

Denver & Rio Grande Western Railway

ENGINE BELL RINGING

Pennsylvania Railroad Book of Rules – October 28, 1956

- Rule 30** The engine bell must be rung when an engine is about to move, when running through tunnels, while approaching and passing public crossings at grade, and when passing a train standing on an adjacent track.

The General Code of Operating Rules – April 28, 1985

- Rule 14** Except where the momentary start and stop is a continuous switching movement, engine bell must be rung when engine is about to be moved, while passing through tunnels and, except when shoving cars, while approaching crossings at grade. Ringing must be commenced sufficiently in advance to afford warning, but not less than one fourth mile before reaching crossing, if distance permits, and continuing until the crossing is occupied. If distance does not permit, bell must be rung sufficiently in advance of entering crossing to provide warning. Bell must be rung elsewhere when necessary as a warning signal.

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- Rule 20** If a train is equipped with an engine bell, it must be sounded:
1. When the engine is about to move.
 2. When running through tunnels.
 3. While approaching and passing public crossings at grade.
 4. When approaching locations where Roadway Workers may be at work on track, bridges, and other points.
 5. When passing a train standing on an adjacent track.
 6. In an emergency.

In cases where a momentary stop and start, forward and backward movement is part of a switching operation that does not involve movement over a public crossing at grade, the engine bell need not be sounded, unless Roadway Workers are known to be in the area.