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Network Rail Safety Bulletin

TF25 Bogie Wheelset Lift Bracket Detachment

For the attention of FOCs and Wagon Maintainers

Background:

NIRS (numbers 2852 & 2966) were issued when vehicles had been found with wheelset lift brackets detached at the bolted end. After the issue of the NIRs a 100% fleet check was carried out of the bracket integrity on the Network Rail Fleet and all were found to be in place and correctly fastened.

An additional wagon belonging to Network Rail has now been found to have the wheelset lift bracket missing during VIBT examination at Westbury. This latest incident is therefore unexplained.

Further investigations are under way to establish the reason for failure and a new NIR 8250 has been issued.



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Bracket in place



Bracket missing

Immediate Action Required by all persons affected:

Extra vigilance is required at pre departure/train preparation examination looking for any indication that the wheelset lift bracket is missing, has detached or partially detached at either end. Any defective vehicle must be removed from the train unless competent dispensation is given by the vehicle owner's Engineer, the maintainer or maintenance control.

Any defects must be reported in the first instant to NDS 24:7 on 01908 723500 Option 1 and thereafter through your own company's reporting procedure.