

Locomotive Rules

1203. Employees starting diesel locomotives are responsible to ensure that each locomotive they operate is inspected for engine lubricating oil level, cooling water level and air compressor lubricating oil level prior to initial startup. Engine lubricating oil level and pressure will be checked after start-up and again fifteen (15) minutes after start-up.

1203A. All locomotives must only be operated at proper temperatures.

(1) Below 100°F, the locomotive must be run only in idle.

(2) Above 120°F, the locomotive may be used in light service.

(3) Within 140-180°F, the locomotive may be used in normal service.

(4) At 180°F, on locomotives equipped with manual temperature control, the cooling system must be operated until the water temperature is reduced to 160°F.

(5) Above 180°F, the locomotive may not be used in service. Any failure of the temperature regulating system must be reported to the proper authority.

1203B. Upon startup of the locomotive, enginemen must drain moisture from the main reservoir.

Draining the main reservoir during prolonged service and upon shut down is encouraged.