### 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”.

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

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
DIADS – Diagram Input And Distribution System
DiPTAC – Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee
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<td>Flexible Display System (IECC replacement for SDS)</td>
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<td>Data Link Module</td>
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<td>Docklands Light Railway</td>
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<td>DOO</td>
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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
FDDDB – Fibre Distributed Database
FDI – 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
FIIBU – 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 Information System
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 & Eage
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
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 (HoE) – 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
ICC – (2) Infrastructure Control Centre
ICDB – Industry Capacity Database
ICE – (1) Institution of Civil Engineers
ICE – (2) InterCity Express (Germany)
ICM – (1) Infrastructure Contracts Manager
ICM – (2) Internal Communications Manager
ICMU – Interference Current Monitoring Unit (on 3 phase train)
IDC – (1) Insulation Displacement Connector
IDC – (2) Inter Disciplinary Check
IDF – Intermediate Distribution Frame
IDMS – Integrated Document Management System
IDS – Infrastructure Data Server
IDT (ID&T) – Implementation, Development and Training
IÉ – Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail)
IEC – International Electrotechnical Commission
IECC – Integrated Electronic Control Centre
IEE – (1) Institution of Engineering and Technology
IEE – (2) Institution of Electrical Engineers, now IET
IEEE – Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (United States)
IEP – InterCity Express Programme
IERS – International Environmental Rating System
IFC – Infrastructure Fault Control
IFS – Independent Function Switch
IGBT – Integrated Gate Bipolar Transistor
ILGRI – International Railway Inspectors Group
ILM – Railtrack Infrastructure Liability Manager
ILWS – Inductive Loop Warning System
IM – Infrastructure Manager
IMACS – Inventory Management Accounting and Control System
IMC – (1) Infrastructure Maintenance Company
IMC – (2) Infrastructure Maintenance Contract
IMC – (3) Infrastructure Maintenance Contractor
IMC2 – 2nd generation Infrastructure Maintenance Contract
IMCO – Infrastructure Maintenance Company
IMDG – International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
IMechE – Institution of Mechanical Engineers
IMG – Infrastructure Materials Group
IMPACT – Improved Manufacturing Performance Through Active Change and Training
IMPS – Investment Monitoring and Planning System: the BR predecessor to PIPS
IMR – Interlocking Machine Room
IMU – Infrastructure Maintenance Unit
INLORS – INner London Orbital Route Strategy
IORPS – Integrated Operational Railway Planning System
IP – (1) Intellectual Property
IP – (2) Investment Proposal
IR – InfraRed
IRJ – Insulated Rail Joint
IRR – Internal Rate of Return
IRSE – Institution of Railway Signal Engineers
IS – (1) Information System
IS – (2) Intermediate Signalling
ISA – Independent Safety Assessor
ISAR – Information Systems Activity Request
ISDN – Integrated Services Digital Network
ISG – Infrastructure Support Group
ISM – IECC System Monitor
ISO – International Standards Organisation
ISRS – International Safety Rating System
ISTP – Intermediate Signalling Technology: Principles
ISU – Infrastructure Services Unit
ISwA – Independent Software Assessor
IT – Information Technology
ITA – Integrated Transport Authority
ITE – Institute of Transportation Engineers (United States)
ITPM – IT Process Model
ITS – Infrastructure Testing Services
ITT – Invitation To Tender
ITU – International Telecommunications Union
IVPS – Intermediate Voltage Power Supply
IVS† – Infrastructure Video System (Omnicom Ltd)
IWA – Individual Working Alone
IZ – Inter Zonal: the transfer of costs between Business Units without cash
IZPD – Inter–Zonal Possession Database

