

Railway Fundamentals - An introduction to Train Braking Systems

Self-test Questions

1. Which two types of continuous braking system are used on the West Somerset Railway?
2. Which braking system do all trains on the West Somerset Railway have?
3. Which system provides more powerful brakes, vacuum or air?
4. Which braking system is more commonly used on the national network today, vacuum or air?
5. Where would you find a 'brake standard'?
6. Do you need to pin a wheel hand brake?
7. Does a 'piped wagon' have a working continuous brake?
8. What is a collection of wagons with working continuous brakes marshalled behind a locomotive called?
9. What does a steam loco's 'ejector' use to draw air out of a train vacuum pipe?
10. What device does a steam loco use to pressurise an air brake system?

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