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RULES:	STUDY MANUALS	PRACTICE EXAMS	FINAL EXAMS
GCOR - U.S. General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR, 2010)	●	●	---
GCOR - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak	---	●	●
AMT-3 - 50Q Study and Exam - Amtrak 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak	●	●	●
CN/US - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak	●	●	●
Seattle CROR/BNSF - 50Q Study and Exam - Amtrak 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak	●	●	●
Seattle CROR/CN 50Q Study and Exam - Amtrak 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak	●	●	●
CSX - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak	●	●	●
Metro North - 75Q Study and Exam - Amtrak 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak	●	●	●
NEC - NORAC Operating Rules - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak	●	●	●
NORAC - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak	●	●	●
NORAC Dispatchers - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak	●	●	●
NS - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak	●	●	●

Separation of Prior Tests into 25 Q and 100Q Plus "Mgr Approval Gate" and "Final Test" For Each:

ADDED OR MODIFIED 22 SETS OF STUDY MATERIALS, PRACTICE EXAMS AND FINAL EXAMS

- GCOR - U.S. General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR, 2010)
 - Includes questions pool from AATAT's 2011 Catechism.
- GCOR - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak
 - 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak
- AMT-3 - 50Q Study and Exam - Amtrak
 - 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak
- CN/US - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak
 - 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak
- Seattle CROR/BNSF - 50Q Study and Exam - Amtrak
 - 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak
- Seattle CROR/CN 50Q Study and Exam - Amtrak
 - 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak
- CSX - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak
 - 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak
- Metro North - 75Q Study and Exam - Amtrak
 - 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak
- NEC - NORAC Operating Rules - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak
 - 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak
- NORAC - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak
 - 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak
- NORAC Dispatchers - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak
 - 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak
- NS - 100Q Study and Exam - Amtrak
 - 25Q Annual Exam - Amtrak

SIGNAL ROUTING - NAMES AND INDICATIONS

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National Railway Passenger Corporation (NPRC):

ADDED OR MODIFIED 8 SETS OF STUDY MATERIALS, PRACTICE EXAMS and FINAL EXAMS:

- AML Amtrak Michigan Line Signal Names
- AML Amtrak Michigan Line Signal Indications
- CHITerm Amtrak Chicago Terminal Signal Names
- CHITerm Amtrak Chicago Terminal Signal Indications
- NOUPT Amtrak New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal Signal Names
- NOUPT Amtrak New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal Signal Indications
- WASTerm Amtrak Washington Terminal Signal Names (Dwarf Signals)
- WASTerm Amtrak Washington Terminal Signal Indications (Dwarf Signals)

Other North American and Canadian Railroads:

ADDED OR MODIFIED 48 SETS OF STUDY MATERIALS, PRACTICE EXAMS and FINAL EXAMS

- BBRR Buckingham Branch Railroad Company Signal Names
- BBRR Buckingham Branch Railroad Company Signal Indications
- BNSF Burlington Northern Sante Fe Signal Names
- BNSF Burlington Northern Sante Fe Signal Indications
- CN-GTW Canadian National (Rules 817-832) Signal Names
- CN-GTW Canadian National (Rules 817-832) Signal Indications
- CN-IC Canadian National (Rules 803-816) Signal Names
- CN-IC Canadian National (Rules 803-816) Signal Indications
- CP-NE Canadian Pacific - Northeast US Service Area Signal Names
- CP-NE Canadian Pacific - Northeast US Service Area Signal Indications
- CP-SOO Canadian Pacific - SOO Line Signal Names
- CP-SOO Canadian Pacific - SOO Line Signal Indications
- CSX - Chessie (Rules C-1281 through C-1298) Signal Names
- CSX - Chessie (Rules C-1281 through C-1298) Signal Indications
- CSX - Conrail (Rules CR-1280a through CR-1294a) Signal Color Names
- CSX - Conrail (Rules CR-1280a through CR-1294a) Signal Color Indications
- CSX - Conrail (Rules CR-1280a through CR-1294a) Signal Position Names
- CSX - Conrail (Rules CR-1280a through CR-1294a) Signal Position Indications
- CSX - Seaboard (Rules 1281 through 1298) Signal Names
- CSX - Seaboard (Rules 1281 through 1298) Signal Indications
- KCS Kansas City Southern Signal Names
- KCS Kansas City Southern Signal Indications
- SCAX Metrolink Signal Names

