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GENERAL DATA

MODEL	U50C
HORSEPOWER	5000
TYPE (AAR SYMBOL)	C-C
MAJOR DIMENSIONS	
Over-all Length Inside	
Knuckles	69 ft 0 in.
Over-all Width	10 ft 6 1/2 in.
Over-all Height Above	
Rail	15 ft 8 3/4 in.
Length between Center	
Plates	50 ft 2 in.
Truck Wheel Base	13 ft 7 in.
DRIVE	
Traction Motors	Six GE 752
Wheel Diameter	40 in.
WEIGHT (TYPICAL)	
Total Weight	417,000 lb
Total on Drivers	417,000 lb
Per Axle	69,500 lb
SUPPLIES	
Fuel	6000 gal
Lubricating Oil	300 gal
Cooling Water	385 gal
Governor Oil	2 qt
Sand	60 cu ft
AIR BRAKES	26 L

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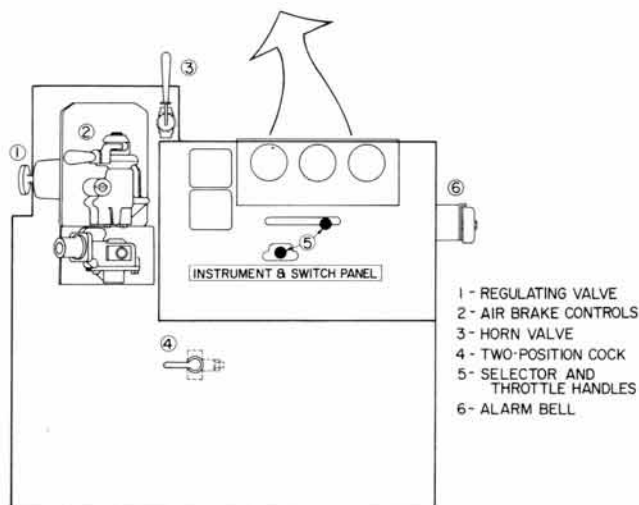
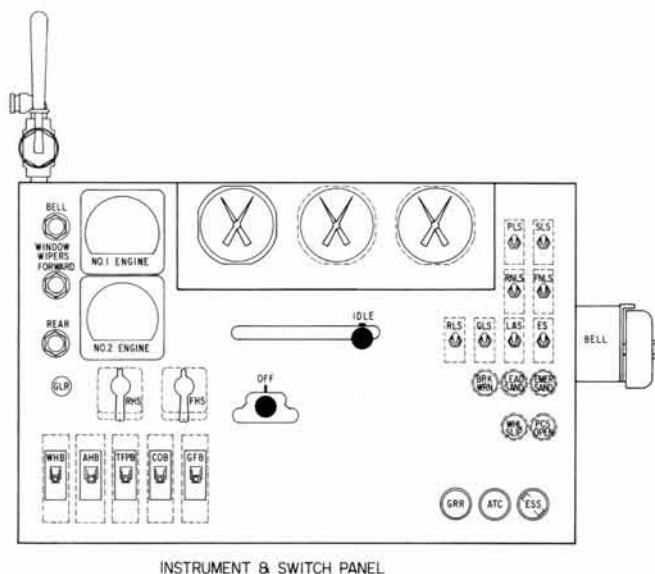


Fig. 1. Operator's control console

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INTRODUCTION

All of the operating devices, manual and visual, normally used by the engineman during locomotive operation are located near the operator's position. Most of these devices are located either on the master controller, on the air brake stand, or on the engine control panel.

NOTE: Customer equipment requirements often differ from one railroad to another. Therefore, physical locations and appearance of some devices illustrated in this manual may not agree entirely with the equipment furnished to any particular railroad.

MASTER CONTROLLER

The master controller is a set-up switch used by the operator to control the locomotive. It has a throttle handle and selector handle. These handles control motoring and dynamic braking (if used). Various control switches, circuit breakers, and indicating lights are mounted on the housing of the controller.

Mechanical interlocking between the handles prevents improper operation of any handle. (See INTERLOCKING BETWEEN HANDLES.)

SELECTOR HANDLE (See Figs. 1 and 2)

The selector handle is a five-position switch which is used to set up direction of locomotive movement and the type of operation desired, motoring or dynamic braking.

The mid-position is OFF. Handle movement to the two positions beyond OFF, away from the operator, sets up FORWARD MOTORING then FORWARD DYNAMIC BRAKING. Movement of the handle to the two positions beyond OFF in the opposite direction sets up REVERSE MOTORING then REVERSE DYNAMIC BRAKING.

