

## 6.31 Maximum Authorized Speed

All crew members are responsible for knowing and not exceeding the maximum authorized speed for their train. Passenger speed is applicable only to trains consisting entirely of passenger equipment.

When possible, a crew member must promptly notify the train dispatcher of any condition that will delay or prevent the train from making usual speed.

### 6.31.1 Permanent Speed Restrictions

Permanent speed restrictions must not be exceeded until the rear of the train clears the limits of the restriction, unless otherwise specified.

## 6.32 Road Crossings

### 6.32.1 Providing Warning Over Road Crossings

When cars are shoved, kicked or a gravity switch move is made over road crossings at grade, an employee must be on the ground at the crossing to provide warning until crossing is occupied. Make any movement over the crossing only on the employee's signal.

Warning is not required when crossing is equipped with:

- Gates that are in the fully lowered position.
- or
- Flashing lights or passive warning devices (cross-bucks, stop signs, etc.) when it is clearly seen that no traffic is stopped at the crossing or is approaching the crossing. Leading end of shoving movements must not exceed 15 MPH over crossings.

### 6.32.2 Crossing Warning Devices (Highway/Pathway - Rail Grade Crossings)

**Employees must observe crossing warning devices and report any that are malfunctioning, damaged or missing to the train dispatcher or proper authority by the first available means of communication. Notify all affected trains as soon as possible.**

#### A. Automatic Warning Devices

Under any of the following conditions, a movement must not foul a crossing equipped with automatic crossing warning devices until the device has been operating long enough to provide warning and the crossing gates, if equipped, are fully lowered:

- Movement has stopped within 3,000 feet of the crossing.
- Movement is within 3,000 feet of the crossing and speed has increased by more than 5 MPH.
- Movement is closely following another movement.
- Movement is on other than the main track or siding.
- or
- Movement enters a main track or siding within 3,000 feet of the crossing.