway Industry Dispute Resolution Rules
(see also CAHA)

RIFAA – Rail Industry First Aid Association

RIG – Railway Industry Group

RII – Relay Interlocking Interface

RIL – Railtrack Insurance Ltd.

RIO – Rail Incident Officer

RIP – (former) Railtrack Investment Panel	RRI – Route Relay Interlocking
RIPM – Railtrack Investment Prioritisation Model	RRIP – Route Relay Interlocking Processor
RIR – Railways Interoperability Regulations	RRNE – Regional Railways North East
RISC – Reduced Instruction Set Computer	RRNW – Regional Railways North West
RISCC – Railway Industry Safety Strategy Committee	RRV – Road Rail Vehicle
RITC – Railway Industry Training Council	RS – (former) Railway Safety
RITS – Rail Infrastructure Transport System	RSA – Railway Study Association
RIV – Regolamento Internazionale Vagoni (regulations governing the international exchange of railway freight wagons)	RSAB – Rolling Stock Acceptance Board
RJIS – Rail Journey Information System	RSABGP – RSAB Group which provides support to RSAB and projects
RL – Relief Line (see also Slow Line)	RSAG – Railway Safety Advisory Group
RLE – Rail Link Engineering	RSBS – Railway Standard Building Specification
RM – Route Modernisation	RSC – (1) Railway Skills Council (Sector Skills Council for the Railway Industry)
RMG – Railtrack Management Group	RSC – (2) Railway Safety Case
RMMM – Rail Mounted Maintenance Machine	RSCI – Real Staff Cost Increase
RMPD – Route Modernisation Product Delivery	RSF – Right Side Failure
RMS – (1) Risk Management System	RSL – Rolling Stock Library
RMS – (2) Root Mean Square	RSPG – Railway Safety Principles & Guidance
RMT – national union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers	RSRS – Railtrack Safety Rating System
RNA – Railway Notification of Accidents Regulations	RSSB – Rail Safety and Standards Board
RO – Rail Operator	RSSP – Railway Strategic Safety Plan
ROA – Right On Arrival	RSTL – Rail Staff Travel Ltd (Travel Facilities: Pensions Management Ltd 1/2/97)
ROAD – Railway jargon for railway line	RT – (1) Radiographic Testing
ROCE – Return On Capital Employed	RT – (2) RailTrack
ROGS – Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 (supersede ROTS)	RT1A – Railtrack Infrastructure Maintenance Contract
ROI – Return On Investment	RT1B – Railtrack Track Renewal Contract [±]
ROM – Read Only Memory	RTA – Road Traffic Accident
ROM – Regional Operating Manager	RTAC – RailTrack Access Conditions
ROP – Rules Of the Plan	RTFN – RailTrack Fault Number
ROR – Rules of the Route	RTG – RailTrack Group PLC
ROS – Restriction of Speed	RTHQ – RailTrack Headquarters
ROSCO – ROLLING Stock leasing COmpany	RTIS – RailTrack Information Systems
ROSIN – Railway Open System Interconnection Network (a European Project)	RTLS – RailTrack Line Standard
ROTP – Rules Of The Plan	RTLs – Road Traffic Lights
ROTR – Rules Of The Route	RTMZ – RailTrack Midlands Zon
ROTS – Railways and Other Transport Systems (Approval of Works, Plant and Equipment) Regulations 1994 (superseded by ROGS)	RTP – Real Time Protocols
ROW – Renewal Of Way	RTPI – Real Time Passenger Information system (based on [GPS] transmissions)
RPI – (1) Retail Price Index	RTS – Rapid Transit System
RPI – (2) Revenue Protection Inspector	RTU – Remote Terminal Unit
RPL – (formerly) Rail Property Ltd.: a subsidiary of the British Railways Board	RUCC – Rail Users' Consultative Committee(s): formerly the Transport Users' Consultative Committee(s)
RPM – Route Performance Manager (organisation pre 24/02/97)	RUPP – (former) Road Used as a Public Path
RPPS – Rail Passenger Partnership Scheme	RX – Receiver (of Track Circuits and Communi- cations Links)
RPS – Radio Propagation System	
RRD – Rolling Radius Difference	

