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# Electronic Brake Control Valve Equipment Qualification—Testing Requirements

**Abstract:** This standard contains the minimum testing requirements for brake control valve (26C emulation) and electronically controlled pneumatic (ECP) brake systems operating on passenger cars that are part of the general railroad system.

**Keywords:** brake, ECP, railcar, train

**Summary:** This Standard contains the test procedures and reporting requirements for the introduction of a new control valve for use with industry 26C functions and the interoperability among suppliers of 26-type brake equipment.

**Scope and purpose:** This document identifies the minimum testing or other evidence required for submittal to APTA for the acceptance of new 26C emulation/electronically controlled pneumatic control valves. This standard ensures that APTA-approved 26C emulation and ECP brake systems from different manufacturers are interoperable and meet a high level of safety and reliability. The overall objectives of this standard are to define test requirements specific to U.S. trains operating in passenger service equipped with 26C emulation/ECP; to ensure that trains equipped with APTA-approved brake systems from different manufacturers are interoperable and function consistently and uniformly; and to ensure that APTA-approved electronic brake systems meet a high standard for safety and reliability.

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## **Introduction**

*This introduction is not part of APTA PR-M-S-028-21, “Brake Control Valve Equipment Qualification—Testing Requirements.”*

This standard applies to all:

1. Railroads that operate intercity or commuter passenger train service on the general railroad system of transportation; and
2. Railroads that provide commuter or other short-haul rail passenger train service in a metropolitan or suburban area, including public authorities operating passenger train service.

This standard does not apply to:

1. Rapid transit operations in an urban area that are not connected to the general railroad system of transportation;
2. Tourist, scenic, historic or excursion operations, whether on or off the general railroad system of transportation;
3. Operation of private cars, including business/office cars and circus trains; or
4. Railroads that operate only on track inside an installation that is not part of the general railroad system of transportation.

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## 1. Description of target braking system for passenger applications

### 1.1 Description of ECP braking system

An ECP brake system is a train-powered braking system actuated by compressed air and controlled by electronic signals originating from a lead locomotive or cab car. The electronic signals are used to communicate service and emergency brake applications, as well as to control power and receive feedback from other devices in the train. Since brake commands are derived from electronic signals, the brake pipe will typically remain charged and will provide backup brake commands.

The “cable-based” ECP brake system provides communications and a potential source of power to all the ECP brake devices in the train via a two-conductor electric trainline that spans the entire length of the train. The system provides shorter response times to braking commands and includes support for graduated releases and reapplications. The system responds appropriately to undesired separation or malfunction of hoses, cabling, or brake pipe.

### 1.2 Description of 26C emulation braking system

Emulation is a mode that ECP systems can enter in the event that trainline messages are not received from the locomotive head end unit (HEU). In this mode of operation, the car control device (CCD) will monitor brake pipe (BP) pressure and develop/release brake cylinder (BC) pressure in response to changes in the BP pressure.

Emulation may provide two modes of operation: passenger and freight compatibility. Alternate performance characteristics may be required based on customer needs; this document outlines a basic set of requirements for two modes of operation common to the passenger market.

The primary source of power for emulation operation is the nominal 74 VDC main car battery. The ECP control valve battery shall provide a secondary power source.

### 1.3 Description of APTA Reporting Requirements

The report provided to APTA shall include details; including:

- Part numbers / serial numbers / descriptions of the brake valve used and peripheral equipment used on the Locomotive / Cab car test rack.
- Part numbers / serial numbers / descriptions of the control valve(s) used and peripheral equipment used on the car test racks.
- Part numbers / serial numbers / descriptions of the test equipment used (pressure transducers, Data Acquisition system, etc.).

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- Deviations to the test set-up from setup prescribed in section (2) of this standard.

Reporting of specific data / plots as referenced in the test procedures shall be presented; mirroring the procedural order of this standard.

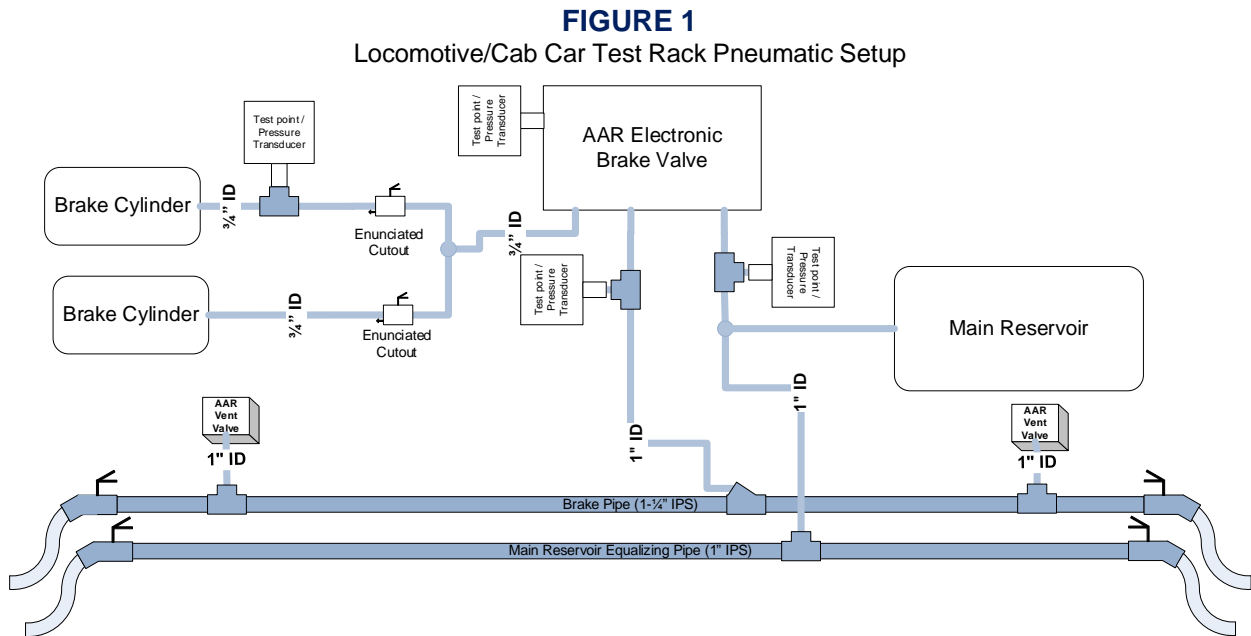
Steps requiring the verification of pressures shall require the indication of “PASS/FAIL” and the recorded pressure.

## 2. Test rack configuration

### 2.1 AAR- locomotive and cab car rack setup (RP-505 Compliant)

Locomotive test rack shall be equipped with 26 type brake equipment for locomotive or their equivalents. Locomotive equipment shall be equipped with hardware/functionality for ECP in accordance with APTA PR-M-S-021-19.

