

Safety Alert



SA. No. 2012- 01

NOTICE TO ACCREDITED RAIL OPERATORS

Subject

Wrong side failure of over switch (OS) track circuit module

Issue

Transport Safety Victoria has been advised of a safety issue with a US&S 'OS' track card performing the function of an OS track circuit (directly connected to a Microlok 12V Vital Input 16 Board). In this configuration, a wrong side failure occurs when the OS track card is not properly seated in the back plane.

This safety issue was identified as part of an investigation into a wrong side signalling failure, which occurred recently on a Pilbara railway.

For further details, please see the attached Safety Alert (RSN 2012-02) issued by the Office of Rail Safety, Department of Transport, Government of Western Australia.

In order to ensure compliance with safety duties set out in the *Rail Safety Act 2006 (Vic)*, the following should be undertaken:

- Rail infrastructure managers should note this advice and take appropriate action.

For more information in Victoria, please contact Stephen Backway, Rail Signal Engineer on (03) 9655 8903.

THIS ADVICE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris McKeown".

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