– S –

S&C – Switches & Crossings

S&F – Switches & Fittings	SFT – Stress Free Temperature
S&SD – (1) Railtrack's Safety and Standards Directorate	SG – Special Ground
S&SD – (2) Systems and Safety Department	SGT – Serco Gauging Train
S&SM – Safety and Standards Manager	SHA – Safety Hazard Analysis
S&T – Signalling and Telecommunications	SHRT – South Hampshire Rapid Transit
S&TE – Signal and Telecommunications Engineer	SI – Site Instruction
S.L/H – Short LeaseHold	SIC – System Interface Committee
SA – (1) Safety Authority	SICA – Signalling Infrastructure Condition Assessment
SA – (2) Signalling Assistant	SIGTAN – SIGnalling equipment Technical Advice Notice
SA – (3) Sponsor's Agent	SIGWEN – SIGnalling equipment Workshop Engineering Notice
SAA – Station Access Agreement	SIL – Safety Integrity Level
SAC – Station Access Conditions	SIMBIDS – SIMplified BI-Directional Signalling
SAE – Society of Automotive Engineers	SIMS – Safety Incident Management System
SAM – Switch Activating Mechanism	SIN – (1) Site Instruction Notice
SAP – Safety Assessment Panel	SIN – (2) Special Inspection Notice
SAT – Site Acceptance Test	SIN – (3) Special Instruction Notice
SB – Signal Box	SIN – (4) Substance Identification Number
SBB – Schweizerische Bundesbahnen	SINAC – Special Inspection Notice Action Complete
SC – Signalling Centre	SINCS – Signalling INCident System
SCADA – Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition	SINMON – Special Inspection Notice MONitor
SCC – (1) Supervisory Control Centre	SIP – Strike-In Point
SCC – (2) Supplier Creation Co-ordinator	SIPS – (1) Supplier Performance Monitoring System
Schedule 4 – The possession-planning regime	SIPS – (2) Standard Infrastructure Performance System (Civil Engineering equivalent of PEARS)
Schedule 8 – The performance regime with TOCs	SIS – Staff Information System
SCHLID – SCHeduLe IDentity: TOPS term for a train schedule	SITS – Security Incident Tracking System
SCI – Standard Contract Interpretation	SIVS – Station Inspector Viewing System
SCM – Senior Contracts Manager	SK – Second Korridor
Scot (SCOT) – Scotland	SLA – Service Level Agreement
SCS – Signalling Control System	SLE – Sleeper (coach)
SCU – Signalling Compatibility Unit	SLEP - Sleeper (coach) with Pantry
SCUK – Signalling Controls UK Ltd, now part of Westinghouse Signals Ltd	SLOA – Steam Locomotive Operators Association
SCW – Safety Critical Work	SLU – Standard Length Unit
SD – (1) Standard Deviation	SLW – Single Line Working
SD – (2) Sand Drag	SMA – (1) Signalling Maintenance Assistant
SDA – (1) Solid state interlocking Data Appreciation	SMA – (2) Single Manning Agreement
SDA – (2) Strategy, Design and Architecture group, an RTIS body	SMA – (3) Statistical Multiplexer Appreciation
SDDR – Short distance data recorder	SMA – (4) Strathclyde Manning Agreement
SDH – Synchronous Digital Hierarchy	SMART – (1) Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timebased
SDR – Simplified Direct Reporting	SMART – (2) Signal Monitoring And Reporting to TRUST
SDS – Signalman's Display System	SMC – System Management Centre
SDT – Service Disruption Threshold	SME – Signalling Maintenance Engineer
SEC – Southern Electric Company	SMFD – Systems Management Framework Design
SEE – Systems Engineering Environment	SMG – Systems Management Group
SER – Signalling Equipment Room	SMIC – Site Manager's Information Compendium
SETA – Signalling Equipment Technical Agent	SMIS – Safety Management Information System
SEU – Signalling Equivalent Units	SMOS – Structure Mounted Outdoor Switchgear
SFAIRP – So Far As Is Reasonably Practicable	
SFO – (1) Senior Fire Officer	
SFO – (2) Station Facility Owner	