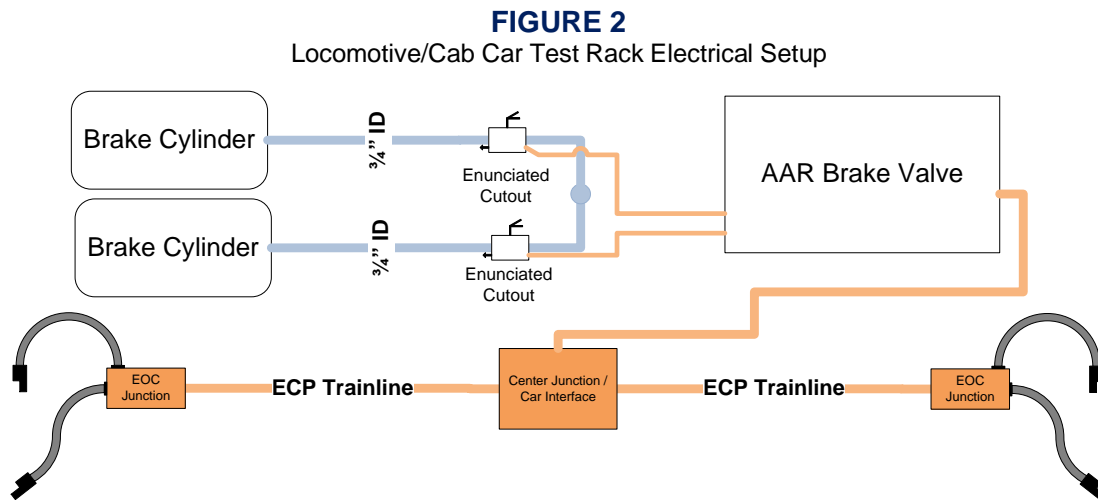
#### 2.1.1 Piping schematic



#### 2.1.2 Volumes

1. Main reservoir sizing shall be at manufacturer's discretion.
2. BP shall be 100 equivalent ft 1 1/4 in. Sch. 80 pipe or equivalent (between car angle cocks). End-of-locomotive hose shall be standard 33 in. AAR M-601 hose. Branch pipe length to the brake valve shall not exceed 72 in. in length.
3. 16/BC pilot volume shall be at manufacturer's discretion.
4. BC volume shall be at manufacturer's discretion.
5. Piping materials and construction shall conform with APTA PR-M-S-029-21, "Pneumatic Piping for Vehicles."

### 2.1.3 Electrical schematic



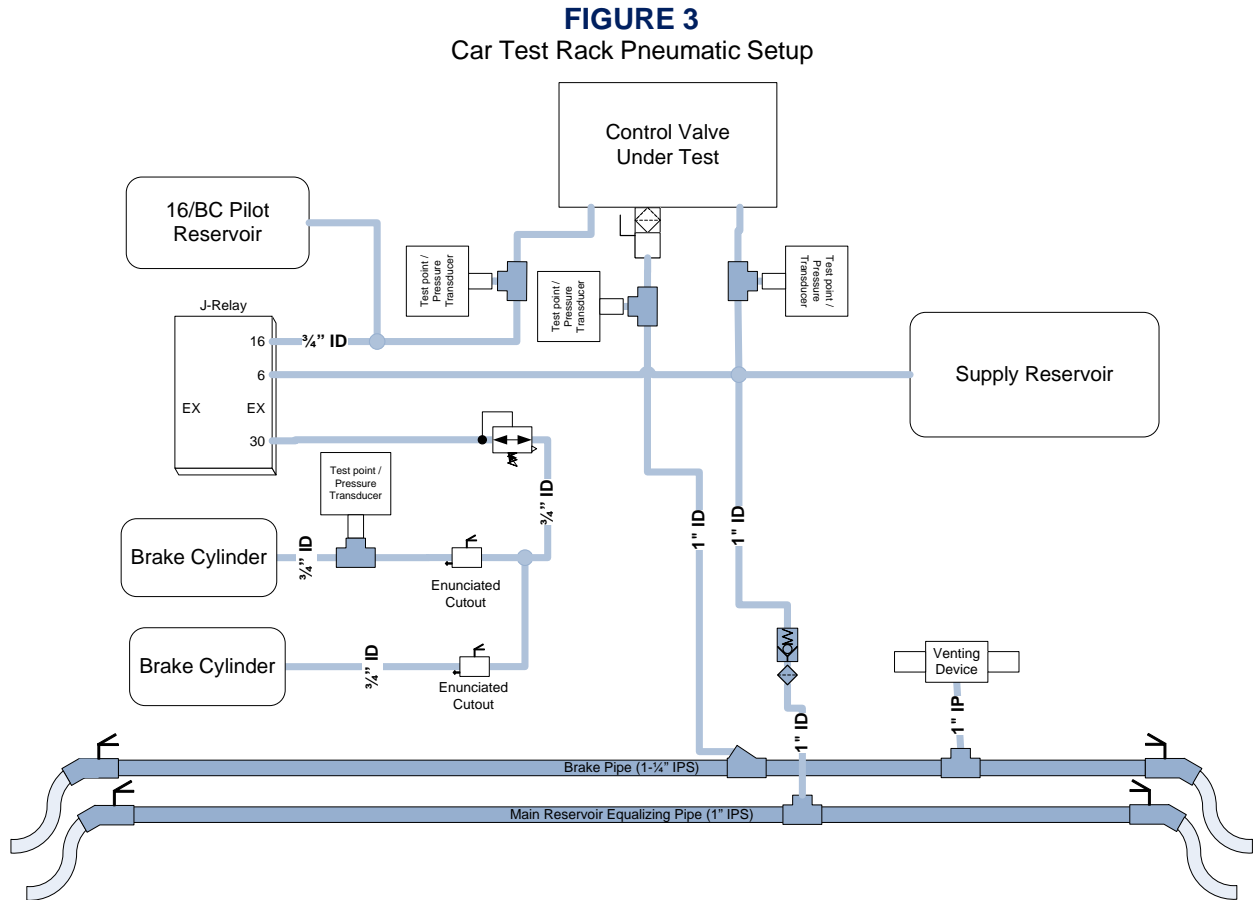
### 2.1.4 Pressure transducer placement

1. MR: Pressure transducer shall be located  $\leq 2$  equivalent feet from the brake valve.
2. BP: Pressure transducer shall be located  $\leq 2$  equivalent feet from the brake valve.