– J –

J – Joule, international unit for energy (= Ws)
JCN – Job Cost Number
JCN – JunCtioN
JCT – Joint Construction Trades
JD – Job Description
Jernbaneverket – Norwegian railway infrastructure manager
JLE – Jubilee Line Extension
JN (JC) – Junction
JS1 – basic signalling cable jointing and testing
JS2 – advanced signalling cable jointing and testing
JSOP – Joint Signing On Point
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®
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
MB – (2) MegaBit
MB/s – MegaBit per second
MBS – Motor Brake Second (or Standard)
MBO – Management Buy Out
MBSS – Moving Block Signalling System
MCB – (1) Manually Controlled Barrier (of level crossing)
MCB – (2) Miniature Circuit Breaker
MCU – Main Control Unit
MDC – Management Driven Change
MDF – (1) Medium Density Fibreboard
MDF – (2) Main Distribution Frame
MEAV – Modern Equivalent Asset Value
MEBO – Management and Employee Buy Out
MEF – Modern Equivalent Form
MEP – Member of European Parliament
MEWP – Mobile Elevating Work Platform
MGL – Multiple Groove Locking
MGR – Merry-Go-Round
MGT – Mega (Million) Gross Tonnes
MHSW (MHSAW, MHSWR) – Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, 1992
MI – Mechanical Installation Practices
MICC – Management Information Communications Centre (controls BTP operations South of England)
Mids – Midlands
MIP – Mobility Impaired Person
MIPS – Million Instructions Per Second
MIS – Management Information System
MLF – Main Line Freight
MLRI – Multi–Lamp Route Indicator
MM – Money Market
MMC – Monopolies and Mergers Commission
MMIS – Maintenance Management Information System
MML – (1) Minimum Monetary Limit
MML – (2) Midland Main Line
MOD – Ministry Of Defence
MoP – Member of the Public
MOS – (1) Mobile Operations Supervisor
MOS – (2) Motor Operated Switch
MP – (1) Major Projects
MP – (2) MilePost
MPD – Major Projects Division (Thameslink 2000, WCML, Crossrail etc.)
MPI – Magnetic Particle Inspection
MPM – Multi Processor Module
MPU – Motive Power Unit
MPV – Multi Purpose Vehicle
MRP – (1) Management Reporting Pack
MRP – (2) Monthly Reporting Pack
MRT – (1) Minimum Rail Temperature
MRT – (2) Mass Rapid Transit
MS – (1) Member State (of the EU)
MS – (2) Method Statement
MSL – Level crossing with Miniature Stop Lights
MSP – Measured Shovel Packing
MSS – Maximum Safe Speed
MTBF – Mean Time Between Failures
MTBFF – Mean Time Between Functional Failures
MTBHE – Mean Time Between Hazardous Events
MTBSAF – Mean Time Between Service Affecting Failures
MTBWFR – Mean Time Between Wrongside Failures
MTL – Mersey Travel Ltd.
MTP – Mode of Travel Priority
MTR – Mass Transit Railway, Singapore
MTRC – Mass Transit Railway Corporation, Hong Kong
MTRT – Matisa Track Recording Trolley
MTTR – Mean Time To Repair
MTTRS – Mean Time To Restore Service
MVB – Multifunctional Vehicle Bus
MWL – Level crossing with Miniature red/green Warning Lights
MWO – Minor Works Order
MZ – Midland Zone (Lead Zone)
MZSA – Midland Zone Sponsor’s Agent

– N –

N – Newton, international unit of Force [kg m / s²]
N&VMP – Noise and Vibration Management Plan
NAO – National Audit Office
NAPS – National Accounts Payable System: a former BR system
NASG – National Applications Support Group
NAT – Not Applicable Timetable
NATM – New Austrian Tunnelling Method
NBA – National radio network Base station Alignment
NBV – Net Book Value
NCC – National Control Centre
NCL – Northern City Line
NCR – Non-Conformance Report
NDA – Not Described Alarm
NDE – Non-Destructive Evaluation
NDF – No Defect Found
NDM – Network Development Manager
NDN – National Data Communications Network
NDT – Non-Destructive Testing
NEBOSH – National Examination Board in Occupational Safety & Health
NEC – National Electrical Code (also known as NFPA 70)
NEG – National Express Group
NEM – National Estimating Manager
NEMA – National Electrical Manufacturers Association
NET – Nottingham Express Transit
NFF – No Fault Found
NFPA – National Fire Prevention Association
NG – Normal Grade
NI – National Insurance
NIC – National Insurance Contributions
NIR – (1) National Incident Register
NIR – (2) Northern Ireland Railways
NLL – North London Line (North Woolwich–Richmond)
NLR – North London Railways
NMC – Network Management Centre
NMCSA – Network Management Centre Sponsor’s Agent
NMS – Network Management Statement
NMT – New Measurement Train
NNTR – Notified National Technical Rule
NoBo – Notified Body
NOL – Notice of Liability
NPB – Non-powered bogie
NPCCS – Non Passenger Carrying Coaching Stock
NPM – National Procurement Manager
NPO – National Process Owner
NPS – National Payroll System
NPV – Net Present Value
NPW – Normal Place of Work
NR – Network Rail
NRA – (1) National Rivers Authority
NRA – (2) National Rail Academy (now RSC)
NES – National Rail Enquiry Service
NRG – National Records Group
NRLS – Network Rail Line Standards
NRM – Nominated Responsible Manager
NRN – National Radio Network
NRNA – National Radio Network Appreciation
NRS – National Railway Supplies (now UniPart)
NRSC – Network Rail railway Safety Case
NRV – National Reference Value
NS – Nederlandse Spoorwegen
NSA – National Safety Authority
NSC – National Supply Contract
NSE – formerly Network South East
NSK – No Signaller – Key Token
NSR – National Safety Rule
NSTR – No Signaller – Token Remote
NTBEP – Not To Be Exceeded Price
NTN – National Teleprinter Network
NTO – National Training Organisation
NTP – North Trans–Pennine route
NTPC – National Transaction Processing Centre: now known as the Shared Services Centre (SSC)
NTR – National Track Renewals
NVQ – National Vocational Qualification
NWR – Normal Working Resumed
NWT – North Western Trains
NWZ – North West Zone
NX – eNtrance – eXit (Signal Box Control Panel)

