



Safety recommendation no. 43

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Safety deficit	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. Subsequently the engine driver ascertained through a braking test that the brake was functioning correctly, but the controller was at stage 8 and the goods railcar was still exerting traction. The engine driver set the controller and reverser to 0.
Safety recommendation	During training of locomotive personnel the special character of the operation of the controller and driver's brake valve of the De 4/4 should be dealt with repeatedly, so that lessons can be learnt from this accident
Stage of the implementation	Oe 321's particular operating conditions have been incorporated into initial training for engine drivers and also into their ongoing further development training. Implemented.
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