## 2.2 AAR single car rack setup (RP-505 Compliant)

### 2.2.1 Piping schematic



### 2.2.2 Volumes

1. Supply reservoir shall be sized to accommodate the larger of either four FS BC applications plus one EMER BC application or 11,360 cu. in. ± 500 cu. in..
2. BP shall be 100 ft 1¼ in. Sch. 80 pipe (between car angle cocks). End-of-car hose shall be standard 22 in. AAR M-601. Branch pipe length to the control valve shall be 22 to 72 in. (per AAR S-400).
3. 16/BC pilot volume shall be at manufacturer's discretion.

#### 2.2.2.1 BC

Maximum BC volume (simulated tread plus disc brake):

[900 ± 100 cu. In. + 93 equivalent feet ¾ in. ID piping]

or

[1750 ± 100 cu. In. + inline choke (equivalent to 93 equivalent feet ¾ in. ID piping)]

Minimum BC volume (simulated disc brake only):

[300 ± 100 cu. in. + 93 equivalent feet ¾ in. ID piping]

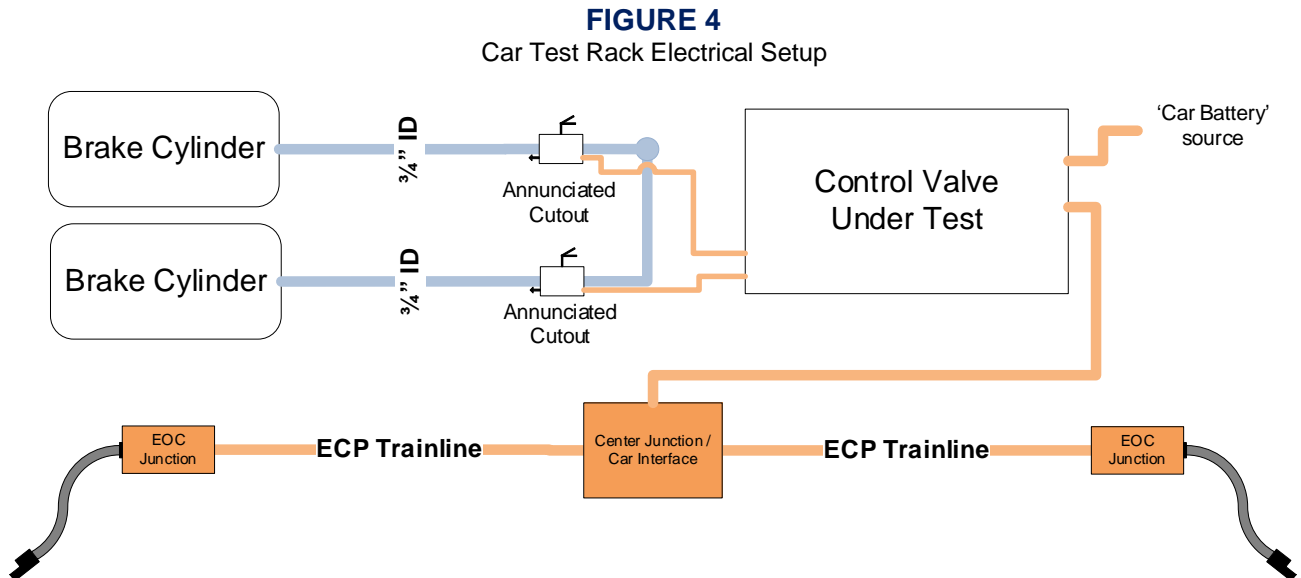
or

[1150 ± 100 cu. In. + inline choke (equivalent to 93 equivalent feet ¾ in. ID piping)]

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Piping materials and construction shall conform with APTA PR-M-S-029-21, “Pneumatic Piping for Vehicles.”

### 2.2.3 Electrical schematic



### 2.2.4 Pressure transducer placement

1. Supply reservoir: Pressure transducer shall be located  $\leq 2$  equivalent feet from the control valve.
2. BP: Pressure transducer shall be located  $\leq 2$  equivalent feet from the control valve.
3. 16/BC pilot: Pressure transducer shall be located  $\leq 2$  equivalent feet from the control valve.
4. BC: Pressure transducer shall be located  $\leq 4$  equivalent feet from the brake cylinder.

### 2.2.5 Load-weigh considerations

Test rack may be equipped for load-weigh compensation; however, this is not required by APTA. If equipped for load-weigh, testing conducted for APTA approval shall be conducted for [Loaded (Heavy)] loading conditions.

### 2.2.6 Brake control valve operational parameters

While it is understood that the product for qualification may be used in particular applications with customer/vehicle-specific defined parameters, for the purpose of standardization for qualification, the control valve shall be configured as shown in **Table 1**.

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**TABLE 1**  
 Configuration of Control Valve

Brake Application	BP reduction (psi)	Resulting 16/BC pilot pressure (psi)
Release	0	0 - 1
Minimum	8	16 ± 4
Suppression	17	38 ± 4
Full service	27	67 ± 4
Handle off	BP to <20	83 ± 4
Emergency	BP to 0	83 ± 4
Emergency limiting valve (ELV)	BP to <33	87 ± 4

### 2.3 Test data acquisition

1. Event switch for data acquisition timestamp reference.
2. Pressure transducers shall be sampled at a rate of 100 Hz (or higher).
3. Pressure transducers with associated cables shall be calibrated to have a minimum device accuracy of 1 percent full-scale deflection, 0 psig to 160 psig.
4. All data recording equipment must be calibrated and maintained in good operating condition.

## 3. Single car test rack performance testing

### 3.1 Setup pressures

1. Main reservoir/supply reservoir: MR/SR pressure governor shall be set to 125 to 145 psi.
2. Default feed valve: Default feed valve shall be set to 110 ± 1 psi.
3. BP reduction: Brake pipe reductions for testing shall be defined per **Table 2**:

**TABLE 2**  
 Brake Pipe Reductions

Brake Application	BP reduction (psi)	Resulting BP pressure (psi)
Release	0	110 ± 1
Minimum	8	102 ± 1
Suppression	17	93 ± 1
Full service	27	83 ± 1
Handle off	ER to 0	≤ 15
Emergency	ER to 0	0 - 1

### 3.2 Single car rack test

#### 3.2.1 Test rack configuration

##### 3.2.1.1 (1) Locomotive rack(s)

1. Locomotive to be configured as defined in AAR Locomotive & Cab Car Rack setup (RP-505 Compliant) Definition section.

### **3.2.1.2 (5) Single-car test rack(s)**

- One test rack required for 26C emulation testing.
- Five test rack(s) required for ECP testing.
- Each individual car to be configured as defined in AAR Single Car Rack setup (RP-505 Compliant) Definition section.

### **3.2.1.3 (1) ECP EOT device**

1. ECP EOT device may be either:
  - Standalone EOT device.
  - Last car in test consist (if equipped with EOT functionality).

