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TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. RDSO/2018/EL/TC/0149 Rev. '0', Dated 27.08.2018

1. TITLE:

Technical Circular for repair of crack in welding of plate (Drg. No. 1209-01-312-145) of Pivot Transom sub assembly of bogie frames for WAP7/WAG9 locomotives.

2. BACKGROUND:

The plate as per drawing No. 1209-01-312-145 is a cover plate of sub assembly of Pivot Transom assembly of bogie frame of WAP7/WAG9 locomotives. It is welded as a last component in this sub assembly of pivot transom. South Central Railway reported the crack in welding between this plate and transom vertical web. The matter has been investigated for the reason of crack.



Fig. 1: Crack in welding being noticed in this portion

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RDSO visited premises of M/s Ved, Kanpur a bogie manufacturer for examining the issues related with development of crack in plate welding of Pivot Transom sub assembly. During the investigation it was noted that Firms were not taking care of all the precautions as per Drawing no. 1209-01-112-120 of pivot transom.

3. OBJECT:

This Technical circular is being issued to reiterate the instruction and precautions to be taken during the welding of Pivot Transom sub assembly cover plate of bogie frames for WAP7/WAG9 locomotives.

4. PROCEDURE OF WELDING IN NEW BOGIES:

Welding of pivot transom sub assemblies in new bogies shall be done as per the clause no. 6.0 of CLW specification no. CLW/MS/3/BOGIE/003 and Drawing no. 1209-01-112-120.

Special care shall be taken during the welding of cover plate on transom vertical web as per section V of above mentioned drawing:

- a) Maintain 2 mm gap between the two, to have end fusion of the filling material.
- b) Ensure Profile of the fillet as per the drawing.

However, relevant feature of welding is reiterated as per CLW's Specification as under:

4.1 Welding Procedure:

(i) Filler Metal:

Metal Inert Gas (MIG) welding process using Argon gas(at least 80% argon) as shielding media and RDSO approved brand of filer wire AWSA5.18ER70S4 or 70S6 shall only be adopted for welding of bogie frame including brackets.

(ii) Run on and Run off tabs:

Run on and Run off tabs (a beveled fillet joint of about to 200mm long made out of the same plate and thickness) shall be attached with side beams at all corners by tack welding. During welding of the side beams these tabs are also to be welded as a continuous welding of the side beamed.

4.2 Quality of weld Joints:

- (i) Weld joints shall have uniform beading and smooth change over from weld deposit to parent metal and through fusion between adjacent layers of weld metal and between weld metal and parent metal.
- (ii) Weld joint shall be free from cracks, craters, undercuts, overlaps, porosity, inclusions, below-holes etc.
- (iii) In butt welded area, one extra run of welding shall be applied; excess metal shall then be grounded off to eliminate stress and normalize the welded metal.

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- (iv) The fillet weld profile shall be made concave by grinding so that smooth transition occurs at the toe of weld maintaining correct size of the welds. Welds shall be ground to eliminate stress raisers and do improve fatigue life.
- (v) Adequate measures shall be taken by the manufacturer to avoid distortion during welding. Minor distortion, if any, shall be corrected preferably in the cold (by mechanical method). Any correction to be done by flame heating of members shall be carried out only in presence of Inspecting Agency or his representative; temperature of heated part shall not exceed 500°C.
- (vi) Any linear discontinuity shall be unacceptable and shall be repaired by chipping or grinding up to the root and subsequent welding. After rectification of defects in welding, the area shall be re-examined by the same method to ensure defect free weld joint.

The drawings & specifications for welding are given in Annexure- 'A' of CLW specification which is reiterated here as Annexure- 1

5. PROCEDURE FOR REPAIRING OF WELDING:

- (i) Remove cracked welding by gauging/grinding by cut off wheel.
- (ii) Edge preparation in cover plate to maintain root gap to enable end fusion of welding.
- (iii) Welding shall be done as per CLW specification no. CLW/MS/3/BOGIE/003 and Drawing no. 1209-01-112-120.
- (iv) The welded area shall be stress relieved by heating to about 600-650°C with the help oxy acetylene torch followed by slow cooling under cover of asbestos sheet if the bogie is not subjected to any other heat treatment after repair welding.
- (v) After cooling of joint at room temperature weld joint to be inspected by Dye Penetrate Test & Magnetic Particle Test.



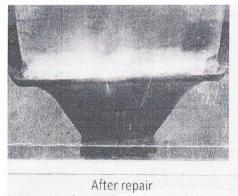


Fig.2: Photo of transom before and after repair

6. CLASS & GRADE OF CONSUMABLE MATERIAL FOR WELDING:

As per CLW specification no. CLW/MS/3/BOGIE/003.

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7. AGENCY FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

All POH workshop/Electric Loco Sheds/PUs.

8. ENCLOSURES:

- (i) Drawing. No. 1209-01-312-145 for item no.17 (Plate).
- (ii) Drawing No. 1209-01-112-120 of Pivot Transom.

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LIST OF RELEVANT DRAWINGS & STANDARDS TO BE REFERRED

SN	Description/Drg. No.	Reference for
1.	IS:2102	General tolerances (for intolerance linear and angular dimensions)
2.	RDSO'sMC-4	Code of procedure of Ultrasonic Testing technique for butt weld joints for Bogie Frames.
3.	EN287-1/IS:7310(Part-I)/IS817/AWS Code D.1.1	Qualification of welders
4.	IS:2062	Steel for general structural purpose.
5.	DIN:2448	Standard for tube
6.	IRS M41	
7.	IRS M1079	
8.	RDSO SPEC No. VL.SPEC-6(latest version) & Drg. No. 1209-01.112-001 and Drg. No. 1209-01.112-202	For Stress relieving
9.	ASTM: 435/IS:4225, ASTM E-164	For Ultrasonic test plate
10.	Blue Standard of IIW	For Radiographic test
11.	IS:3658	For Dye Penetration test
12.	IS:5334	For Magnetic Particle test
13.	WP-27 IRB, 35 IRB, 36 IRB, 37 IRB, 38 IRB, 39 IRB, 40 IRB, 41 IRB, 42 IRB, 43 IRB, 45 IRB, 46 IRB, 48 IRB, 49 IRB, 50 IRB, 51 IRB(16 specifications), WP-10, WP-45, IRB(Motor Support) procedure of welding 72 pages.	Welding procedure
14.	RDSO Spec. M&C/PCN/100/2009)or latest)	Painting
15.	STR No. CLW/2015/ELDO/M/STR/0019 Rev'0' issued on September'2015(or latest)	Schedule of Technical Requirement for Bogie Frame Assembly without Brake Gear.

