

**OPERATING CONDITIONS FOR HIGH CAPACITY**  
**SEMI-PERMANENT COUPLER**

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| 1.  | Coach Type   | :Broad Gauge LHB Passenger Coaches   |
| 2.  | Axle Load  | :16.25t (max.)   |
| 3.  | Gross Load (Coach)   | :65t (max.)  |
| 4.  | Gross Load (Train)   | :1700 t (max. Without loco)  |
| 5.  | Grade  | :1 in 37 (steepest)  |
| 6.  | Speed (maximum)  | :200 km/h  |
| 7.  | Curve (Sharpest)   | :175 m (radius)  |
| 8.  | Climatic & Environmental Conditions  |  |
|     | Maximum Temperature (under the sun)  | :70 <sup>0</sup> C   |
|     | Maximum Temperature (under shade)  | :45 <sup>0</sup> C   |
|     | Minimum Temperature (at night)   | :-5 <sup>0</sup> C   |
|     | Rainfall   | : Fairly Heavy   |
|     | Humidity   | : 100% saturation  |
|     | Environment  | : Dusty during hot weather and saline in coastal areas   |
| 9.  | Coupler Height (for coaches)   | :1105 mm(from Rail Level)  |
| 10. | Coupler Height (for locos)   | :1090 mm (from Rail Level)   |
| 11. | Wheel Diameter (for coaches)   | : 915 mm (new)<br>845 mm (condemning-LHB variants)   |
| 12. | (i) Maximum coupling/uncoupling operations: 12 per day.<br>(ii) Speed at the time of coupling loco with rake: 3 kmph |  |
| 13. | Type of Brake System   | : Graduated Release Twin Pipe Air Brake System generally as per UIC 540. Coaches shall be equipped with disc brakes or clasp type brakes having composition or cast iron brake blocks. |
| 14. | Braking Distance of Train  | : 1200 m from a speed of 160 km/h  |

15. Maximum deceleration :  $1.3 \text{ m/sec}^2$
16. Rolling Resistance of Coaching stock:  
 $R = 0.685 + 0.0211V + 0.000082 V^2$   
Where, R= Rolling Resistance in kg/t of coach weight and  
V= Speed in km/h
17. Side Buffers : On end coaches next to  
locos. (Power Cars and  
SLRs only)
18. Coach Strength : Satisfies end load  
requirements as per UIC 566