### **3.2.1.4 Definition of pressure transducer placement**

1. Pressures shall be recorded from the car test rack under test.

### **3.2.1.5 Main reservoir/supply reservoir**

1. MR/SR pressure governor shall be set to 125 to 145 psi.
2. MR pressure supply shall be available to the car test rack under test.

### **3.2.1.6 Default feed valve**

1. Default feed valve shall be set to  $110 \pm 1$  psi.

### **3.2.1.7 Test rack power supply**

1. “Car battery” voltage supplied to the control valve shall be  $46 \pm 1$  VDC (IEEE-1476 Standard for Passenger Train Auxiliary Power Systems Interfaces).
2. ECP trainline voltage supplied to the control valve shall conform with APTA PR-M-S-023-19:
  - Low voltage: 22.8 to 30.0 VDC.
  - High voltage: 225 to 248 VDC.

## **3.2.2 Single-car emulation performance test**

1. Single-car performance (performance curves).
2. Include visibility of reaction time, time to target and linearity.

### **3.2.2.1 Emergencies**

#### **Break in two (pneumatic) and recovery**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Initiate a pneumatic emergency application from a non-EAB source.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Recover the emergency and charge BP to release.
7. Stop recording using the DAQ.
8. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP and 16/BC pilot and BC pressures vs. time for the application. Plot from 5 seconds prior to Emergency initiation to 45 seconds after begins to increase.
  - Verify that car 16/BC pilot pressure increases to  $83 \pm 4$  psi with the emergency application.
  - Verify that car 16/BC pilot pressure reduces to zero and BP has recharged to 110 psi.

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- (Passenger emulation) Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure increase rate does not exceed 52 psi/s.
- (Freight compatibility, if applicable) Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure increase rate does not exceed 18 psi/s.

**Break in two (pneumatic; no control valve power) and recovery**

1. Remove power to the control valve and control valve powers off.
2. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
3. Wait for pressure stabilization.
4. Start recording using the DAQ.
5. Initiate a pneumatic emergency application from a non-EAB source.
6. Wait for pressure stabilization.
7. Recover the emergency and charge BP to release.
8. Stop recording using the DAQ.
9. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application. Plot from 5 seconds prior to control valve power removal to 45 seconds after BP begins to increase.
  - Verify that car 16/BC pilot pressure increases to ELV psi ( $87 \pm 4$  psi) with the emergency application.
  - Verify that car 16/BC pilot pressure reduces to zero and BP has recharged to 110 psi.

**Emulation override (pneumatic; no control valve power) and recovery**

1. Start recording using the DAQ.
2. Reduce BP to ~0 psi.
3. Wait for pressure stabilization.
4. Remove power to the control valve/control valve powers off.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Apply power to the control valve/control valve powers on.
7. Wait for pressure stabilization.
8. Stop recording using the DAQ.
9. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application. Plot from 5 seconds prior to initiation of BP reduction to 45 seconds after control valve power is re-applied.
  - Verify that car 16/BC pilot pressure increases to ELV psi ( $87 \pm 4$  psi) with the emergency application.
  - Verify that car 16/BC pilot pressure reduces to  $83 \pm 4$  psi with the control valve wake-up.

**3.2.2.2 Supply reservoir charging**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $90 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Reduce BP to FS pressure.
3. Close MR supply to the car.
4. Start recording using the DAQ.
5. Reduce car MR pressure to  $90 \pm 5$  psi.
6. Wait for pressure stabilization.
7. Increase BP to release
8. Stop recording using the DAQ.
9. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Verify that car SR pressure does not increase when BP pressure < SR pressure.

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- Verify that car SR pressure increases when BP pressure > SR pressure.

### **3.2.2.3 Default feed valve**

1. Remove power to the control valve/control valve powers off.
2. Set brake valve feed valve to 90 psi.
3. Verify that BP is charged to  $90 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
4. Wait for pressure stabilization.
5. Start recording using the DAQ.
6. Apply power to the control valve/control valve powers on.
7. Move brake valve to FS position.
8. Wait for pressure stabilization.
9. Move brake valve to release position.
10. Wait for pressure stabilization.
11. Ensure that 16/BC pilot reduces to 0 psi.
12. Set brake valve feed valve to 110 psi and ensure that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi.
13. Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure remains zero.
14. Move brake valve to FS position.
15. Wait for pressure stabilization.
16. Move brake valve to SUPP position.
17. Wait for pressure stabilization.
18. Increase BP to release.
19. Wait for pressure stabilization.
20. Ensure that 16/BC pilot reduces to 0 psi.
21. Stop recording using the DAQ.
22. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application. Plot from 5 seconds prior to control valve power is applied to 45 seconds after BP begins to increase (with Feed valve set to 110 psi).
  - For feed valve of 90 psi: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure reduces to 0 psi with the control valve power initially applied.
  - For feed valve of 90 psi: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure increases to  $67 \pm 4$  psi with the FS application.
  - For feed valve of 90 psi: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure reduces to 0 psi with the release.
  - For feed valve adjustment to 110 psi: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure remains 0 psi with the feed valve adjustment.
  - For feed valve of 110 psi: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure increases to  $67 \pm 4$  psi with the FS application.
  - For feed valve of 110 psi: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure reduces to  $38 \pm 4$  psi with the release to suppression.
  - For feed valve of 110 psi: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure reduces to 0 psi with the release.

### **3.2.2.4 Emergency transition**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Move brake valve to HO position.

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5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Ensure that 16/BC pilot transitions to emergency pressure when BP is  $\sim 35 \pm 2$  psi.
7. Stop recording using the DAQ.
8. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application. Plot from 5 seconds prior to initiation of automatic handle movement (BP reduction) to time 45 seconds after BC begins to increase to Emergency threshold.
  - Verify that all 16/BC pilot pressure increases to  $83 \pm 4$  when BP is  $\sim 35 \pm 2$  psi.

### **3.2.2.5 Minimum subsequent BP apply**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Move the automatic handle to the MIN position.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Make a  $1 \pm 0.5$  psi reduction to equalizing reservoir.
7. Wait for pressure stabilization.
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 until the automatic handle is in the SUPP position.
9. Stop recording using the DAQ.
10. Move the automatic handle to the REL position.
11. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application. Plot from 5 seconds prior to initiation of automatic handle movement to MIN to 45 seconds after automatic handle movement to SUPP.
  - Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure builds to  $16 \pm 4$  psi with the automatic handle in minimum position.
  - Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure increases with each automatic application effort; increase command until FS 16/BC pilot is achieved.
  - Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure develops at 6.9 to 3.1 psi for each 1.0 psi reduction in BP.