Fig. 1 (E-16146)

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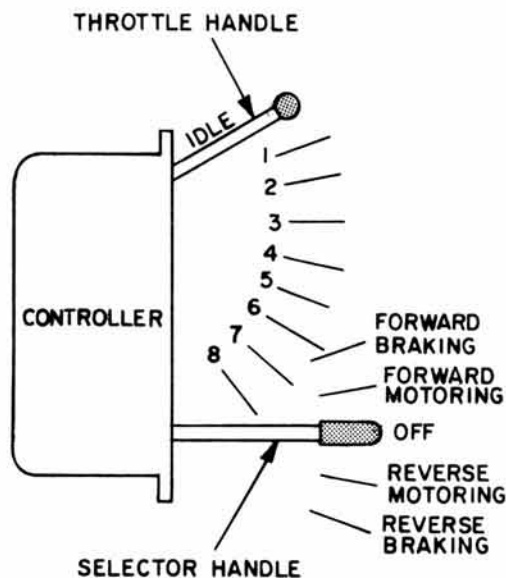


Fig. 2. Master controller handle positions

WARNING: MAKE SURE THAT PROPER SELECTOR HANDLE SETTING HAS BEEN MADE BEFORE ADVANCING THROTTLE HANDLE; OTHERWISE SEVERE EQUIPMENT DAMAGE AND POSSIBLE PERSONAL INJURY COULD OCCUR.

THROTTLE HANDLE (See Figs. 1 and 2)

The throttle has an IDLE position and eight major notches in motoring. It is notchless in dynamic braking. Notches are registered by a numbered scale on the face of the controller housing just above the opening for the throttle handle. This handle controls tractive effort when motoring, and braking effort when dynamic braking is being used.

NOTE: Engine speed will remain the same in notches 1 through 5 and increases in notches 6, 7 and 8.

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INTERLOCKING BETWEEN HANDLES

Interlocking between handles of the master controller is governed in the following manner:

1. The selector handle can be taken out only when in the OFF position. The throttle handle must also be in IDLE position.
2. The selector handle cannot be moved unless the throttle handle is in IDLE.
3. The throttle handle can be moved with the selector handle in any position.

DEVICES ON MASTER CONTROLLER HOUSING

(See Fig. 1)

The following operating devices are located on the master controller housing:

M.U. Emergency Shutdown Switch

This switch has two positions, STOP and RUN. The normal position is RUN. When this switch is turned to STOP, the diesel engines on all units in multiple unit locomotive consist will shut down.

This switch is provided for emergency use only. Normal shutdown should be made by moving the throttle to IDLE and depressing the STOP button on the engine control panel or engine gage panel.

After an emergency shutdown, engine control switch (EC) must be turned to START and engine(s) must be restarted in the normal manner.

Power Limit Switch

This switch has two positions, NORMAL and NOTCH 7. When locomotive units of the same horsepower are oper-

Fig. 2 (E-16147)

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ated in the locomotive consist, this switch is ordinarily in NORMAL position.

When the front end of the leading unit is slipping excessively, the power limit switch can be moved to NOTCH 7 to reduce power while the trailing units are operating at full power. This will reduce the tractive effort on the leading truck and will usually improve the ability of the locomotive to hold the rail under bad rail conditions.

Other Switches

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Front headlight | f. Rear number lights |
| b. Rear headlight | g. Emergency sand |
| c. Step lights | h. Lead axle sand |
| d. Gage lights and dimmer control | i. Rotating light |
| e. Front number lights | j. Ground relay reset |

Call Button

Call button is used to sound alarm bell in all locomotive units.

Wheel-slip Light

Light indicates when a pair of wheels is slipping.

"PCS OPEN" Light

Light indicates that the PCS switch is "open" and has not been reset.

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Generator-field Circuit Breaker

The generator-field circuit breaker is ON whenever the locomotive is powered and operating as a lead unit. The breaker may also be used to keep the main generator de-energized when it is necessary to run the engine at speeds higher than idle.

Other Controls and Devices

Window heater breaker
 Auxiliary heater breaker
 Trainline fuel pump breaker
 Control breaker.

ENGINE CONTROL PANEL

The engine control (EC) panel is located on the rear wall of the operator's cab (see Fig. 3). Mounted on this panel are various other switches, circuit breakers and operating devices used during locomotive operation.

ENGINE CONTROL SWITCH (See Fig. 3)

The engine control switch has two positions, START and RUN. The engine start button for each engine is located on the engine gage panel near each engine. It is effective only when the EC switch is in START position.

When the engine is running and the EC switch is in START position, engine speed is held at idle and power cannot be applied to the locomotive. The power plant is said to be "off the line".

When the engine is idling and the locomotive is to be operated, the engine control switch (EC) must be moved to the RUN position.