O&I – Operations and Interface
O&M – Operation & Maintenance (manual)
O&SPA – Operational and Support hazard Analysis
O/B – OverBridge
ÖBB – Österreichische Bundesbahnen
OC – Open Crossing
OCB – Oil Circuit Breaker
OCC (or Occ) – (1) Occupied
OCC – (2) Operations Control Centre
OCL – Operational Communications Link
OCS – (1) One Control Switch (signalling panel)
OCS – (2) Overhead Catenary System
OCU – Operator’s Control Unit
OD (od) – Outside Diameter
OE – Outside Edge
OEL – Occupational Exposure Limit
OETR – Outline Engineering Train Requirements
OFN – Optical Fibre Network
OHL – OverHead Line
OHLE – OverHead Line Equipment
OHNS – OverHead Line Neutral Section
OJEC – Official Journal of the European Community
OJEU – Official Journal of the European Union
OLBI – Off-line battery inverter (LUL)
OLC – Occupation Level Crossing
OLE – Overhead Line Equipment
OLER – Overhead Line Equipment Asset Register
OLEMI – Overhead Line Equipment Master Index
OOG – Out Of Gauge
OOO – Out Of Order
OOR – Out Of Round
OOU – Out Of Use
OP – Outside Party
OPEX – Operating EXPenditure
OPM – Operational Planning Manager
OPO – One Person Operation
OPRAF – Office of Passenger RAil Franchising
OPS – Outline Project Specification
OPU – Operational Planning Unit
OPUG – Other Passenger Upgrades
ORE – Office de Recherches et d'Essais
ORN – Overlay Radio Network
OROR – Outside Rules Of the Route
OST – Office of Rail Regulation
ORR – 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 – On-Track Machine
OTM – Overhead-Line Traction Maintenance
OTP – On-Track Plant
OTW – One Train Working
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
Pa – Pascal, international unit of pressure [N / m²]
PA – Public Address (System)
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 Branch eXchange
PAYE – Pay As You Earn (i.e., income tax)
PBI – Processor Based Interlocking
PBT – Profit Before Tax
PBX – Private Branch eXchange
PC – Personal Computer
PC – Protection Controller
PCB – Printed Circuit Board
PCB – PolyChlorinated Biphenyl, coolant / insulant for transformers, toxic, PCB production was banned in 2001
PCB – Petty Cash Book
PCI – Positive Crew Identification
PCM – Production Control Manager
PCM – 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)
PACs – 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 – Passenger Focus
PFI – Private Finance Initiative
PFM – Performance Focus Manager
PFM – 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
PIM – Precursor Indicator Model
PIMS – Programme Integrated Management System
PIO – Police Incident Officer
PIP – Property Investment Panel
PIPS – Packaging and Investment Planning System
PIS – Passenger Information System
PIXC – Passengers In eXcess of Capacity (bespoke regime applied to commuter services)
pkm – passenger kilometres
PLC – Public Limited Company
PLGS – Position Light Ground Signal
PLJI – Position Light Junction Indicator
PLOD – Patrolman’s LockOut Device (Trackside staff protection system)
PLRA – Private Locomotive Registration Agreement
PLS – Position Light Signal
PLUG – Pride Local User Group
PM – (1) Production Manager
PM – (2) Project Manager
PMBX – Private Manual Branch Exchange
PMCS – Project Management Control System
PMI – Project Manager’s Instruction
PMT – Project Management Team
PMUX – Panel MUltipleXer
PNB – Personal Needs Break
PO – Purchase Order
POA – Payment On Account
POD – Point Of Derailment
POM – Possession Optimisation Manager
POMG – Police Incident Office
PON – Periodical Operating Notice
PORV – Possession Only Rail Vehicle
POSA – Proceed On Sight Authority
PP – Period available for Possessions
PPE – Personal Protective Equipment
PPG – Planning Policy Guidance
PPM – (1) Panel Processor Module
PPM – (2) Planned Preventative Maintenance
PPM – (3) Public Performance Measure
PPP – (1) Period Possession Plan
PPP – (2) Public Private Partnership
PPTC – Powered Plant Training – Chainsaw
