

Operating Speed Limits by Class of Track

49 CFR 213.9 and 213.307

Sec. 213.9 Classes of track: operating speed limits.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section and Secs. 213.57(b), 213.59(a), 213.113(a), and 213.137(b) and (c), the following maximum allowable operating speeds apply--
 [In miles per hour]

| Over track that meets all of the requirements prescribed in this part for-- | The maximum allowable operating speed for freight trains is-- | The maximum allowable operating speed for passenger trains is-- |
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| Excepted track..... | 10 | N/A |
| Class 1 track..... | 10 | 15 |
| Class 2 track..... | 25 | 30 |
| Class 3 track..... | 40 | 60 |
| Class 4 track..... | 60 | 80 |
| Class 5 track..... | 80 | 90 |

Sec. 213.307 Class of track: operating speed limits.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section and Secs. 213.329, 213.337(a) and 213.345(c), the following maximum allowable operating speeds apply:

| Over track that meets all of the requirements prescribed in this subpart for-- | The maximum allowable operating speed for trains is-- |
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| Class 6 track..... | 110 m.p.h. |
| Class 7 track..... | 125 m.p.h. |
| Class 8 track..... | 160 m.p.h. |
| Class 9 track..... | 200 m.p.h. |