SMS – (1) Station Management System	SSI – Solid State Interlocking
SMS – (2) Signal Maintenance Standard	SSIC – Solid State Interlocking Controller
SMS – (3) Safety Management System	SSIDES – Solid State Interlocking DESign
SMT – Signalling Maintenance Testing	SSIDWS – Solid State Interlocking Design WorkstationS
SMTH – Signal Maintenance Tester’s Handbook	SSIHA – SubSystem Interface Hazard Analysis
SNCB – Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Belges: Belgian national railways	SSISIM – Solid State Interlocking SIMulator
SNCF – Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer Français: French national railways	SSM – Safety Strategy Manager
SO – Second (or Standard) Open	SSn-FTA – Subsystem Fault Tree Analysis
SOCO – Scene Of Crime Officer	SSO – Special Stop Order
SODA – Single Option Development Authority	SSP – (1) Signalling Supply Point
SOWC – Shows Occupied When Clear	SSP – (2) Standard Signalling Principle
SP – Single Phase	SSP – (3) System Safety Plan
SP&SN – Single Phase and Switched Neutral	SSR – (1) Spread Spectrum Radio
SPA – Special Protected Area	SSR – (2) System Safety Report
SPAD – Signal PAssed at Danger	SSRA – Shadow Strategic Rail Authority
SPADMIS – Signal Passed At Danger throughout Information System	SSRB – Special Speed Restriction Board
SPADRAM – SPAD Reduction & Mitigation	SSSI – Site of Special Scientific Interest
SpAg – Sponsor’s Agent	SSTD – Solid State Train Descriptor
SPC – Senior Production Controller	SSW – Safe System of Work
SPI – Safety Performance Indicator	STA – Supplementary Track Access (Agreement)
SPM – Senior Project Manager	STABS – Signalling and Telecommunications Area Budget System
SPOC – Single Point Of Contact	STAR – Signalling & Telecommunications Asset Register
SPT – (1) Signal Post Telephone	STEP – Safety, Teamwork, Excellence, Professionalism
SPT – (2) Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	STN – Special Traffic Notice
SPTA – Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority	STO – Senior Technical Officer
SPV – Special Purpose Vehicle (Project Management)	STOPS – Signalling and Telecommunications Outturn Processing System
SPWEE – Safety Procedures for Working on Electrical Equipment	STP – Short Term Planning: one-off bids for train paths (see also Spot Bids)
SQE – Safety, Quality and Environment	SVP – Safety Verification Plan
SQL – Structured Query Language	SW – Software
SR – ScotRail	SWA (swa) – Steel Wire Armoured (cable)
SRA – Strategic Rail Authority	Swap Body – a system for conveying road freight vehicle bodies on rail vehicles
SRG – Safety Review Group	SWELTRAC – South West London TRAnsport Conference
SRI – Signalling Restructuring Initiative	SWIFT – Structured ‘What IF?’ Technique: a process for assessing level of safety risk
SRP – (1) Station Regeneration Programme	SWIMCo – formerly South West Iinfrastructure Maintenance Company, then AMEC Rail
SRP – (2) Statutory Reporting Pack	SWOT – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats analysis
SRP – (3) System Review Panel	SWT – South West Trains
SRP – (4) Safety Review Panel	SWTH – Signalling Works Testing Handbook
SRPTA –SRP Secretariat Technical Advisor	SYITA – South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority
SRS – Safety Responsibility Statement	SYITE –South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Executive
SRT – Sectional Running Time	SYPTE – formerly South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive
SSA – Station Specific Annexe	
SSAP – Statement of Standard Accounting Practice	
SSDC – Signalling Systems Direct Current	
SSG – Safety Strategy Group	
SSG – (1) Standards Steering Group	
SSG – (2) Systems Strategy Group (for Information Systems projects)	
SSHA – SubSystem Hazard Analysis	

SZ – Scotland Zone

– T –

T&H – Tottenham & Hampstead (Barking–Gospel Oak Junction)

T&RS – Traction & Rolling Stock

T&V – Trespass & Vandalism

TAA – Track Access Agreement

TAC – Telecomms Appreciation Course

TADS – Telecommunications Asset Database System

TAG – Track Access Grant

TAN – Track Access Notice

TARDIS – TOPS Ancillary Retrospective Data Information Service

TAS – Technical Assurance Strategy

TASS – Tilt Authorisation & Speed Supervision

TB – (1) Token(less) Block

TB – (2) Trial Balance

TBA – To Be Advised

TBE – To Be Evaluated

TBS – Transmission Based Signalling

TBTC – Transmission Based Train Control

TBW – Temporary Block Working

TC – (1) Track Circuit

TC – (2) Trailer Composite

TCA – Track Circuit Actuator

TCAID – Track Circuit Actuator Interference Detector

TCB – Track Circuit Block

TCF – Track Circuit Failure

TCI – (1) Track Circuit Interrupter

TCI – (2) Transportation Consultants International

TCIC – TripCock Isolating Cock (LUL)

TCM – Time Cycle Maintenance

TCN – Train Communications Network

TCOC – Track Circuit Operating Clip

TCOD – Track Circuit Operating Device

TCP/IP – Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol

TCS – (1) Traffic Control System

TCS – (2) Train Control System

TCS – (3) Train Crew Supervisor.