PPTD – Powered Plant Training – Disc Cutter And Class 9 Cutting Of Wheels
PRB – Personalised Rule Book
PRDC – Princess Royal Distribution Centre (Royal Mail Railnet Hub at Willesden)
PRI – Preliminary Routing Indicator
PRIDE – (1) Passenger Rail Information Display Equipment
PRIDE – (2) Possession Resource Information Database
PRIMA – Professional Rail Industry Management Association
PRM – PProcurement Manager
PROCYS – Procurement Control
PROJEX – PROject EXPenditure
PROM – Programmable Read Only Memory
PROMISE – Planning and ResOurces MonItoring SystEm
PROMPT – PRiority On Managing Performance Trends
PSB – Power Signal Box
PSBR – Public Sector Borrowing Requirement
PSD – Platform Screen Door
PSM – Performance Strategy Manager
PSN – Packet Switched Network
PSO – Public Service Obligation
PSPP – Particular Specification for Possession Planning
PSR – (1) Permanent Speed Restriction
PSR – (2) Public Service Requirement
PSRG – Project Strategy Review Group
PSTN – Public Switched Telecommunications Network
PT&R – Promotion Transfer & Redundancy
PTA (see ITA) – Passenger Transport Authority
PTC – Positive Train Control (US term)
PTE – Passenger Transport Executive
PTI – (1) Positive Train Identification
PTI – (2) Platform Train Interface (LUL)
PTM – Permanent Timetable Manager
PTO – Public Telecommunications Operator
PTS – Personal Track Safety
PTW – Permit To Work
PUG1 & 2 – Passenger Up Grades 1&2 on (WCML)
PUWER – Provision and Use of Workplace Equipment Regulations 1992
PVC – PolyVinyl Chloride
PW – (1) Parallel Wing
PW – (2) Permanent Way
PWay – Permanent Way (track, ballast etc)
PWI – Permanent Way Institution
PWM – Pulse Width Modulation
PWMA – Permanent Way Maintenance Assistant
PWME – Permanent Way Maintenance Engineer
PWRA – Private Wagon owners Registration Agreement
PWS – (1) Permanent Way Supervisor
PWS – (2) Permanent Way Slack (slang term for TSR)
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/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
RCD0 – 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
RCM(3) – 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
RID (RFD) – Railfreight Distribution (DB Schenker)
RFF – Réseau Ferré de France (French infrastructure manager)
RFI – Rete Ferroviaria Italiana (Italian Infrastructure Manager)
RIL – 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)
RIC – Regional Independent Commercial Auditor (SRP)
RICP – Rail Incident Control Post
RID – Regulations governing International carriage of Dangerous goods by rail
RIIDOR ‘95 – Reporting of Injuries, Disease and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995
RIDDR – 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
RIPM – Railtrack Investment Prioritisation Model
RIR – Railways Interoperability Regulations
RISC – Reduced Instruction Set Computer
RISSC – Railway Industry Safety Strategy Committee
RITC – Railway Industry Training Council
RITS – Rail Infrastructure Transport System
RIV – Regolamento Internazionale Vagoni (regulations governing the international exchange of railway freight wagons)
RIJS – Rail Journey Information System
RL – Relief Line (see also Slow Line)
RLE – Rail Link Engineering
RM – Route Modernisation
RMG – Railtrack Management Group
RMM – Rail Mounted Maintenance Machine
RMPD – Route Modernisation Product Delivery
RMS – (1) Risk Management System
RMS – (2) Root Mean Square
RMT – national union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers
RNA – Railway Notification of Accidents Regulations
RO – Rail Operator
ROA – Right On Arrival
ROAD – Railway jargon for railway line
ROCE – Return On Capital Employed
ROGS – Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 (supersede ROTS)
ROI – Return On Investment
ROM – Read Only Memory
ROM – Regional Operating Manager
ROP – Rules Of the Plan
ROR – Rules of the Route
ROS – Restriction of Speed
ROS cargo – ROLLing Stock leasing COmpany
ROSIN – Railway Open System Interconnection Network (a European Project)
