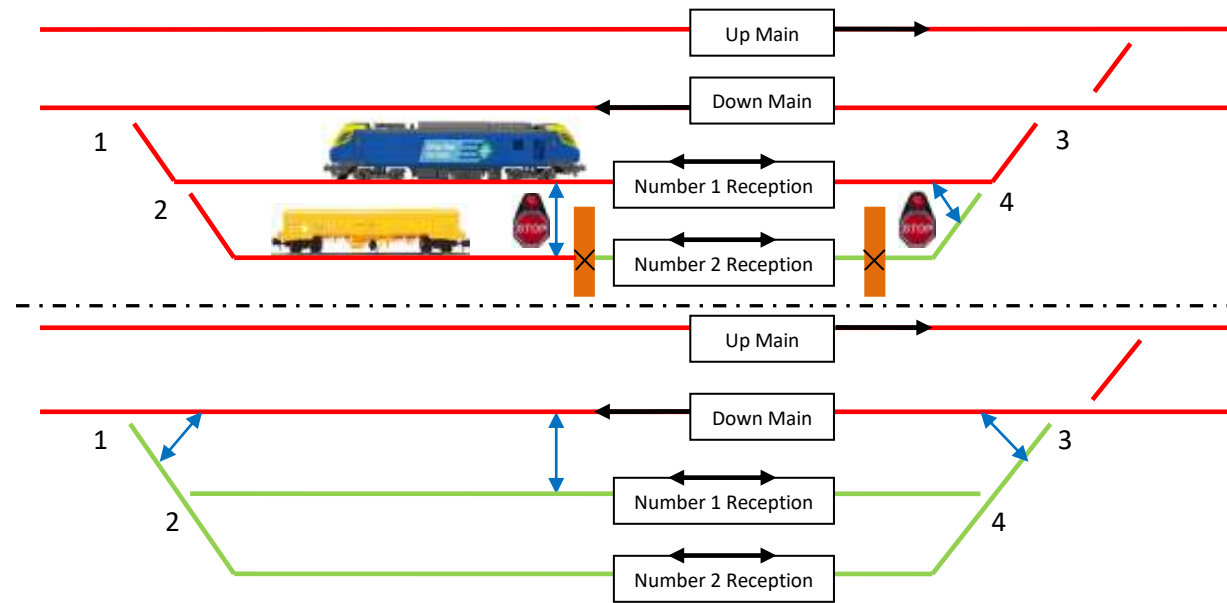


Taking possession of a siding by a PICOS (formerly known as 'T4 protection')

Note: these are examples only – your own area will be different

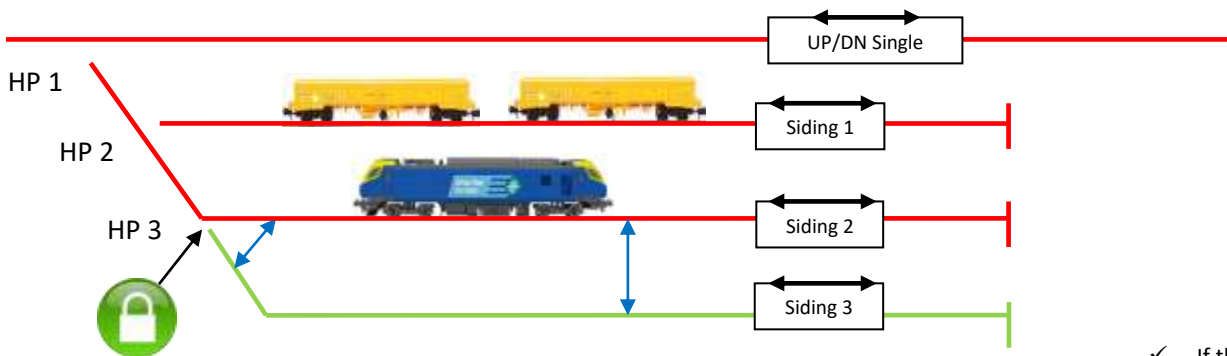


A) Part possession of 'Number 2 reception line' where points are worked from a signalbox or ground frame (GF):

- No.2 and No.4 points **NOT** to be clipped up. Signaller/ GF operator will maintain points in correct position.
- Sleeper to be chained across rails to stop train entering possession.
- Stop Boards to be positioned at the sleepers.
- Remember the minimum distance between your possession and the open line. Block the nearest line as well if it's too close.

B) Possession of the whole siding where points are worked from a signalbox or GF:

- No.1 and No.3 points **NOT** to be clipped up. Signaller/ GF operator will maintain points in correct position.
- Remember any work that takes place at 1 or 3 points, the nearest line; in this case the down main, this must be blocked too, unless the line is already protected by another method.



C) Possession of a siding where points are worked from a hand lever:

- You **MUST** get permission from the yard owner or shunter before taking possession.
- Position hand points (HP 3 in this example) to divert trains away from the siding to be blocked and clip, scotch and padlock them and retain the key.
- If sidings have an entrance and exit – make sure both hand points are set to divert trains away and clip, scotch and padlock them and retain the keys.

Key Points:

- ✓ If the adjacent line is to be blocked, you may act as ES or SWL* as well as PICOS for the sidings possession. *SWL is not live in some locations.
- ✓ You **MUST AGREE** with the arrangements with the sidings operator before any work takes place.
- ✓ Make sure the signaller/shunter/yard owner places reminder appliances for the points that will be kept in the agreed position.
- ✓ You **MUST** record in writing on the paperwork provided by your employer; the siding(s) affected, the protection arrangements, the date and time the possession is taken.
- ✓ If any other COSS, IWA, DP, or SWL wants to share the protection, you must fully brief them on the arrangements and record their name, company and contact number.
- ✓ Before the sidings possession is given up, you **MUST** make sure those sharing the protection have finished their work and have left the site and it is safe and fit for the passage of trains.

See Rule Book Handbook 13 for more information.

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Key:

- Wooden sleeper (with securing chain)
- LIVE line(s) OPEN to all rail traffic.
- Line(s) OR portion of line **BLOCKED**.
- 'PLB' STOP BOARD (s).
- Signifies direction of traffic (for this example only).
- Caution:** remember any lines close-by may be LIVE and have trains running. **Remember fouling points nearby at end of the sidings.**
- Apply padlock to the clip and retain the key(s). It is recommended to have a unique padlock with your own key.