TD – Train Describer

TDA – TRUST Delay Attribution

TD–D – Data Course (Training)

TDM – Time Division Multiplex

TDMA – Time Division Multiple Access protocol

TDMS – Title Deeds Management System

TDS – Train Diagnostic System

TD–T – Transmission Course (Training)

TE – Zone Telecommunications Engineer

TEB – Telephone Enquiry Bureau

TEN – Trans–European Network

TENS – Trans European Network Strategy

TESCO – TEchnical Service Company

TEU – Twenty Foot Equivalent Unit (container length)

TF – Trailer First

TfL – Transport for London

TFM – Trackside Functional Module

TGM – Transport Gateway Metro (services proposed for the Woolwich Rail Tunnel)

TGV – Train á Grande Vitesse: French high speed train

TIC – (1) Technical Investigation Centre

TIC – (2) Tester In Charge

TIC – (3) Track Inspection Coach

TID – Track IDentity

TIIS – Train Infrastructure Interface Specification

TIMI – TelecommunIcations Maintenance Instruction

TIPS – Telecommunications Installation and Procurement Service

TIR – Transports Internationaux Routiers

TIS – (1) Track Isolating Switch

TIS – (2) Train Information System

TIS – (3) Traction Interlock Switch

TIS – (4) Traction Isolation Switch

tkm – tonne kilometres

TL – Through Line

TL2000 – ThamesLink 2000

TLC – Telephone protection only Level Crossing

TMD – (1) Traction Maintenance Depot

TMD – (2) Train Mass Detector

TMO – Train crew Manually Operated level crossing

TMP – Traffic Management Plan

TMS – Traffic Management System

TNA – Training Needs Analysis

TNM – Train Network Management

TO – (1) Team Organiser

TO – (2) Technical Officer

TO – (3) Transport Operator

TOC – (1) Train Operating Company

TOC – (2) Test On Completion

TOHD – TOPS Operations Help Desk

TOL – Train On Line

TOOS – Taken Out Of Service

TOPS – Total Operations Processing System

TOR – Top of rail

TORR – Train Operated Route Release

TORUS – TransportOperations Rapid Update System

TOU – Train Operating Unit

TOWS – Train Operated Warning System

TP&SN – Three Phase and Switched Neutral: type of low voltage switch gear

TPH – Trains per Hour

TPC – Trackside Processing Centre
TPC – Train Performance Calculator
TPO – Travelling Post Office
TPPP – Transport Policies and Programme Package
(Central Government funding)
TPS – Traction Power Supply
TPT – Train Positioning and Tracking
TRUB – Trailer Restaurant Unclassified Buffet
TRUK – Trailer Restaurant Unclassified Kitchen
TPWS – Train Protection and Warning System
TPWS+ – Train Protection and Warning System Plus
for operation at speeds above 70mph
TPWS-E – Train Protection and Warning System
based on Eurobalise technology
TPWSSA – TPWS Sponsor's Agent
TQ – Technical Query
TQI – Track Quality Index
TQSUM – Track Quality SUMmary
TRACA – TRAck Condition Assessment
TRAMM – Track Renewal And Maintenance
Machine
TRB – (1) Train Recording Book
TRB – (2) Transportation Research Board (United
States)
TRC – (1) Track Recording Coach
TRC – (2) Track Renewals Company[†]
TRE – Track Recording Engineer
TRS – (1) Train Ready to Start
TRS – (2) Train Reporting System
TRTS – Train Ready To Start indicator
TRU – (1) Track Recording Unit
TRU – (2) Track Renewal Unit
TRUST – Train RUNning Systems on TOPS
TRV – Track Recording Vehicle
TS – Trailer Second
TS&I – Technical Services and Innovation
TSC – (1) Track Sectioning Cabin
TSC – (2) Train Service Code
TSDB – Train Service Data Base
TSI – Technical Specification for Interoperability
TSO – Trailer Second Open
TSR – Temporary Speed Restriction
TSSA – Transport Salaried Staffs' Association
TSSU – Time Slot Sharing Unit
TT – Time Table
TTP – Time Table Processor
TU – Transport Undertaking
TUPE – Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of
Employment Regulations 1981)
TVM – Transmission Voie Machine, French ATP
TWA – Transport & Works Act
TWE – Track Welding Engineer
TWO – Transport and Works Order

TX – Transmitter (in track circuits and communi-
cations Links)

