## Coach Code & Rake Link

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## **COACH CODE**

W: (prefix) Vestibuled

Y: (prefix) Suburban

G: Self-generating

E: 4-wheeled stock

L: (prefix) LHB coaches

## **CLASSES OF ACCOMMODATION**

F: First Class

S: Second Class

AC: Air-conditioned

M: Military

## **TYPE OF COACH**

- **CN**: 3-tier sleeper coach
- **W**: 2-tier sleeper coach
- **CZ**: Chair car
- CD : Dining Car
- **CB**: Pantry/kitchen car/buffet car
- **CL**: Kitchen car
- CR : State saloon

- CT: Tourist car (first class) (includes bathrooms, kitchen, and sitting and sleeping compartments)
- CTS: Tourist car (second class) (includes bathrooms, kitchen, and sitting and sleeping compartments)
- C: (except as above) With Coupe
- D: Double-decker & Disabled

## **CODE & TYPE OF COACHES**

- GS Second class self-generating.
- SLR IInd Class with Brake & Luggage.
- GLR -Self-generating IInd Class with Brake.
- DSLR Disabled IInd Class with Brake & Luggage.
- \* WGSCN : Self-generating IInd Class 3-tier Sleeper Vestibuled .
- \* FACC : Air conditioning Coach with First Class with coupe.

- **❖** WGFSCWAC : First A.C. cum Second A.C.
- \* WGACCW : Air conditioning Two tier Sleeper (Vestibuled).
- ❖ WGACCN: Air conditioning Three tier Sleeper (Vestibuled).
- ❖ WSCZAC : Air conditioning II-nd Class Chair Car.
- ❖ VP : Bogie Parcel Van.
- **EVP** : Four wheeler Parcel Van.

\* WLLRMEN : Luggage & Brake with Generator.

**ER** : Inspection Carriage.

RA : Officer Saloon.

\* RH : Bogie Medical Van.

#### LHB COACHES

• LS = Second class

• LSCN = Second class 3-tier sleeper

• LWACCW = AC2 tier sleeping Car (52 berths)

• LWACCN = AC3 tier sleeping car (72 berths)

• LWCBAC = Air-conditioned pantry/kitchen/buffet car

• LWFAC = AC1 Air-conditioned first class

- LWFCZAC = AC Executive chair car (56 seats)
- LWLRRM = Luggage/generator/brake van
- LWSCZAC = Air-conditioned chair car (78 seats)
- LWSCZ = Non AC Chair car
- LWFCACCW = EOG AC First Class Cum Ac Two Tire LHB Coach
- LS 2 = II class non-AC EOG LHB variant in BG coach fitted with modified suspension on FIAT bogie withsuspension to Drawing No. LG 90018 with 32 mm shims without 2 under slung water tanks of 685 Lt Pay load-16.3 T

• LS 3= II class non-AC EOG LHB variant in BG coach fitted with modified suspension on FIAT bogie with suspension to Drawing No. LG 90019 with 32 mm shims without 2 under slung water tanks of 685 Lt capacity, luggage rack shifted upward by 440 mm. Pay load-18.4 T

- LS4 = LHB GS EOG coach fitted with the new inner spring design of secondary suspension (LW05127) with a combination of existing LG05101 outer spring (Shalimar coach secondary outer spring) and Rubber spring with 36 mm shim. Pay load-22.6 T
- LS5= LHB GS EOG coach fitted with 140 KN Air spring design of secondary. Pay load-22 T
- LS5A = LHB GS EOG coach fitted with 160 KN Air spring design of secondary

#### **RAKE LINKS**

- The basic requirements for rail transportation system are:
- Railway track,
- Signalling and telecommunications,
- \* Rolling stock which contains locomotives, coaches and wagons,
- Maintenance and operating personnel of these assets.

- Railway track and signals are fixed assets and these are must for running of trains irrespective of the number of trains run.
- The rolling stock and crew requirement are based on quantum of traffic to be handled.
- Careful planning is required in acquisition and utilisation of the coaches, especially the A.C. coaches, since they are costly assets.
- Minimum turn-round time will increase the number of trips & more earning.

## **OBJECT OF RAKE LINK**

- ❖To ensure optimum utilisation of coaches with minimum lie-over period at destination.
- \*Availability of coach for trip.
- \*Schedule inspection on due date so that the same is maintained in good fettle for reliable service.
- \*Rake links indicate the sequence in which coaches have to operate.

- \*Rake links give all the information about the movement of coaches at a glance and can be used as a ready reckoner by operating staff.
- \*To achieve maximum utilisation of the rakes.
- Rake-links are prepared in such a manner that the coaches are kept on run for the maximum number of hours each day.
- \* Minimum detention at the terminal stations.
- \*Ideal rake-link is one in which lie-over of coaches at destination is minimum, utilisation (km earning per coach per day) is maximum.

### PREPARING RAKE-LINKS.

Coaches shall be made available for carrying out trip inspection at terminal stations.

\* Coaches are to be made available to the owning depots for carrying out maintenance schedules such as monthly, three monthly, IOH, POH etc.

At terminal stations, a minimum time of at least 3 hours shall be provided for connecting other link trains, to avoid link failure as far as possible.

\* Rake stabling siding shall be available at the terminal stations close to the station platforms to avoid unnecessary movement in shunting.

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