### **3.2.2.6 16 pressure build rate, freight operation (if applicable)**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Move the automatic handle to the FS position.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Stop recording using the DAQ.
7. Move the automatic handle to the REL position.
8. Pass/fail reporting requirements
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application. Plot from 5 seconds prior to initiation of automatic handle movement to FS to 45 seconds after automatic handle movement to FS.
  - Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure increases at a rate of  $6 \pm 1$  psi/s.

### **3.2.2.7 Release requirements (APTA PR-M-S-020-17, Section 2.4)**

#### **Graduated release**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Move the automatic handle to the FS position.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Make a  $3 \pm 0.5$  psi increase to equalizing reservoir.
7. Wait for pressure stabilization.
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 until automatic handle is in the MIN position.
9. Stop recording using the DAQ.
10. Move the automatic handle to the REL position.
11. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application. Plot from 5 seconds prior to initiation of automatic handle movement to FS to 45 after automatic handle to MIN.
  - Verify in the period after the initial 3 psi increase until BP is approximately ~96 psi that subsequent increases in BP reduce 16/BC pilot pressure by 4 to 5 psi per 1.0 psi BP increase.
  - Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure reduces to zero when BP is in the range (MIN BP) through (MIN BP – 5 psi).

#### **Direct release (if applicable)**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Move the automatic handle to the FS position.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Make a  $3 +1/-0$  psi increase to equalizing reservoir.
7. Wait for pressure stabilization.
8. Stop recording using the DAQ.
9. Move the automatic handle to the REL position.
10. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application. Plot from 5 seconds prior to initiation of automatic handle movement to FS to 45 seconds after automatic handle movement to from FS (out of FS).
  - Verify that 16/BC pilot releases to 0 to 1 psi with 3 psi increase in BP.

### **3.2.2.8 Exiting emulation (APTA PR-M-S-020-17, Section 2.5)**

1. Verify: Upon the initiation of a valid ECP HEU beacon, the car shall connect and communicate with the head end per APTA PR-M-S-021-17, Section 2.5.1.2.

### **3.2.2.9 Control valve shutdown (APTA PR-M-S-020-17, Section 2.6)**

1. Verify: With the removal of power source(s) to the control valve, the control valve can be set manually or automatically to a powered-down state.



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**3.2.2.10 Preliminary quick service (APTA PR-M-S-020-17, Section 2.7.1)**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Locate the preliminary quick service exhaust on the control valve under test.
4. Move the automatic handle to the MIN position.
5. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Verify that preliminary quick service exhaust is present while BP is reducing to the MIN reduction pressure and has stopped by the time MIN brake has been achieved.

**3.2.3 ECP performance**

- Single-car performance (performance curves).
- Include visibility of reaction time, time to target and linearity.
- Perform testing per APTA PR-M-S-026-19 and ensure that all applicable sections pass.

**3.2.3.1 Deviations from APTA PR-M-S-026-19 procedure**

1. Section 2.2: only the supplier qualifying the control valve under test is required for this testing (i.e., Supplier B).
2. Section 3: Testing is required to be conducted only once; just one HEU supplier is expected to be present (until interoperability testing).
3. Section 3: Test consist is required only to include the HEU; single-car test rack with control valve for qualification; four single-car test racks with control valve for qualification or alternate supplier ECP control valve; and an ECP EOT device.
4. Section 3.2.3.1: Table 4, “Brake Cylinder Pressures,” shall conform with **Table 3**.

**TABLE 3**  
 Brake Cylinder Pressures

TBC	Approximate Loco BCP	Approximate Car BCP
10	11	10
20	16	16
30	22	23
40	28	29
50	34	35
60	40	42
70	46	48
80	52	54
90	58	61
100	64	67

5. Section 3.3: Testing the “Transition from one lead HEU to another while in ECP” is not required to be tested as part of this section, as only one HEU is expected as part of this test consist. Evidence of this function will be required to be recorded as part of the “Interoperability demonstration between qualified systems” section.

### **3.2.3.2 Emergencies**

#### **Break in two (pneumatic) and recovery**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Initiate a pneumatic emergency application from a non-EAB source.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Recover the emergency and charge BP to release.
7. Stop recording using the DAQ.
8. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot 16/BC pilot and BC pressures vs. time for the application. Plot from 5 seconds prior to Emergency initiation to 45 seconds after BP begins to increase.
  - Verify that car 16/BC pilot and BC pressure increases to  $83 \pm 4$  psi with the emergency application.
  - Verify that car 16/BC pilot pressure reduces to zero.
  - Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure increase rate does not exceed 52 psi/s.

#### **Minimum subsequent BP apply**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Move the automatic handle to the MIN position.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Make a 15 TBC increase in brake command.
7. Wait for pressure stabilization.
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 until the automatic handle is in the SUPP position.
9. Stop recording using the DAQ.
10. Move the automatic handle to the REL position.
11. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot 16/BC pilot and BC pressures vs. time for the application. Plot from 5 seconds prior to initiation of automatic handle movement to MIN to 45 seconds after automatic handle movement to SUPP.
  - Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure builds to  $16 \pm 4$  psi with the automatic handle in MIN position.
  - Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure increases with each automatic application effort increase command until FS 16/BC pilot is achieved.
  - Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure develops at  $9 \pm 4$  psi for each 15 TBC increase.

### **3.2.3.3 Release requirements (APTA PR-M-S-020-17, Section 2.4)**

#### **Graduated release**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Move the automatic handle to the FS (100 TBC) position.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Reduce TBC by 15.

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7. Wait for pressure stabilization.
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 until the automatic handle is in the MIN position.
9. Stop recording using the DAQ.
10. Move the automatic handle to the REL position.
11. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot 16/BC pilot and BC pressures vs. time for the application. Plot from 5 seconds prior to initiation of automatic handle movement to FS to time 45 seconds after automatic handle movement to MIN.
  - Verify in the period after the initial 15 TBC reduction until AUTO handle = MIN (TBC=10) that subsequent reductions in TBC reduce 16/BC pilot and BC pressure by 9 +/-4 psi for every 15 TBC reduction
  - Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure reduces to  $16 \pm 4$  psi with AUTO handle is in the MIN range.

#### **4. 24-car train rack test**

Train rack testing is intended to verify the functionality and performance of the brake control device in a consist of 24 cars under test.

##### **4.1 Test setup**

###### **4.1.1 (1) locomotive rack(s)**

- Locomotive to be configured as defined in AAR Locomotive & Cab Car Rack setup (RP-505 Compliant) definition section.

###### **4.1.2 (24) single-car test rack(s)**

- Each individual car to be configured as defined in AAR Single Car Rack setup (RP-505 Compliant) Definition section.

###### **4.1.3 (1) ECP EOT device**

- ECP EOT device may be either:
  - Standalone EOT device.
  - Last car in test consist (if equipped with EOT functionality).

###### **4.1.4 Definition of pressure transducer placement**

- Pressures shall be recorded from the locomotive, first car, last car and up to every sixth car within the test consist.

