

**§ 230.102**

(c) *Loose bearings.* Loose bearings shall be repaired or renewed.

**§ 230.102 Tender plain bearing journal boxes.**

Plain bearing journal boxes with the following defects shall be removed from service immediately and repaired:

- (a) A box that does not contain visible free oil;
- (b) A box lid that is missing, broken, or open except to receive servicing;
- (c) A box containing foreign matter, such as dirt, sand, or coal dust that can reasonably be expected to damage the bearing; or have a detrimental effect on the lubrication of the journal and bearing;
- (d) A lubricating pad that:
  - (1) Is missing;
  - (2) Is not in contact with the journal;
  - (3) Has a tear extending half the length or width of the pad, or more, except by design;
  - (4) Shows evidence of having been scorched, burned, or glazed;
  - (5) Contains decaying or deteriorated fabric that impairs proper lubrication of the pad;
  - (6) Has an exposed center core (except by design); or
  - (7) Has metal parts contacting the journal;
- (e) A plain bearing that:
  - (1) Is missing, cracked, broken;
  - (2) Has a bearing liner loose;
  - (3) Has a broken out piece; or
  - (4) Has indications of having been overheated, as evidenced by:
    - (i) Melted babbitt;
    - (ii) Smoke from hot oil; or
    - (iii) Journal surface damage; or
- (f) A plain bearing wedge that:
  - (1) Is missing, cracked or broken; or
  - (2) Is not located in its design position.

**§ 230.103 Tender roller bearing journal boxes.**

Tender roller bearing journal boxes shall be maintained in a safe and suitable condition.

**§ 230.104 Driving box shoes and wedges.**

Driving box shoes and wedges shall be maintained in a safe and suitable condition for service.

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**§ 230.105 Lateral motion.**

(a) *Condemning limits.* The total lateral motion or play between the hubs of the wheels and the boxes on any pair of wheels shall not exceed the following limits:

	Inches
Engine truck wheels (with swing centers) .....	1
Engine truck wheels (with rigid centers) .....	1½
Trailing truck wheels .....	1
Driving wheels .....	¾

(b) *Limits increased.* These limits may be increased on steam locomotives operating on track where the curvature exceeds 20 degrees when it can be shown that conditions require additional lateral motion.

(c) *Non-interference with other parts.* The lateral motion shall in all cases be kept within such limits that the driving wheels, rods, or crank pins will not interfere with other parts of the steam locomotive.

**TRUCKS, FRAMES AND EQUALIZING SYSTEM**

**§ 230.106 Steam locomotive frame.**

(a) *Maintenance and inspection.* Frames, decks, plates, tailpieces, pedestals, and braces shall be maintained in a safe and suitable condition for service, and shall be cleaned and thoroughly inspected as often as necessary to maintain in a safe and suitable condition for service with cleaning intervals, in any case, not to exceed every 1472 service days.

(b) *Broken frames.* Broken frames properly patched or secured by clamps or other suitable means which restores the rigidity of the frame are permitted.

**§ 230.107 Tender frame and body.**

(a) *Maintenance.* Tender frames shall be maintained in a safe and suitable condition for service.

(b) *Height difference.* The difference in height between the deck on the tender and the cab floor or deck on the steam locomotive shall not exceed 1½ inches.

(c) *Gangway minimum width.* The minimum width of the gangway between steam locomotive and tender, while standing on tangent track, shall be 16 inches.

(d) *Tender frame condemning defects.* A tender frame with any of the following

defects shall be removed from service immediately and repaired:

(1) Portions of the tender frame or body (except wheels) that have less than a 2½ inches clearance from the top of rail;

(2) Tender center sill that is broken, cracked more than 6 inches, or permanently bent or buckled more than 2½ inches in any six foot length;

(3) Tender coupler carrier that is broken or missing;

(4) Tender center plate, any portion of which is missing or broken or that is not properly secured; or

(5) Tender that has a broken side sill, crossbearer, or body bolster.

**§ 230.108 Steam locomotive leading and trailing trucks.**

(a) *Maintenance.* Trucks shall be maintained in safe and suitable condition for service. Center plates shall fit properly, and the male center plate shall extend into the female center plate not less than ¾ inch. All centering devices shall be properly maintained and shall not permit lost motion in excess of ½ inch.

(b) *Safety chain required.* A suitable safety chain shall be provided at each front corner of all four wheel engine trucks.

(c) *Clearance required.* All parts of trucks shall have sufficient clearance to prevent them from interfering with any other part of the steam locomotive.

**§ 230.109 Tender trucks.**

(a) *Tender truck frames.* A tender truck frame shall not be broken, or have a crack in a stress area that affects its structural integrity. Tender truck center plates shall be securely fastened, maintained in a safe and suitable condition for service, and provided with a center pin properly secured. The male center plate must extend into the female center plate at least ¾ inch. Shims may be used between truck center plates.

(b) *Tender truck bolsters.* Truck bolsters shall be maintained approximately level.

(c) *Condemning defects for springs or spring rigging.* Springs or spring rigging with any of the following defects shall

be taken out of service immediately and renewed or properly repaired:

(1) An elliptical spring with its top (long) leaf or any other five leaves in the entire spring pack broken;

(2) A broken coil spring or saddle;

(3) A coil spring that is fully compressed;

(4) A broken or cracked equalizer, hanger, bolt, gib or pin;

(5) A broken coil spring saddle; and

(6) A semi-elliptical spring with a top (long) leaf broken or two leaves in the top half broken, or any three leaves in the entire spring broken.

(d) *Tender securing arrangement.* Where equipped, tender devices and/or securing arrangements intended to prevent the truck and tender body from separating in case of derailment shall be maintained in a safe and suitable condition for service.

(e) *Side bearings and truck centering devices.* Where equipped, side bearings and truck centering devices shall be maintained in a safe and suitable condition for service.

(f) *Friction side bearings.* Friction side bearings shall not be run in contact, and shall not be considered to be in contact if there is clearance between them on either side when measured on tangent level track.

(g) *Side bearings.* All rear trucks shall be equipped with side bearings. When the spread of side bearings is 50 inches, their maximum clearance shall be ⅜ inch on each side for rear trucks and ¾ inch on each side for front trucks, where used. When the spread of the side bearings is increased, the maximum clearance shall be increased proportionately.

**§ 230.110 Pilots.**

(a) *General provisions.* Pilots shall be securely attached, properly braced, and maintained in a safe and suitable condition for service.

(b) *Minimum and maximum clearance.* The minimum clearance of pilot above the rail shall be 3 inches and the maximum clearance shall be 6 inches measured on tangent level track.

**§ 230.111 Spring rigging.**

(a) *Arrangement of springs and equalizers.* Springs and equalizers shall be