



Safety recommendation no. 42

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Safety deficit	<p>On 6 September 2012 a goods railcar of the Aare Seeland mobil company was operating as a loco train from Bannwil to Langenthal. On entering Langenthal station the engine driver initiated braking on the upward gradient as far as switch 7, to reduce speed to 25 km/h. He stated that the speed decreased only slowly and he increased braking to the full braking position. On entering the occupied track Q1, the railcar collided with multiple unit Be 4/8. Since visibility of the position of the steering controller was impaired, on entering the occupied track Q1 in Langenthal the engine driver did not notice that the controller was still at stage 8 and De 4/4 was still exerting traction</p>
Safety recommendation	<p>The visibility of the position of the De 4/4 controller should be improved, for example by removing the metal strip and highlighting the position indicator in white.</p>
Stage of the implementation	<p>The metal strip over the steering controller has been removed and position '0' highlighted in white. Implemented.</p>
Investigation report concerning the safety recommendation	<p><u>Schlussbericht</u></p>