###### **4.1.5 Main reservoir/supply reservoir**

- MR/SR pressure governor shall be set to 125 to 145 psi.
- MR pressure supply shall be available to all vehicles in test consist.

###### **4.1.6 Default feed valve**

- Default feed valve shall be set to  $110 \pm 1$  psi.

#### **4.2 24 Car train test rack procedure**

Testing shall be conducted in 26C emulation and ECP.

**4.2.1 Brake application and release (emulation only)**

1. Testing shall be conducted for the brake application scenarios in all operation modes referenced in **Table 4**:

**TABLE 4**  
 Emulation Brake Application Scenarios

Brake Scenario	Brake Application	Pressure Stabilization Time [s]
1	Minimum service	60
2	Suppression	60
3	Full service	60
4	Handle off	120
5	Automatic emergency	120

**4.2.2 Brake application and release procedure**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Move the automatic handle to the brake application position being tested.
5. Allow the required time (Table 4) for pressure stabilization.
6. Move the automatic handle to the REL position.
7. Stop recording using the DAQ.
8. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for each brake scenario application, for all recorded vehicles. Plot from time 5 seconds prior to automatic handle movement to [pressure stabilization time] seconds after brake application automatic handle movement.
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for each brake scenario release, for all recorded vehicles. Plot from 5 seconds prior to automatic handle movement to [pressure stabilization time] seconds after automatic handle movement to REL.

**4.2.2.1 For all cars (brake scenario 1)**

1. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to  $16 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles.
2. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot builds to 90 percent of MIN BC in  $8 \pm 4$  s for all vehicles.
3. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to 0 to 1 psi for all vehicles.
4. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures reduce to 5 psi BC in  $6 \pm 5$  s for all vehicles.

**4.2.2.2 For all cars (brake scenario 2)**

1. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to  $38 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles.
2. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot builds to 90 percent of suppression BC in  $10 \pm 4$  s for all vehicles.
3. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to 0 to 1 psi for all vehicles.
4. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures reduce to 5 psi BC in  $8 \pm 6$  s for all vehicles.

**4.2.2.3 For all cars (brake scenario 3)**

1. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to  $67 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles.
2. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot builds to 90 percent of FS BC in  $13 \pm 4$  s for all vehicles.

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3. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to 0 to 1 psi for all vehicles.
4. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressure reduces to 5 psi BC in  $12.5 \pm 7$  s for all vehicles.

**4.2.2.4 For all cars (brake scenario 4)**

1. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to  $83 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles.
2. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to 0 to 1 psi for all vehicles.

**4.2.2.5 For all cars (brake scenario 5)**

1. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to  $83 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles.
2. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot builds to 90 percent of EMER BC in  $8 \pm 1.5$  s for all vehicles.
3. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to 0 to 1 psi for all vehicles.

**4.3 Brake application and release (ECP only)**

Testing shall be conducted for the following brake application scenarios in all operation modes referenced:

**TABLE 5**  
ECP Brake Application Scenarios

Brake Scenario	Brake Application	Pressure Stabilization Time [s]
1	Minimum service	60
2	Suppression	60
3	Full service	60
4	Handle off	120
5	Automatic emergency	120

**4.3.1 Brake application and release procedure**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Move the automatic handle to the brake application position.
5. Allow the required time (**Table 5**) for pressure stabilization.
6. Move the automatic handle to the FS position.
7. Allow the required time (**Table 5**) for pressure stabilization.
8. Move the automatic handle to the REL position.
9. Stop recording using the DAQ.
10. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for each brake scenario application, for all recorded vehicles. Plot from 5 seconds prior to automatic handle movement to [pressure stabilization time] seconds after automatic handle movement to FS.
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for each brake scenario release, for all recorded vehicles. Plot from 5 seconds prior to automatic handle movement to [pressure stabilization time] seconds after automatic handle movement to REL.

**4.3.1.1 For all cars (brake scenario 1)**

1. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to  $16 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles.

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2. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot builds to 90 percent of MIN BC in  $3 \pm 2$  s for all vehicles.
3. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to 0 to 1 psi for all vehicles.
4. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot reduces to 5 psi BC in  $3 \pm 2$  s for all vehicles.

**4.3.1.2 For all cars (brake scenario 2)**

1. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to  $38 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles.
2. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot builds to 90 percent of suppression BC in  $4 \pm 2$  s for all vehicles.
3. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to 0 to 1 psi for all vehicles.
4. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot reduces to 5 psi BC in  $4 \pm 2$  s for all vehicles.

**4.3.1.3 For all cars (brake scenario 3)**

1. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to  $67 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles.
2. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot builds to 90 percent of FS BC in  $5.5 \pm 2.5$  s for all vehicles.
3. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to 0 to 1 psi for all vehicles.
4. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot reduces to 5 psi BC in  $5.5 \pm 2.5$  s for all vehicles.

**4.3.1.4 For all cars (brake scenario 4)**

1. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to  $83 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles.
2. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot builds to 90 percent of ECP EMER BC in  $4 \pm 2$  s for all vehicles.
3. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to 0 to 1 psi for all vehicles.

**4.3.1.5 For all cars (brake scenario 5)**

1. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to  $83 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles.
2. For apply: Verify that 16/BC pilot builds to 90 percent of EMER BC in  $3 \pm 2$  s for all vehicles.
3. For release: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to 0 to 1 psi for all vehicles.

**4.3.2 Graduated application**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Move the automatic handle to the MIN position.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Make a  $3 \pm 1$  psi reduction to equalizing reservoir or increase TBC  $15 \pm 2$ , based on the ECP display information.
7. Wait for pressure stabilization.
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 until the automatic handle is in the FS position.
9. Stop recording using the DAQ.
10. Move the automatic handle to the REL position.
11. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application, for all recorded vehicles. Plot from 5 seconds prior to automatic handle movement 45 seconds after final automatic handle movement.
  - For all cars: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures increase for all vehicles with each automatic application effort increase command until FS 16/BC pilot is achieved.
  - For all cars: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures stabilize to  $67 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles while the automatic handle is in the FS position.

**4.3.3 Graduated release**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Move the automatic handle to the FS position.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Make a  $3 \pm 1$  psi increase to equalizing reservoir or decrease TBC  $15 \pm 2$ , based on the ECP display information.
7. Wait for pressure stabilization.
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 until the automatic handle is in the MIN position.
9. Wait for pressure stabilization.
10. Move the automatic handle to the REL position.
11. Wait for pressure stabilization.
12. Stop recording using the DAQ.
13. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application, for all recorded vehicles. Plot from 5 seconds prior to automatic handle movement to 45 seconds after final automatic handle movement.
  - For all cars: Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures reduce with each graduated release command for all vehicles until Auto = MIN.
  - For all cars (emulation): Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures reduce to zero for all vehicles when BP is in the range MIN BP through MIN BP – 5 psi.
  - For all cars (ECP): Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures reduce to  $6 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles at MIN and fully release to 0 to 1 psi when BP is in REL.

