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## **Loading Standard Bulletin**

### **For the attention of Loaders and Load Examiners.**

There have been several instances where the load securing arrangements of track panels loaded on FEA Salmon wagons have been challenged by the load examiner.

This is because the securing strap position was not deemed to be compliant with the loading standard.

To avoid any subsequent confusion the following strapping arrangements are to apply when loading track panels on to FEA/KFA type Salmon wagons:

1. The preferred option for positioning securing straps is directly between sleepers keeping the securing strap as short a length as possible. (See diagram 1)
2. If the required wagon winch position is obstructed by a sleeper, then it is permitted to position the securing strap as normal between the sleepers and deviate the strap around the side of the sleepers concerned. (See diagram 2)
3. Where the securing strap is in direct contact with the sleeper then suitable strap protection shall be used.
4. It is not permitted to position the securing strap over sleeper ends.

This instruction is supplementary to the current published Infrastructure Loading Pattern LP 3.1 Issue 3 Dated April 2024


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**Diagram 1: Preferred option where securing straps are positioned between the sleepers without any deviation of the securing strap.**



**Diagram 2: Acceptable option where the securing strap is positioned between the sleepers and deviates around the sleepers due to the wagon winch position being obstructed.**

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