– U –

UB – (1) UnderBridge
UB – (2) Universal Beam
UEL – Up Electric Line
UFL – Up Fast Line
UFN – Until Further Notice
UGL – Up Goods Line or Up Goods Loop
UIC – Union Internationale des Chemins de Fer
(international union of railways)
UM (UML) – Up Main (Line)
UPL – Up Platform Line or Up Passenger Loop
UPS – Uninterruptible Power Supply
UPWSF – UnProtected Wrong Side Failure
URFD – Ultrasonic Rail Flaw Detection
URFDO – Ultrasonic Rail Flaw Detector Operator
URL – Up Relief Line
URS – Up Refuge Siding
USA – Urgent Safety Advices
USL – Up Slow Line
UT – Ultrasonic Testing
UTS – Ultrasonic Testing System
UTU – Ultrasonic Test Unit
UTX – Under Track Crossing
UWC – User Worked Crossing
UWG – public road crossing with User Worked Gates
UWSF – Unprotected Wrong Side Failure
UWTF – Unprotected Wrongside Telecommunica-
tions Failure

– V –

VAB – Vehicle Acceptance Board
VAL – Validation Action Label
VAMPIRE – Vehicle dynAmic Modelling Package in
a Railway Environment
VAT – Value Added Tax
VATT – Virgin Active Tilt Trains
VCB – Vacuum Circuit Breaker
VCC – Virgin Cross Country
VCU – Vehicle Control Unit
VDP – Vertical Design Package
VDU – Visual Display Unit, for computers
VDV – Vibration Dose Value
VLR – Visitors Location Register
VM – Value Management
VNCAB – Vehicle and Network Change Approvals
Board
VO – Variation Order
VOBC – Vehicle OnBoard Control / Computer

VPF (VOPF) – Value of Preventing a Fatality criterion
VPI – Vital Processor Interlocking
VRAC – Vehicle and Route Acceptance Contract
VRG – Virgin Rail Group
VSTP – Very Short Term Plan
VT – Virgin Trains
VTI – Vehicle Track Interaction
V/T-SIC – Vehicle / Track Systems Interface Committee
VTISM – Vehicle Track Interaction Strategic Model
V/V-SIC – Vehicle / Vehicle Systems Interface Committee
VWC – Virgin West Coast

– W –

W – Watt (electrical unit)
W/m – Watt per metre (heat loss unit)
W/m² – Watt per metre squared (heat flow unit)
W/S – Work Station
WA – West Anglia Lines (Liverpool Street to Cambridge & Local Branches)
WACC – Weighted Average Cost of Capital
WAGN – West Anglia Great Northern
WAN – Wide Area Network
WARC – West Anglia Route Controller
WARM – West Anglia Route Modernisation
WARP – West Coast Advanced Recovery Reliability Programme
WBS – Work Breakdown Structure
WCML – West Coast Main Line
WCML RM – West Coast Main Line Route Modernisation
WCRM – West Coast Route Modernisation
WEN – Weekly Engineering Notice
WESTRACE – WESTinghouse Radio Advanced Control Equipment
WI – Warning Indicator
WI – Work Instruction
WILD – Wheel Impact Load Detector
WIP – Works In Progress
WLC – Whole Life Cost
WLL – West London Line
WLRM – Whole Life Rail Model
WMITA – West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority
WMITE – West Midlands Integrated Transport Executive
WMP – Waste Management Plan
WMPA – formerly West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority
WMPTE – formerly West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive

WON – Weekly Operating Notice
WPI – Wholesale Price Index
WRISA – Wheel Rail System Interface Authority
WR SSTD – Western Region Solid State Train Describer
WRSL – Westinghouse Rail Systems Ltd.
WSF – (1) Wrong Side Failure
WSF – (2) Wrong side Signalling Failure
WSL – formerly Westinghouse Signals Ltd
WSO – Work Station Operator
WSP – Wheel Slip Protection
WTB – Wire Train Bus
WTF – Wrong side Telecommunications Failure
WTT – Working Time Table
WW – Wales and West Passenger Trains
WWW – World Wide Web
WYITA – West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority
WYITE – West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Executive
WYPTA – formerly West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority
WYPTE – formerly West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive
WYSIWYG – What You See Is What You Get

– X –

XCT – Cross Country Trains
XLPE – Cross-Linked PolyEthylene

– Y –

YB2 – Yellow Book issue 2 (ESM)
YB3 – Yellow Book issue 3 (ESM)
YTD – Year To Date

– Z –

ZCAM – Zonal Corporate Affairs Manager
ZCRG – Zonal Commercial Review Group
ZD – Zone Director
ZEPE – Zone Electrical and Plant Engineer
ZFC – Zone Freight Controller
ZIAR – Zone Infrastructure Asset Register
ZIP – Zone Investment Panel
ZOC – Zone Operational Control
ZPAM – Zonal Public Affairs Manager
ZPUG – Zonal Possession User Group
ZTE – Zone Telecommunications Engineer

