

Emergency Preparedness Task Force



Rail Safety Advisory Committee

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Notice of Proposed Rulemaking



- Emergency Window Exits
- Rescue Access Windows
- Emergency Communications
- Emergency Roof Access
- Inspection and Repair of Emergency Systems

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- Status
 - RSAC Approved NPRM Rule Text May 2005
 - Working Group Recommends Extending Rescue Access Window Implementation Period for Existing Single Level Cars

Rescue Access Window Implementation



- Previously Approved: Effective date of rule
- Proposed Revision: Extend effective date to 18 months after publication of final rule for existing cars with at least 2 exterior side doors, with manual releases, located in diagonally opposite quadrants of single level cars
- Purpose: To allow sufficient time for replacement of polycarbonate glazing with glass that can be broken on 482 cars

Topics Under Consideration



- Number and location of exterior side doors
- Removable panels/windows in passageway doors
- Emergency Lighting
- Low-Location Emergency Exit Path Markings
- Emergency Signage



Questions?