**4.3.4 Brake cycling**

Testing shall be conducted for the following brake scenarios:

**TABLE 6**  
 Scenarios for Brake Cycling Test

Brake Scenario	Brake Application	Position A	Position B
1	Release to minimum service	REL	MIN
2	Release to full service	REL	FS
3	Minimum service to full service	MIN	FS
4	Suppression to full service	SUPP	FS

Brake cycling procedure:

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Move the automatic handle to Position A (Table 6) and hold the application for  $30 \pm 1$  s.
5. Move the automatic handle to Position B (Table 6) and hold the application for  $30 \pm 1$  s.
6. Cycle between positions A and B for a total of five cycles.
7. Stop recording using the DAQ.

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8. Pass/fail reporting requirements
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application, for all recorded vehicles. Plot from 5 seconds prior to automatic handle movement to 45 seconds after final automatic handle movement.
  - For all cars (emulation): Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures degrade with subsequent apply brake applications; alike traditional 26C hardware.
  - For all cars (ECP): Verify that 16/BC pilot pressures recover to  $16 \pm 4$  psi with subsequent apply brake applications.

#### **4.3.5 Penalty application and recovery**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Initiate a penalty application.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Recover the penalty source/penalty and charge BP to release.
7. Stop recording using the DAQ.
8. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application, for all recorded vehicles. Plot from 5 seconds prior to Penalty enforcement initiation to time 45 seconds after BP stabilizes.
  - Plot BP, 16/BC pilot, and BC pressures vs. time for the application, for all recorded vehicles. Plot from 5 seconds prior to automatic handle movement to (penalty suppression) to 45 seconds after final automatic handle movement.
  - For all cars: Verify that all 16/BC pilot pressures increase to  $67 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles with the penalty application.
  - For all cars: Verify that all 16/BC pilot pressures reduce to zero for all vehicles and BP has recharged to 110 psi.

#### **4.3.6 Break in two (pneumatic) and recovery**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Initiate a pneumatic emergency application from a non-EAB source.
5. Wait for pressure stabilization.
6. Recover the emergency and charge BP to release.
7. Stop recording using the DAQ.
8. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - For all cars: Verify that all 16/BC pilot pressures increase to  $83 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles with the emergency application.
  - For all cars: Verify that all 16/BC pilot pressures reduce to zero for all vehicles and that BP has recharged to 110 psi.



### **4.3.7 ECP-specific testing (ECP only)**

#### **Break in two (ECP trainline)**

1. Verify that BP is charged to  $110 \pm 1$  psi and MR to 125 psi or greater on the operator display and/or cab gauges.
2. Wait for pressure stabilization.
3. Start recording using the DAQ.
4. Separate the inter-car connector (ICC) between the locomotive and Car 1.
5. Verify that the train enters penalty.
6. Stop recording using the DAQ.
7. Reconnect the ICC(s) and recover from the penalty.
8. Pass/fail reporting requirements:
  - For all cars: Verify that all 16/BC pilot pressures increase to  $83 \pm 4$  psi for all vehicles with the emergency application.
  - For all cars: Verify that all 16/BC pilot pressures reduce to zero for all vehicles and that BP has recharged to 110 psi.

## **5. Interoperability demonstration between qualified systems**

The objectives of this standard are to define the minimum required interoperability tests, to define the acceptance criteria for such tests, and to ensure that trains in ECP passenger operation with cars and locomotives equipped with two different suppliers' systems can safely interoperate.

### **5.1 Test location**

Test location shall be documented. Testing must include one existing approved supplier. By using equipment configurations from both an approved supplier and the supplier under test, it will not be necessary to repeat this test at the visiting supplier's facility.

### **5.2 Emulation functionality**

No interoperability testing required.

### **5.3 ECP functionality**

Run testing per APTA PR-M-S-026-19, and verify that all sections "pass."

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## **Related APTA standards**

**APTA PR-M-S-005-98**, “Code of Tests for Passenger Car Equipment Using Single Car Testing”

The following standards are the complete set of Passenger ECP standards:

**APTA PR-M-S-020-17**, “Passenger Electronic 26C Emulation Braking System—Performance Requirement”

**APTA PR-M-S-021-17**, “ECP Passenger Cable-Based Braking System—Performance Requirements”

**APTA PR-M-S-022-19**, “ECP Passenger Cable-Based Brake System Cable, Connectors and Junction Boxes—Performance Requirements”

**APTA PR-M-S-023-19**, “ECP Passenger Cable-Based Brake DC Power Supply—Performance Requirements”

**APTA PR-M-S-024-19**, “Intratrain Communication Requirements for ECP Cable-Based Passenger Train Control Systems”

**APTA PR-M-S-025-19**, “ECP Passenger Cable-Based and Passenger Emulation Braking System—Approval Procedure”

**APTA PR-M-S-026-19**, “ECP Passenger Cable-Based Braking System—Interoperability Procedure”

**APTA PR-M-S-027-19**, “ECP Passenger Cable-Based Braking System—Configuration Management”

**APTA PR-M-S-028-20**, “Pneumatic Piping for Vehicles”

## **References**

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RP-505, “Typical 26-L Type Brake Equipment Piping Diagrams For Locomotives”

S-601, “Hose, Wrapped, Air-Brake, “End Hose””

S-618, “Hose, Air, Wire-Reinforced”

Federal Communications Commission, FCC Part 15, Section 15.107

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers 1476:2000, “Standard for Passenger Train Auxiliary Power Systems Interfaces.”

## **Definitions**

**backup battery:** The battery source that is part of the CCD and is used to power the system when the trainline power and the local car battery power are not present.

**cab car:** The car providing controlling functions to remotely operate a trail locomotive and to provide braking and traction commands. The ECP components of a cab car include elements of both HEU and CCD functionality.

**car control device (CCD):** An electronic control device that replaces the function of the conventional pneumatic service and emergency portions during electronic braking and provides for electronically controlled service and emergency brake applications. The CCD interprets and acknowledges the electronic signals and controls the service and emergency braking functions on the car. In a standalone system, the CCD also controls reservoir charging. The CCD also will send a warning signal to the locomotive in case any of the components cannot respond appropriately to a braking command. Each CCD has a unique electronic address keyed to car reporting marks and number. A CCD shall be activated by the presence of trainline power. Each CCD contains a battery, which is charged from trainline power.

**ECP brake (trainline) DC power supply:** The ECP brake system power supply is a DC supply operating at nominally 230 VDC to provide electrical power, via the trainline, to all connected CCDs and EOT devices.