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- SCAX Metrolink Signal Indications
- MNR Metro-North Railroad – MTA Signal Names
- MNR Metro-North Railroad – MTA Signal Indications
- NECR New England Central Railroad Signal Names
- NECR New England Central Railroad Signal Indications
- NMRX New Mexico Rail Runner Signal Names
- NMRX New Mexico Rail Runner Signal Indications
- NORAC Northeast Operating Rules Advisory Committee Signal Colors Names
- NORAC Northeast Operating Rules Advisory Committee Signal Colors Indications
- NORAC Northeast Operating Rules Advisory Committee Signal Positions Names
- NORAC Northeast Operating Rules Advisory Committee Signal Positions Indications
- NORAC Northeast Operating Rules Advisory Committee Signal Names (Dwarf Color Signals)
- NORAC Northeast Operating Rules Advisory Committee Signal Indications (Dwarf Color Signals)
- NORAC Northeast Operating Rules Advisory Committee Signal Names (Dwarf Position Signals)
- NORAC Northeast Operating Rules Advisory Committee Signal Indications (Dwarf Position Signals)
- NS Norfolk Southern (Rules 301-318) Signal Names
- NS Norfolk Southern (Rules 301-318) Signal Indications
- NS Norfolk Southern - Conrail (N280a-N298a) Signal Colors Names
- NS Norfolk Southern - Conrail (N280a-N298a) Signal Colors Indications
- NS Norfolk Southern - Conrail (N280a-N298a) Signal Position Names
- NS Norfolk Southern - Conrail (N280a-N298a) Signal Position Indications
- TRRA Terminal Railroad Association of Saint Louis Signal Names
- TRRA Terminal Railroad Association of Saint Louis Signal Indications
- UP Union Pacific Railroad Signal Names
- UP Union Pacific Railroad Signal Indications
- 06 CHITerm / CSX-C / CSX / NS-CR Indications
- 07 CSX-CR / NS-CR Names
- 07 CSX-CR / NS-CR Indications
- 08 CP-SOO / BNSF Names
- 08 CP-SOO / BNSF Indications
- 09 CHITerm / CP-SOO Names
- 09 CHITerm / CP-SOO Indications
- 10 CHITerm / NS-CR Names
- 10 CHITerm / NS-CR Indications
- 11 CN-GT / NS-CR Names
- 11 CN-GT / NS-CR Indications
- 12 CHITerm / BNSF Names
- 12 CHITerm / BNSF Indications
- 13 CHITerm / CN-IC / UP / NS / KCS / TRRA Names
- 13 CHITerm / CN-IC / UP / NS / KCS / TRRA Indications
- 14 CHITerm / CN-IC Names
- 14 CHITerm / CN-IC Indications
- 15 CHITerm / AML / CN-GT / NS-CR Names
- 15 CHITerm / AML / CN-GT / NS-CR Indications
- 16 CHITerm Names
- 16 CHITerm Indications
- 17 CN-IC Names
- 17 CN-IC Indications
- 18 NORAC Position / NORAC Color Names
- 18 NORAC Position / NORAC Color Indications
- 19 BNSF / UP Names
- 19 BNSF / UP Indications
- 20 NOUPT Names
- 20 NOUPT Indications
- 21 CN-IC / NOUPT Names
- 21 CN-IC / NOUPT Indications
- 22 BNSF / CN-IC / KCS / UP / NOUPT Names
- 22 BNSF / CN-IC / KCS / UP / NOUPT Indications
- 23 NS / NOUPT Names
- 23 NS / NOUPT Indications
- 24 CSX / NS Names
- 24 CSX / NS Indications
- 25 CSX Names
- 25 CSX Indications
- 26 NS Names
- 26 NS Indications
- 27 CSX / WASTerm Names
- 27 CSX / WASTerm Indications
- 28 BNSF / Metrolink Names
- 28 BNSF / Metrolink Indications
- 29 UP / Metrolink Names
- 29 UP / Metrolink Indications
- 30 BNSF / NMRX Names
- 30 BNSF / NMRX Indications
- 31 WASTerm Names
- 31 WASTerm Indications
- 32 NORAC Pos / NORAC Col / WASTerm Names

SIGNALS - BLOCK TRAINING

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National Passenger Railway Corporation (NPRC):

ADDED OR MODIFIED 98 FINAL EXAMS:

- 01 BNSF Names
- 01 BNSF Indications
- 02 UP Names
- 02 UP Indications
- 03 UP / TRRA Names
- 03 UP / TRRA Indications
- 04 CSX - CR / CSX - C Names
- 04 CSX - CR / CSX - C Indications
- 05 CHITerm / CSX - CR / CSX Names
- 05 CHITerm / CSX - CR / CSX Indications
- 06 CHITerm / CSX-C / CSX / NS-CR Names

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- 32 NORAC Pos / NORAC Col / WASTerm Indications
- 33 CSX-CR Names
- 33 CSX-CR Indications
- 34 CSX-CR / NS / WASTerm Names
- 34 CSX-CR / NS / WASTerm Indications
- 35 CSX-C Names
- 35 CSX-C Indications
- 36 NORAC Color / NECR Names
- 36 NORAC Color/ NECR Indications
- 37 NORAC Color / MNR Names
- 37 NORAC Color / MNR Indications
- 38 NORAC Pos / NORAC Col / MNR Names
- 38 NORAC Pos / NORAC Col / MNR Indications
- 39 NORAC Color Names
- 39 NORAC Color Indications
- 40 NORAC Position Names
- 40 NORAC Position Indications
- 41 CP-SOO / CSX-CR Names
- 41 CP-SOO / CSX-CR Indications
- 42 Metrolink Names
- 42 Metrolink Indications
- 43 NMRX Names
- 43 NMRX Indications
- 44 CSX-CR / NORAC-Position Names
- 44 CSX-CR / NORAC-Position Indications
- 45 CP-NE / CSX-CR Names
- 45 CP-NE / CSX-CR Indications
- 46 CSX-CR / NORAC-Pos / NORAC Col / MNR Names
- 46 CSX-CR / NORAC-Pos / NORAC Col / MNR Indications
- 47 UP (w/non-conforming) Names
- 47 UP (w/non-conforming) Indications
- 48 BNSF (w/non-conforming) / UP Names
- 48 BNSF (w/non-conforming) / UP Indications
- 49 BNSF (w/non-conforming) Names
- 49 BNSF (w/non-conforming) Indications

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER RECERTIFICATION

ADDED OR MODIFIED 24 STUDY MANUALS AND PRACTICE EXAMS

- 49 CFR § 240
- ACSES
- AEM7
- AMT-3 Engineer Study Guide
- AMT-5 Study Guide
- ATC
- ATS IITS
- California Cab Cars
- Capitoliner Cab Cars
- CDOT

- Diesel General
- Dual Mode P32ACDM
- F59PHI Study Guide
- Fuel Energy Block
- GE ELEC P32 40 42
- GRFE Study Guide
- HHP8 Study Guide
- High Speed Trainset
- ITCS
- Mandatory
- MARC Study Guide
- NPCU
- PCS Commuter
- VRE Commuter

MAINTAINED AND UPDATED LIBRARY OF 57 PUBLICATIONS:

- AATAT Bob Ballew & Associates, L.L.C. - White Papers - Retirement and Death Wars
- AATAT AATAT / BBA and Canadian Pacific - Better Scores on Tests.
- Amtrak - AML Amtrak Michigan Line - Timetable # 2, Effective: February 6, 2006.
- Amtrak - CHIterm Amtrak - Chicago Terminal - Timetable # 3, Effective: May 2, 2005.
- Amtrak - NOUPT Amtrak - New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal - Timetable # 3, Effective: August 6, 2007.
- Amtrak - WASTerm Amtrak - Washington Terminal.
- Amtrak - MOW 1 Amtrak - MOW - Manual - Roadway Worker Protection Act (RWPA).
- Amtrak - MOW 2 Amtrak - Station Maps.
- Amtrak - MOW 3 Amtrak - MOW - NHB Line - Providence To New London - Physical Characteristics Study Guide.
- Amtrak - MOW 4 Amtrak - MOW - NHB Line - Boston To Providence - Physical Characteristics Study Guide.
- Amtrak - MOW 5 Amtrak - Penn Station - MoW 2008.
- Amtrak - MOW 6 Amtrak - Study Guide - PNL - MoW 2009.
- Amtrak - MOW 7 Amtrak - Study Guide - Sunnyside Yard - MoW 2008.
- BBRR Buckingham Branch Railroad Company - Timetable # 6, Effective: October 29, 2007.
- BNSF Burlington Northern Sante Fe - Signals Aspects and Indications, Effective: April 7, 2010.
- BNSF-CROR Canadian Rail Operating Rules (BNSF) Effective: May 28, 2008.
- CN-CROR Canadian Rail Operating Rules (CN) Effective: May 28, 2008.
- CN-US Canadian National - US Operating Rules, 4th Edition, Effective: June 29, 2008.
- CP-NE Canadian Pacific - Timetable # 5 for Northeast US, Effective: February 11, 2007.
- CP-SOO Canadian Pacific - Timetable # 7 for SOO, Effective: March 17, 2010.
- CROR Canadian Rail Operating Rules, Effective: March 1, 2002.
- CSX - Operating Rules, Effective January 1, 2009.

