

Glossary

AAE	AAE Ahaus Alstutter Eisenbayn AG—a Swiss company that owns and operates a rental fleet of rail freight cars.
Arlington	Arlington Fleet Services Ltd—a rail freight wagon maintainer.
Axiom Rail	Axiom Rail is a brand and trading name of EWS . It offers maintenance for all types of rolling stock , refurbishment of rolling stock and major components, leasing, and suspension systems. [See www.axiomrail.com].
Balanced maintenance	Another term for SDG .
Bogie	A bogie, or a wheel truck, is a structure underneath a train to which wheel axles (and, hence, wheels) are attached through bearings.
Bombardier	Bombardier Transportation UK Limited—a supplier of passenger trains and of passenger train maintenance which also provides rail freight wagon maintenance for one customer.
Btkm	Billion tonne kilometres—a unit for measuring the amount of freight shipped.
Bundling	The practice of joining related products together for the purpose of selling them as a single unit. Bundling arrangements usually feature a special pricing arrangement which make it cheaper to buy the products and services as a bundle than separately.
CC	Competition Commission.
CBM	Component-based maintenance. Under CBM, components are periodically replaced in accordance with a pre-determined maintenance timescale.
Channel Commercials	Channel Commercials plc—a commercial vehicle dealer based in Kent that has recently diversified into rail freight wagon maintenance.
Davis	WH Davis Ltd. A rail freight wagon maintainer.
DRS	Direct Rail Services Limited—a supplier of rail freight haulage.
EBIT	Earnings before interest and taxes
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EWS	English Welsh and Scottish Railways Holdings Ltd—a supplier of rail freight haulage with its own in-house maintenance capability.
Freight	Goods carried by a vessel or vehicle, especially by a commercial carrier.
Freightliner	Freightliner Group Ltd—a supplier of rail freight haulage with an in-house maintenance capability. Freightliner originally specialized in intermodal freight haulage, but since 2000 has also operated a Heavy Haul service, which offers a haulage service for bulk materials such as coal and aggregates.
Gas-freeing	A specialist maintenance service—the removal of hazardous gases from a petrochemical tanker wagon before maintenance.
GB Railfreight	GB Railfreight Ltd, a subsidiary of FirstGroup plc—a supplier of rail freight haulage.
GE Rail	GE Rail Services Limited—a subsidiary of the General Electric Company. Its core business is the leasing of rail freight wagons .
GR maintenance	General repair maintenance. It requires equipped workshops, usually rail-connected. It involves a full strip-down of a wagon and the overhaul of critical safety systems such as brakes, bogies , buffers and drawgears.
In-house maintenance	When a rail haulage supplier has its own maintenance capacity so that it does not need to outsource some or any of the maintenance of its rolling stock .
Intermodal	The use of two or more modes of transportation to complete a cargo move; truck/rail/ship, or truck/air, for example.
Interoperability	The interworking of trains on the European high-speed rail network (through EU Directive 96/48/EC) to assist EC railway manufacturing industry by adoption of common standards. The Directive applies to projects for construction or upgrading of infrastructure or rolling stock on the trans-European high-speed rail network. In Great Britain, the high-speed network comprises the Channel Tunnel Rail Link, the West and East Coast Main Lines, the Great Western Main Line between London and Bristol/Cardiff and that part of the Channel Tunnel that falls within UK jurisdiction.
Light in-field maintenance	Light maintenance generally carried out in the field (ie at sidings and depots where wagons are temporarily stabled between revenue-earning journeys). Typically, the work includes an assessment of vehicle component condition, minor repairs and component replacement, as well as PPM , which is carried out two to three times a year, and a VIBT , which is carried out once a year.

LNWR	London and North Western Railway Company Ltd. A maintainer of rolling stock .
Manned outstation	A location agreed by the customer and the maintenance provider, such as the customer's premises or a railway siding or terminal where a relocatable building/container and/or a fenced-off area is situated to store equipment.
Marcroft	Marcroft Holdings Ltd and its subsidiary, Marcroft Engineering Ltd. A rail freight wagon maintainer.
MBO	Management buy-out.
Megafret	A type of wagon manufactured and owned by AAE used for point-to-point intermodal haulage.
NACCO	NACCO (UK) Limited. A wholly-owned subsidiary of NACCO SA, which is itself owned by Société Civile des Vieux Chênes. A wagon leasing company.
Network Rail	Network Rail is the operator of Britain's rail infrastructure.
OFT	Office of Fair Trading.
ORR	Office of Rail Regulation.
PPM	Planned preventative maintenance.
SLC	Substantial lessening of competition.
SSNIP	Small but significant non-transitory increase in price.
Rolling stock	Any vehicle which runs on the railway. Usually excludes locomotives.
Steele	EG Steele & Co Ltd—a rail freight wagon maintainer.
STVA	STVA UK Ltd. Part of Société de Transports de Véhicules Automobiles, an automobile transport business.
SDG maintenance	Strip-down and gauging maintenance. It involves the intermittent gauging and testing of components and component replacements and differs from CBM because components are only replaced if wear limits are exceeded rather than in accordance with predetermined timelines.
TOPS	Total operations processing system.
Traction	The act of drawing or pulling, especially the drawing of a vehicle or load over a surface by motor power.
TUPE Regulations	Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006

UAT	Ultrasonic axle testing.
VIBT	Vehicle inspection brake test.
VTG	VTG Rail UK Ltd. A company engaged in the leasing of rail freight wagons , and a former associate of Marcroft. Part of VTG Aktiengesellschaft.
Wabtec	Wabtec Rail Ltd, a subsidiary of Wabtec Corporation, which was formed in 1999 when Westinghouse Air Brake Company merged with Motive Power Industries Inc. A maintainer of rolling stock , including rail freight wagons .
Wagon	Rolling stock used to transport freight by rail.
Wheel lathe	Used in the turning of wheelsets .
Wheelset	A pair of wheels connected by an axle.