ROTP – Rules Of The Plan
ROTTR – Rules Of The Route
ROTS – Railways and Other Transport Systems (Approval of Works, Plant and Equipment) Regulations 1994 (superseded by ROGS)
ROW – Renewal Of Way
RPI – (1) Retail Price Index
RPI – (2) Revenue Protection Inspector
RP – (formerly) Rail Property Ltd.: a subsidiary of the British Railways Board
RPM – Route Performance Manager (organisation pre 24/02/97)
RPPS – Rail Passenger Partnership Scheme
RPS – Radio Propagation System
RRD – Rolling Radius Difference
RR – Road Rail Vehicle
RRM – Railtrack Management Group
RRP – Rules Of the Plan
RRTR – Rules Of The Route
RRNE – Regional Railways North East
RRNW – Regional Railways North West
RRIP – Route Relay Interlocking Processor
RRIS – Rail Industry Safety Study Committee
RRNT – Rail Infrastructure Transport System
RRI – Route Relay Interlocking
RS – (former) Railway Safety
RSA – Railway Study Association
RSAB – Rolling Stock Acceptance Board
RSABGP – RSAB Group which provides support to RSAB and projects
RSAG – Railway Safety Advisory Group
RSBS – Railway Standard Building Specification
RSC – (1) Railway Skills Council (Sector Skills Council for the Railway Industry)
RSC – (2) Railway Safety Case
RSCI – Real Staff Cost Increase
RSF – Right Side Failure
RSLE – Rail Link Engineering
RSL – Rolling Stock Library
RS PG – Railway Safety Principles & Guidance
RSRS – Railtrack Safety Rating System
RSSB – Rail Safety and Standards Board
RSSP – Railway Strategic Safety Plan
RSTL – Rail Staff Travel Ltd (Travel Facilities: Pensions Management Ltd 1/2/97)
RT – (1) Radiographic Testing
RT – (2) RailTrack
RT1A – Railtrack Infrastructure Maintenance Contract
RT1B – Railtrack Track Renewal Contract
RTA – Road Traffic Accident
RTAC – RailTrack Access Conditions
RTFN – RailTrack Fault Number
RTG – RailTrack Group PLC
RTHQ – RailTrack Headquarters
RTIS – RailTrack Information Systems
RTL – RailTrack Line Standard
RTLS – Road Traffic Lights
RTMZ – RailTrack Midlands Zon
RTPI – Real Time Passenger Information system (based on [GPS] transmissions)
RTPI – Real Time Protocols
RTPI – Real Time Passenger Information system
RTPL – Railtrack Infrastructure Maintenance
RTPS – Rail Passenger Partnership Scheme
RTS – Rapid Transit System
RTU – Remote Terminal Unit
RUCC – Rail Users’ Consultative Committee(s): formerly the Transport Users’ Consultative Committee(s)
RUPP – (former) Road Used as a Public Path
RX – Receiver (of Track Circuits and Communications Links)

– S –

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

- T -

T&H – Tottenham & Hampstead (Barking–Gospel Oak Junction)
T&R – 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) Tokenless 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 Descriptor
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 Bureaux

TEN – Trans–European Network
TENS – Trans European Network Strategy
TESCO – TTechnical 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 à 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
TPP – Time Table Processor
TU – Transport Undertaking
TUPE – Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment Regulations 1981)
TVML – Transmission Voie Machine, French ATP
TWA – Transport & Works Act
TWE – Track Welding Engineer
TWO – Transport and Works Order
TX – Transmitter (in track circuits and communications 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
UG – public road crossing with User Worked Gates
UWSF – Unprotected Wrong Side Failure
UWTF – Unprotected Wrongside Telecommunications 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
WMIITE – West Midlands Integrated Transport Executive
WMP – Waste Management Plan
WMPTA – formerly West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority
WMPTE – formerly West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive

– 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
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