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- CSX - Study Guide - Initial Qualification For Trainmen and Enginemen.
- CSX - Equipment Handling Rules, Effective: October 1, 2007.
- CSX - Signal Aspects and Indications, Effective: October 1, 2004.
- CSX - Speed Review
- GCOR General Code of Operating Rules Committee - GCOR Rule Book, Edition 6, Effective: April 3, 2010.
- **GCOR Catechism for GCOR Rules Book, 2010 – 2015, Effective: April 3, 2010.**
- KCS Kansas City Southern - System Special Instructions and HAZMAT Handling Rules, Effective: July 1, 2009.
- Metrolink Metrolink - Timetable # 6.
- Metro-North Metro-North - Operating Rules, Effective: April 2, 2005.
- NECR New England Central Railroad - Timetable # 8, Effective: December 31, 2006.
- NORAC - Operating Rules, 9th Edition, Effective: April 6, 2008.
- NORAC - Signal Exam 2007 - Colors, based on Operating Rules, 8th Edition, Effective: January 1, 2003.
- NORAC - Rule Book,
- NORAC - Signal Exam, INSTRUCTOR, Position Light.
- NORAC - Study Guide - Positions.
- NORAC - 9th Edition Operating Rules, Effective: April 6, 2008.
- NORAC - Study Guide, Signals - Colors, based on the 8th Edition Operating Rules, Effective: January 1, 2003.
- NMRX New Mexico Rail Runner - Timetable # 2, Effective: July 5, 2009.
- NS Norfolk Southern Corporation - Operating Rules, Effective: May 1, 2008.
- NS Norfolk Southern - Level 2 Talking Points - # 1 - 25.
- NS Norfolk Southern - Level 2 Talking Points - # 26 - 50.
- NS Norfolk Southern - Level 2 Talking Points - # 51 - 75.
- NS Norfolk Southern - Level 2 Talking Points - # 76 - 100.
- OmniTRAX - Air Brakes and Train Handling - Rev. 060806.
- OmniTRAX - Hazmat US - Rev. 041110.
- OmniTRAX - Personal Safety Functions - Supervisors Checklist.
- OmniTRAX - Safety Procedures - Rev. 070701.
- OmniTRAX - Safety Rules - Rev. 060806.
- OmniTRAX - Safety Rules - Rev. 070701.
- RailAmerica - Air Brake and Train Handling (ABTH) Rules
- RailAmerica - Form TCE - Training Course Evaluation.
- RailAmerica - Form TW - RA Track Warrant.
- RailAmerica - System Special Instructions, Effective: 01-23-09.
- TRRA Terminal Railroad Association of Saint Louis - System Special Instructions, Maps and Signals, Effective January 1, 2010.
- UP Union Pacific - System Special Instructions # 7, Effective: April 7, 2010.



RAILROAD CREW—W. M. Ballew, second from right in this picture of a section crew on a hand car, was the first boss of the Pilot Point section of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, in 1876. Others in the picture, taken from near Pilot Point in the 'Nineties,' from left to right, are: Guy Nearrey, R. L. (Bob) Reynolds, Bill Williams, Jim Ballew and Marion Creamer.

West Texas Pioneers

Rail Boom at Pilot Point Recalled by Old Photo

A picture of the first "boss" of the Pilot Point section of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, when the line was extended from Sherman to Dallas and Fort Worth in 1876, was sent to the Pioneer Editor by R. W. Ballew of 3405 Horton.

The section boss was W. M. Ballew, father of the Fort Worth man, and in the picture are five other T&P section workers of the era, when Pilot Point was booming. W. M. Ballew died in 1906. His son kept in touch with some of the crew members for some time, and himself worked for the railroad for a time.

Those in the picture were, "Boss Bill" Ballew, Marion Creamer, Jim Ballew, Bill Williams, Guy Nearrey and Bob Reynolds.

R. W. Ballew, now retired, is radio operator for the Forest Hill Fire Department on a volunteer basis. The only other member of the family now living is his sister, Mrs. Etta Maynard, who still lives in Pilot Point.

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