

## Handout

### Rule 5.8.2

(7) - o - Approaching public crossings at grade with the engine in front, start signal at least 15 seconds but not more than 20 seconds before the crossing. If movement exceeds 45 MPH, start signal at or about the crossing sign but not more than 1/4 mile before the crossing. Prolong or repeat signal until engine occupies the crossing(s).

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Approaching men or equipment on or near the track, regardless of any whistle prohibitions. After this initial warning, train will continue to intermittently sound whistle signal (4) (2 shorts) until head end of train has passed the work location.

### Train Horn Rule

Delay after Passing Whistle Post Located 1/4-mile in Advance of Crossing to Achieve 20-Second Whistle Duration

Train Speed	Delay after Passing Whistle Post
40 mph	3 seconds
35 mph	6 seconds
30 mph	10 seconds
25 mph	16 seconds
20 mph	25 seconds
15 mph	40 seconds
10 mph	70 seconds

Trains exceeding 45 MPH will start whistling at the crossing sign.

This is a guide only. If train speed is increasing or decreasing the operator must adjust the distance to begin the horn sequence. The engineer or remote control operator is responsible for compliance or GCOR 5.8.2 (7).

### ITEM 9: USE OF ENGINE HORNS

Do not sound the horn within the city limits at points designated by the symbol (9) on the subdivision page. However, this does not apply when:

- Employees are working on or near the track.  
Necessary to warn persons or vehicles oblivious to the approach of the train or engine whose attention cannot be attracted by ringing the bell.