



Track Standards Bulletin #2

Installation of Turnouts and Installation Stagger of Insulated Joints

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*****NEW*****

Refer to Section 13.2 – Installation of Turnouts and add a new Item 2, and renumber the remaining items accordingly.

2. During construction of turnouts or other track components associated with turnout installation, all insulated components affecting track circuits **MUST** be tested by a qualified signal person in compliance with Signals & Communications Standards GI 332B and AREMA Communications and Signals Manual 8.6.35.
 - a. Testing of the following components shall be completed with the appropriate documentation provided prior to Track In-Service sign off;
 - i. All insulated switch rods,
 - ii. Continuous (glued) insulated joints,
 - iii. Non-continuous insulated joints
 - iv. Encapsulated (coated) insulated joints,
 - v. Pipe line insulation,
 - vi. Insulated Gauge plates,
 - vii. Insulated snow clearing device ductwork.

*****REVISED*****

Refer to Section 5.3 – Insulated Joints and amend Item 24 to read:

24. Insulated joints shall be staggered at a maximum of 4 ft.-3 in. (1.3 m) for non-continuous insulated joints, and a maximum 4 ft.-6 in. (1.37 m) for continuous insulated joints. **There shall be a minimum of two ties at proper tie spacing as defined in Appendix O – Minimum Construction Standards between newly installed insulated joint pairs.** Final location of insulated joints shall be confirmed with qualified signals personnel prior to installation.

These changes are effective immediately.

*****END*****

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