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The power supply is mounted within a locomotive and is controlled by a power supply controller (PSC), which is a network device. The power supply shall meet the requirements of APTA PR-M-S-023-19, latest revision, “ECP Passenger Cable-Based Brake DC Power Supply—Performance Requirements.” A single power supply shall be capable of supplying power to an ECP-equipped train consisting of a minimum of 160 CCDs and an EOT node.

**emulation mode:** Non-ECP mode of operation in which the electronic pneumatic components emulate the performance of the 26C control valve and follow the brake pipe for determining brake cylinder pressure.

**end-of-train (EOT) node:** The EOT node is physically the last network node in the train and transmits a status message (EOT beacon) once per second. The status message includes the current brake pipe pressure that is displayed in the cab by the HEU. If the EOT does not require an emergency brake pipe vent valve, then the hose to the EOT node shall be a minimum of  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. ID. The EOT node also shall contain an electric trainline termination circuit. This termination circuit shall be a 50-ohm resistor in series with a 0.47  $\mu$ F capacitor. The EOT node shall be connected to the network and shall be transmitting status messages to the HEU before the trainline power can be energized continuously. The EOT node continually reports brake pipe pressure and trainline voltage to the HEU. An EOT node shall be activated by the presence of trainline power. The requirements defined herein are those EOT node functions required for ECP-braked trains. The EOT node is an electronic logic circuit representing a train termination point. An EOT node can represent one of three physical forms:

- An ECP EOT device
- An enabled ECP locomotive or cab car
- An enabled ECP coach car

**end-of-train (EOT) device:** An item connected to the trainline at the end of the train that contains a means of communicating with the HEU, a brake pipe pressure transducer, and a battery that charges off the trainline cable. The EOT device is physically the last network node in the train and transmits a status message (EOT beacon) once per second. The status message includes the current brake pipe pressure displayed in the cab by the HEU. If the EOT does not require an emergency brake pipe vent valve, then the hose to the EOT device shall be a minimum of  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. ID. The EOT device also shall contain an electric trainline termination circuit. This termination circuit shall be a 50-ohm resistor in series with a 0.47  $\mu$ F capacitor. The EOT device shall be connected to the network and shall be transmitting status messages to the HEU before the trainline power can be energized continuously. The EOT device continually reports brake pipe pressure and trainline voltage to the HEU. An EOT device shall be activated by the presence of trainline power. The requirements defined herein are those EOT device functions required for ECP-braked trains. The ECP EOT device may be a device separate from the EOT device specified for pneumatically braked trains in the AAR Communications Manual, Parts 12–15. For ECP trains capable of operating in a pneumatic mode (overlay or emulator brake systems), a pneumatic EOT device function also shall be required. The ECP EOT device functions may be combined in a single dual-mode device with the pneumatic EOT device functions. A dual-mode EOT device shall meet the requirements defined herein for ECP operation and the requirements for pneumatic EOT devices specified in the AAR Communications Manual, Parts 12–15, and all applicable FRA rules. ECP equipment on a locomotive at the end of the train may perform the ECP EOT device function. Locomotive ECP equipment functioning as an EOT device shall meet the requirements defined in this standard. An ECP EOT device that does not also provide radio functionality does not require the annual calibration that is required of the EOT device specified for pneumatically braked trains in the AAR Communications Manual, Parts 12–15.

**load weigh:** Local adjustment of brake cylinder pressure based on the current weight of the vehicle.

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**local car battery:** Battery power source provided by the passenger car backup battery. This term is used to differentiate it from the backup battery, which is an integral part of the CCD.

**operative brake:** An individual brake set that is fully functional. One brake set is two braked trucks.

**passenger ECP EOT:** The passenger ECP EOT performs similar functions as the freight ECP EOT with the following exceptions:

- The EOT is not required to monitor the brake pipe.
- The EOT is not required to include a marker light.
- The EOT is not required to detect motion.

**pneumatic backup (PB):** A system required on each car to apply emergency brake cylinder pressure in the event of a vented brake pipe. The PB system also shall be capable of assisting in propagating pneumatic pressure signals through the brake pipe.

**power supply controller (PSC):** The controller that interfaces with the trainline communication network and controls a trainline power supply as commanded by the HEU. Multiple power supplies may be enabled by the HEU, as described in this standard. The PSC shall also comply with the requirements of APTA PR-M-S-023-19, latest revision, “ECP Passenger Cable-Based Brake DC Power Supply—Performance Requirements,” and APTA PR-M-S-024-19, latest revision, “Intratrain Communication Requirements for ECP Cable-Based Passenger Train Control Systems.”

**snow brake:** A means of applying a light brake cylinder pressure on a vehicle to prevent the accumulation of ice and snow between the friction material and the braking surface.

**trainline:** A two-conductor electric wire spanning the train that carries both trainline power (to operate all CCDs and EOT devices) and communications network signals (superimposed on the power voltage). The trainline shall meet the requirements of APTA PR-M-S-022-19, latest revision, “ECP Passenger Cable-Based Brake System Cable, Connectors and Junction Boxes—Performance Requirements.”

## **Abbreviations and acronyms**

<b>AAR</b>	Association of American Railroads
<b>AUTO</b>	Automatic (brake valve handle)
<b>BC</b>	brake cylinder
<b>BCP</b>	brake cylinder pressure
<b>BP</b>	brake pipe
<b>CCD</b>	car control device
<b>DAQ</b>	data acquisition
<b>DC</b>	direct current
<b>EAB</b>	electronic air brake
<b>ECP</b>	electronically controlled pneumatic
<b>ELV</b>	emergency limiting valve
<b>EMER</b>	emergency brake
<b>EOC</b>	end of car
<b>EOT</b>	end of train
<b>FS</b>	full-service
<b>HEU</b>	head end unit
<b>HO</b>	handle off position
<b>Hz</b>	hertz

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<b>ICC</b>	inter-car connector
<b>ID</b>	internal diameter
<b>MIN</b>	Minimum Service position
<b>MU</b>	multiple unit
<b>MR</b>	main reservoir
<b>NATSA</b>	North American Transportation Services Association
<b>PB</b>	pneumatic backup
<b>PRIIA</b>	Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (2008)
<b>PSC</b>	power supply controller
<b>psi</b>	pounds per square inch
<b>psig</b>	pounds per square inch, gauge
<b>PTU</b>	portable test unit
<b>REL</b>	Release position
<b>s</b>	seconds
<b>Sch.</b>	Schedule
<b>SR</b>	supply reservoir (car main reservoir)
<b>TBC</b>	train brake command
<b>TBE</b>	train braking effort
<b>TPS</b>	trainline power supply
<b>VDC</b>	voltage direct current

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