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NR/L2/CTM/012/011 Competence & Training in Signal Engineering

Sig 11: Undertake corrective and preventative maintenance of pneumatically operated point machines.

1 Purpose

The purpose of this competence standard is to define the competence requirements for persons required to undertake corrective and preventative maintenance of pneumatically operated point machines.

2 Scope

This competence standard applies in all circumstances where any person is required to maintain, fault or test pneumatically operated point machines (including supplementary drives and detections systems) on Network Rail managed infrastructure.

The level and extent of responsibility will include their own safety and that of others who might be affected by their work. The person will be expected to refer to others for authorisation when required, will be responsible for the implementation of the instructions and will work within set procedures and specifications. The person is responsible for the quality of their completed work.

This competence standard shall be used to assess the competence of people maintaining any of the following pneumatically operated point machines:

- SGE VB Point Machine.
- W, B & S Co Style EP Point machine.
- W, B & S Co Style D & CP Point machine
- Train Operated Points

3 Competence Standard

This Competence Standard comprises five elements.

- Element 1 Carry out planned maintenance of pneumatically operated point machines.
- Element 2 Adjust pneumatically operated point machines to meet operating requirements.
- Element 3 Diagnose faults in pneumatically operated point machines.
- Element 4 Restore pneumatically operated point machines to operational condition by repair.
- Element 5 Conduct specified testing of pneumatically operated point machines, analyse and interpret the results.

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The first element is concerned with the safe completion of planned maintenance in accordance with instructions. The second element deals with adjusting the equipment to make sure that it meets its operating requirements. The third and fourth elements are concerned with the safe completion of locating, diagnosing and repairing faults. The final element deals with testing of the equipment and analysing and interpreting the results to make sure that the equipment meets its operating requirements.

To prove competence in this unit, the person shall demonstrate their ability to complete maintenance in accordance with instructions, locate, diagnose and repair faults associated with no detection, obstruction, points do not lock, caused by electrical, mechanical or component failure or damage and complete the appropriate testing. The person will have to show they can follow recording, reporting and escalation procedures.

4 Assessment

4.1 Initial Assessment.

Where the equipment is new to the person's area of responsibility evidence should be used from the satisfactory completion of work based development and mentoring and shall be gathered of the person working on at least two sets of points.

Performance evidence may come from a variety of sources and will include evidence derived from surveillance (direct observation) by an approved assessor. Evidence will also include detailed questioning and may additionally be supported by performance reports from the person's line manager.

4.2 Re-Assessment

Re-assessment shall be completed in accordance with the applicable requirements set out in **7.2** of NR/L2/CTM/012.

4.3 Knowledge Evidence that is common to the whole unit.

You shall have knowledge and understanding of:

- a) Engineering specifications associated with the type point machine for which competence is being assessed.
- b) How the maintenance adjustment, faulting, repair and testing activity may affect the safe operation of the railway.
- c) What procedures need to be followed to demonstrate operational and personal safety is maintained during the work.
- d) How to avoid personal injury during the work.
- e) How the point machine is designed to function under normal operating conditions.
- f) What each of the component parts contributes to the overall operation of the system.
- g) What terminology and methods are used to identify a set of points and describe the lie of the points.
- h) What tools and gauges are required to complete the work and what equipment calibration is required.

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- i) What maintenance authorisation procedures are and limits of your responsibility and authority.
- j) What equipment operating and care and control procedures are applicable to the point machine for which competence is being assessed.
- k) What procedures apply to taking the equipment out of operational service and what procedures apply to handing back the equipment to operational service.
- l) Maintenance reporting documentation and control procedures.
- m) Reporting lines and escalation procedures.
- n) Industry protocols relating to communication important safety information.