

Rail Cars...

SET THE HAND BRAKES

OH BOY... WE'RE GONNA HEAR ABOUT THIS ONE!!!

RAIL ACCIDENTS DAMAGE RAILCARS AND LOADED MILITARY EQUIPMENT...

...NOT TO MENTION CAUSING POSSIBLE INJURY OR DEATH TO ANYONE NEARBY.

Twice in recent years, rail cars loaded with equipment rolled free from staging areas on Army installations and struck other rail equipment. Both incidents happened after the cars were loaded and left unattended.

To avoid accidents, keep these PM pointers in mind before heading down the track:

● Before loading, check with Army rail crews to make sure the rail car's hand brake is set. This procedure follows the *Air Brake and Train Handling (ABTH)* rule book, paragraphs 22.3 and 22.3.2 on pages 39-42, that's available through the US Army Transportation School. Page 627 of the rule book has a chart that shows the number of hand brakes that must be set before a car is uncoupled from the locomotive and left unattended.



Set rail car's hand brake this way...

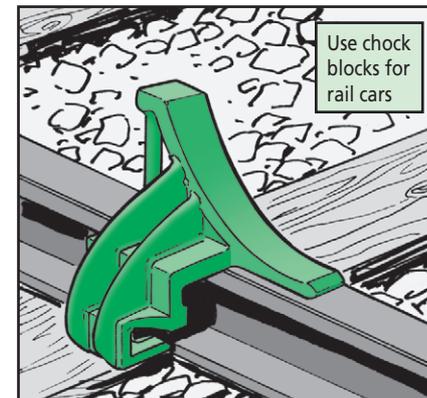


...or this way

● Put chock blocks in place before loading or unloading. You'll find this info on Page 506 of the *General Code of Operating Rules (GCOR)*.

Chock blocks are not available in the Army's supply system—yet! In the meantime, you can order them on this website: <http://www.aldonco.com>

Once on the website, click on the Catalog tab. Then click on rail dock safety and these product categories: rail skids, wheel chocks or car wheel blocks.

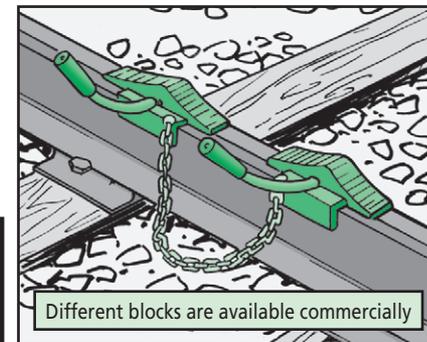


Use chock blocks for rail cars



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- <http://www.emedco.com>
- <http://www.harmersteel.com>
- <http://www.rail-chocks.com>
- <http://www.nolancompany.com>



Different blocks are available commercially