

Definition

Defects in the track that require an operational restriction (such as a speed restriction, axle load restriction, track closure) to be applied.

CAT  
**A**  
Immediate

Track irregularities that result in an immediate and/or direct threat to the safety of people or railway operations, including:

- trains traversing an undetected track defect resulting in a near derailment or injuring the train crew and/or passengers.

CAT  
**C**  
Annual

Track irregularities that are detected **during** track maintenance or inspection activity and require an operational restriction being imposed including:

- broken rail (including fish plates)
- rail defects
- track defects involving horizontal alignment
- track defects involving vertical alignment
- spread track
- points irregularity (damage presenting a threat to railway operations)

CAT  
**B**  
72hrs

Track irregularities that are detected **outside** of track maintenance or inspection activities and require an operational restriction being imposed, including:

- broken rail (including fish plates)
- rail defects
- track defects involving horizontal alignment
- track defects involving vertical alignment
- spread track
- points irregularity (damage presenting a threat to railway operations)

Not Reportable to ONRSR

- Points losing position detection.