

COMMIT Switch Flag Testing



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This COMMIT is designed to prevent run through switches and derails, which is a leading cause of derailments.

Switch Flag Placement – Setup

Targeting All Switch Point or Derail Movements

- Place switch flag(s) to the inside of the track.
- Place at the switch point or in front of derail.



Switch Flag Placement – Process

Managers will use GCOR Rule 8.2 Position of Switches or 8.20 Derail Location and Position in conjunction with SSI Item 22 Switch Flag. Note: **Event counts as a Stop Test**

- Switch Flags will be used for switch or derail movements on Other Than Main Track or within Yard Limits when movement is required to be at Restricted Speed.
- Test will be entered in COMMIT as Test Type: 101 Rules: 8.2 or 8.20 and Item 22.
- If switch flags are run over, or crew fails to stop short of fouling the adjacent track, it will be handled as a (Close Call) Critical rules violation of Rules 8.2 or 8.20 and Item 22.
- Clearance is determined by if the train is fouling the adjacent track, not by designated clearance markers painted on the rail.

Test No.	Type of Test	Purpose of Test	Means & Procedures For Conducting The Test
101	Use of Switches and Derails Applicable Rules: 8.2, 8.3, 8.20, SSI Item 10K Supplemental Rules: 7.1, 8.4, 8.8, 8.9.1, 8.12, 8.19, 8.19.1, *Item 22, **82.3	Determine that train crew member(s) are complying with rules specific to hand operated switches and derails.	Monitor train crew member(s) for compliance with rules specific to hand operated switches and derails. Switch Flags will be used for all movement over switches with rule 8.2 in conjunction with Item 22. Train crew must move prepared to stop short of switch or derail that is improperly lined. *Item 22 (Switch Flags) can be used for switch or derail movements on Other Than Main Track or within Yard Limits when movement is required to be at Restricted Speed. Switch Flag Stop tests, placement must be at switch point or in front of derail. ** Safety Rule 82.3 can be entered as 82.3 TAG when a switch tag is used for a structured test.

THIS WILL NOT BE A DECERTIFICATION