

Bumping Post Incidents at Passenger Terminals from 1997 to January 2017

Number	Date	Summary	Incident Type	Cause	Passengers Present	Injuries	FRA Reportable
Atlantic Terminal							
EQ19960413	04/19/1996	Train 962 collided with the bumping post causing non-reportable damage.	Locomotive Engineer failed to control the movement of the train	Crew drilling equipment failed to stop clear of bumping post damaging coupler and associated gear.	No	No	No
EQ19960905	09/12/1996	Train 2805 collided with the bumping post at Station Track 4 causing a derailment, damage and injuring one railroad employee	Locomotive Engineer failed to control the movement of the train	Locomotive Engineer asleep.	Yes	1 Non-Fatal Asst. Conductor injured knee from fall TP19960904	Yes
EQ20040405	04/30/2004	Collided with the bumping post	Struck bumping post-reverser in wrong position	Locomotive Engineer failed to select correct reverser position causing unintended move in the reverse.	Yes	No	No
EQ20170103	01/04/2017	Train 2817 collided with the bumping post on Atlantic Terminal Track 6 causing derailments, damage, and non-life threatening injuries to customers and employees.	Locomotive Engineer failed to control the movement of the train	Unknown, Locomotive Engineer claims uncontrolled loss of awareness while approaching bumping post.	Yes	9 Employee and 105 Passenger Non-Fatal Injuries	Yes
Hempstead							
EQ19980303	03/12/1998	Train 713 collided with bumping post at Station Track 4 causing damage. No injuries were reported	Struck Bumping Post while coupling equipment.	Hand brakes not applied, coupling with fully charged service brakes allowed consist to release brake and take traction power.	No	No	Yes
EQ20051008	10/31/2005	Train 3708 collided with the bumping post at 2 Station Track causing damage. No injuries were reported.	Locomotive Engineer failed to control the movement of the train	Slip/slide conditions, failed to control move.	No	No	Yes

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EQ20080903	09/24/2008	Train 3706 collided with the bumping post at 7 Station Track causing a derailment, damage, and injuring one railroad employee.	Locomotive Engineer failed to control the movement of the train	Locomotive Engineer claimed distracted by insect in cab and failed to control move.	No	1 nonfatal ; Conductor strained neck TP 20080905	Yes
Long Beach							
EQ20050306	03/30/2005	Consist struck bumper block - crew members both pulled dump cord at the same time. Also - minimum brake pipe level not proper on equipment.	Crew failed to control the movement of the train	Unknown human factor	No	No	No
Port Washington							
EQ19990303	03/24/1999	Train 438 collided with the bumping post at 4 Station Track causing damage. No injuries were reported.	Locomotive Engineer failed to control the movement of the train	Unknown human factor	No	No	No
EQ20030202	02/18/2003	Train 6418 collided with the bumping post at 2 Station Track causing damage. No injuries were reported.	Locomotive Engineer failed to control the movement of the train	Inclement weather contributed	Yes	No	Yes
EQ20050606	06/21/2005	While completing a yard move at Port Washington #4 track, train 419 struck the bumper block - minor damage to coupler alignment pin. Pin Replaced.	Unknown	Unknown human factor, struck bumping post after making safety stop	No	No	No
EQ20051102	11/04/2005	Pulling into PW #5 Track - Bird struck bullseye - startled Engineer. Slip Slide conditions allowed consist to slide into bumper block causing damage to equipment and stanchion.	Locomotive Engineer failed to control the movement of the train	Engineer startled by bird striking windshield	No	No	Yes

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EQ20070103	01/31/2007	Engineer struck the bumper block with consist of train 444.	Locomotive Engineer failed to control the movement of the train	Improper use of independent brake	No	No	No
EQ20071001	10/10/2007	Engineer failed to reverse reverser - backed train set into the bumper block at leaving time from the station. Struck the bumper block causing damage to the coupler assembly on car 7772	Locomotive Engineer failed to control the movement of the train	Locomotive Engineer failed to select correct reverser position causing unintended move in the reverse.	Yes	No	No
EQ20100602	06/27/2010	Train 6486 struck the bumper block on 5 track in Port Washington resulting in damage to the guide pin.	Unknown	Slip slide conditions	Yes	No	Yes
EQ20100603	06/28/2010	Train 426 struck the bumper block on track 2 in Port Washington, resulting in the damaging of the front end of car 7314, high security fence, bumper block and staircase.	Locomotive Engineer failed to control the movement of the train	Combination of operation and some grease on the track	Yes	No	Yes
West Hempstead							
EQ19990201	02/02/1999	Train 956 collided with the bumping post causing damage. No injuries were reported.	Locomotive Engineer failed to control the movement of the train	Unknown human factor	Yes	No	Yes

Corporate Safety Department recommendations for criteria incidents previous to the Atlantic Terminal Incident on January 4, 2017 were for the Transportation Department to consider appropriate retraining and discipline for failing to control the movement of the train. Additionally, in response to these incidents, targeted training was provided and increased, focused efficiency observations are performed to evaluate compliance with the procedures and rules in place.