

ENGINE WHISTLE SIGNALS

Note:

Wherever the words “engine whistle” appear in these rules they also refer to “engine horn”. Signals prescribed by this rule are illustrated by “o” for short sounds; “—” for longer sounds.

- i. Engine whistle signals must be sounded as prescribed by this rule, and should be distinct, with intensity and duration proportionate to the distance the signal is to be conveyed. Unnecessary use of the whistle is prohibited.
- ii. Radio must not be used in lieu of engine whistle signals for indications prefixed by the symbol (#).

Sound	Indication
(a) o	When standing - braking system is equalized; angle cock may be closed.
(b) o o	(i) Answer to a “stop” signal (except a fixed signal). (ii) Answer to any signal not otherwise provided for. NOTE: (b) not applicable when switching.
(d) o o o o	Call for signals.
(e) o o o o o o	To notify track forces of fire on or near the right of way (to be repeated as often as required).
(f) Succession of short sounds	(#) Alarm for persons or animals on or near the track.
(i) — — o —	(#) (i) At every whistle post. (#) (ii) At least one-quarter of a mile from every public crossing at grade, (except within limits as may be prescribed in special instructions) to be prolonged or repeated according to the speed of the movement until the crossing is fully occupied by the engine or cars. (#) (iii) At frequent intervals when view is restricted by weather, curvature or other conditions.

(q) When two or more engines are coupled, the locomotive engineer on the leading engine will sound the signals as prescribed by this rule.

(r) In case of engine whistle failure the engine bell must be rung continuously:

- i. Approaching and moving through curves; and
- ii. Approaching and passing station facilities, yards and public crossings at grade.

In addition, the train or engine must not exceed twenty-five miles per hour entering each public crossing at grade which is not protected by a watchman, gates or automatic warning devices, until such crossing is fully occupied.

(s) When a movement, not headed by an engine or snow plow, is equipped with a whistle at the leading end, such whistle must be sounded as prescribed by 14 (f) and 14 (l). In addition, all engine whistle signals must be sounded by the locomotive engineer.

(t) When a snow plow is operated ahead of an engine, the snow plow foreman must sound engine whistle signals 14 (f) and 14 (l). All other engine whistle signals must be sounded by the locomotive engineer as prescribed by the rule.