# RSSB document categories and types published in the standards catalogue

Railway Group Standards (RGSs) and related documents have unique identifiers and are categorised by the activity they relate to, and the type of document they are. Although RGSs are organised by identifying categories and codes, some standards contain multidisciplinary technical and/or operational requirements, so it is advisable to refer to the standards catalogue which filters the RGSs by standards committees.

| **Railway Group Standards document categories** | | **Category descriptions** |
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| **GC** | Track and structures (infrastructure) | Permanent way, structures and construction safety |
| **GE** | All infrastructure manager and railway undertaking requirements | Multidisciplinary activities, including National Operations Publications (the Rule Book) |
| **GI** | Infrastructure | Multidisciplinary infrastructure activities |
| **GK** | Train control and communications (control, command and signalling) | Signalling and telecommunications |
| **GL** | Electrification (energy) | Electrification systems and electrical installations |
| **GM** | Trains (rolling stock) | Trains and rolling stock |
| **GO** | Operations (traffic operation and management) | Operations, operational signalling, special operations such as the acceptance and carriage of dangerous goods, and safety-critical activities |

| **Document identification codes** | | **Code identification descriptions** |
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| **RT**  **BR**  **OTS** | Railway Group Standard (RGS) | RGSs define mandatory requirements in respect of the mainline railway system. RGSs contain national rules applicable to the mainline railway system.  BR and OTS are legacy British Rail standards. |
| **RIS** | Rail Industry Standard (RIS) | RISs define functional or technical requirements that may be used in circumstances where management of a railway subsystem does not necessitate the use of a RGS. The last three letter acronym represents the approving standards committee). |
| **RC** | Rail Industry Approved Code of Practice (RACoP) | RACoPs define a potentially suitable and sufficient means (but not the only means) of meeting an identified set of mandatory requirements within a RGS. |
| **GN** | Rail Industry Guidance Note (GN) | GNs provide potentially helpful information relating to the management and/or operation of the railway system or its subsystems |
| **RM** | Rail Manual (RM) | RMs contain functional requirements in respect of the operational railway |
| **GPG or RS** | Good Practice Guide | GPGs or RSs provide recognised good practice for use by railway undertakings. These complement engineering and operational matters. |

National Operations Publications (NOPs) define instructions for direct application by staff employed by transport operators. NOPs include the Rule Book Working Manuals, Modules and Handbooks). NOPs are defined by the following identification codes.

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| **Rule Book types – GERT8000** | | **Areas of activity** |
| **Modules** | AC | AC electrified lines |
|  | DC | DC electrified lines |
|  | G1 | Personal safety and general responsibilities |
|  | GSM-R | Global systems for mobile communications |
|  | Index | Glossary of railway terminology |
|  | M1 | Mishaps, incidents and extreme weather |
|  | OTP | On track plant |
|  | OTM | On track machines |
|  | P1 | Working by pilotman |
|  | PoSA | Proceed on sight authority |
|  | S4 | Signals |
|  | SP | Permissible speeds and speed restrictions |
|  | SS | Station working and shunting |
|  | T3 | Track and signalling work |
|  | TS1 | Train signalling |
|  | TW5 | Train working |
| **Handbook** | HB12 | Handbooks for occupational activities of railway personnel |