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## Infrastructure Group Safety Bulletin

### Prohibition of 'pipe mats' for On/Off tracking Road Rail Vehicles

**This bulletin is for the attention of;**

Line & Project Managers, Possession Planners, Machine & Crane Controllers, Engineering Supervisors, Network Rail 'In Possession Operating Licence' holders and RRV Plant Suppliers and RRV operators. Copy to Network Rail Senior Renewals and Enhancement Engineers and Track Maintenance Engineers.



Standard **NR/L2/RVE/0007** was mandated in April 2007 and is intended to control and regularise the safe On/Off tracking of RRV's. It sets out 4 acceptable methods by which this may be done:

- A suitable permanent level crossing or a temporary installation of a proprietary Network Rail Product Approved level crossing system
- Secured timbers level with the rail head
- Consolidated ballast to at least the underside of the head of the rail
- A proprietary Network Rail Product Approved track access system

In no circumstances are any other methods to be used in getting RRV's on/off the track.

**The examples of 'pipe mats' shown above or any similar products, are not Network Rail Approved Products and must not be used on Network Rail managed infrastructure.**

**Note:** None of the 4 acceptable methods noted above for temporary RRV access are to be installed prior to the engineering possession of the line being taken. Nor should they remain in place after the possession has been handed back without prior authority from the responsible Network Rail Track Engineer and /or Senior Renewals and Enhancement Engineer/Track Maintenance Engineer for the line(s) concerned.

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