NOTE: Appropriate positioning of engine control switches can act as traction motor cut-out switches. No. 1 engine switch cuts out motors of lead truck. No. 2 engine switch cuts out motors of rear truck.

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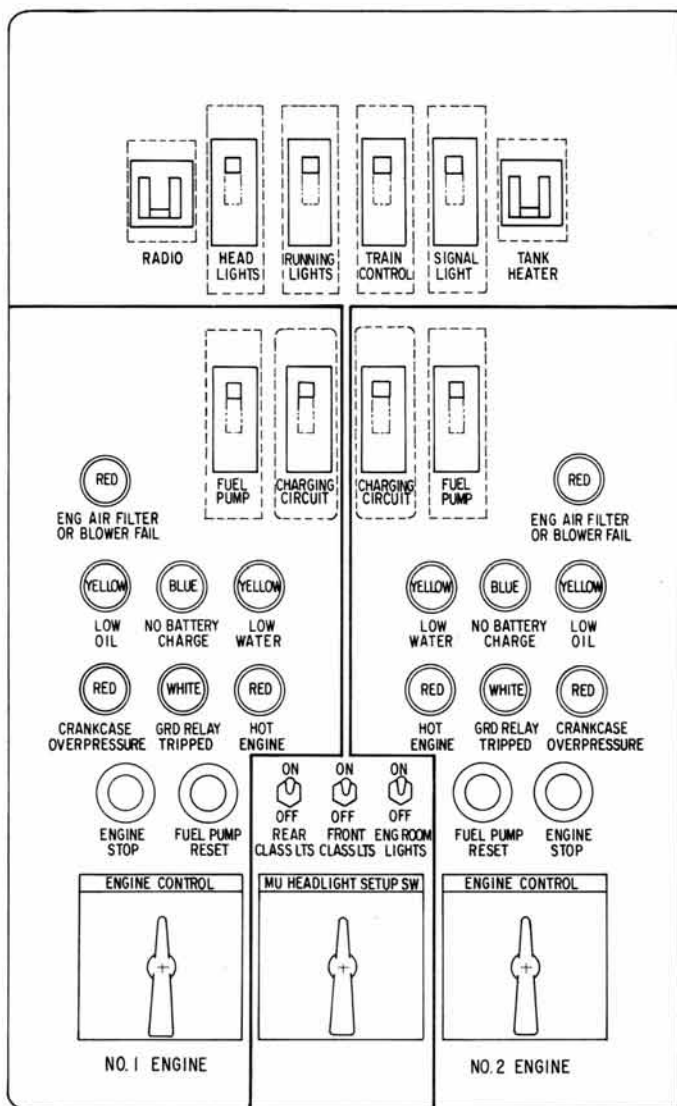


Fig. 3. Engine control panel

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M.U. HEADLIGHT SET-UP SWITCH

The M.U. headlight set-up switch has five positions. Positioning of this switch is determined by location of the locomotive unit in the consist and whether the front of the locomotive unit is leading or trailing. Switch positions are as follows:

SINGLE OR MIDDLE UNIT: Place switch in this position on any locomotive unit operated singly or on all units, except the leading or trailing unit, when the locomotive consist is made up of more than one unit.

SHORT HOOD LEAD - LEADING UNIT: Place switch in this position when leading unit is operated with the short hood forward.

LONG HOOD LEAD - LEADING UNIT: Place switch in this position when leading unit is operated with the long hood forward.

SHORT HOOD TRAIL - TRAILING UNIT: Place switch in this position when final trailing unit is connected so its short hood trails.

LONG HOOD TRAIL - TRAILING UNIT: Place switch in this position when final trailing locomotive is connected so its long hood trails.

CIRCUIT BREAKERS ON EC PANEL
(See Fig. 3)

The following circuit breakers are located on the engine control panel:

1. Charging Circuit - Isolates battery charging generator from the control system
2. Running Lights (all lights except headlights)
3. Headlights

Fig. 3 (E-16148)

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4. Train control
5. Fuel pump
6. Signal light
7. Radio
8. Toilet tank heater

SWITCHES ON EC PANEL

(See Fig. 3)

The following switches are located on the engine control panel:

1. Hood-Engine-Control Compartment Lights
2. Rear Classification Lights
3. Front Classification Lights

GROUND RELAY

The ground relay is furnished to protect the power and control circuits. An indicating light will come on and the bell will ring when the relay has tripped. The reset button on the operator's console must be pushed to reset the relay.

ENGINE GAGE PANEL

An engine gage panel for each engine is located on the bulkhead near each engine. Mounted on this panel are the following instruments and controls (see Fig. 4):

1. Turbo air pressure gage
2. Fuel oil pressure gage
3. Lube oil pressure gage
4. Engine start button
5. Engine stop button
6. Fuel pump reset button

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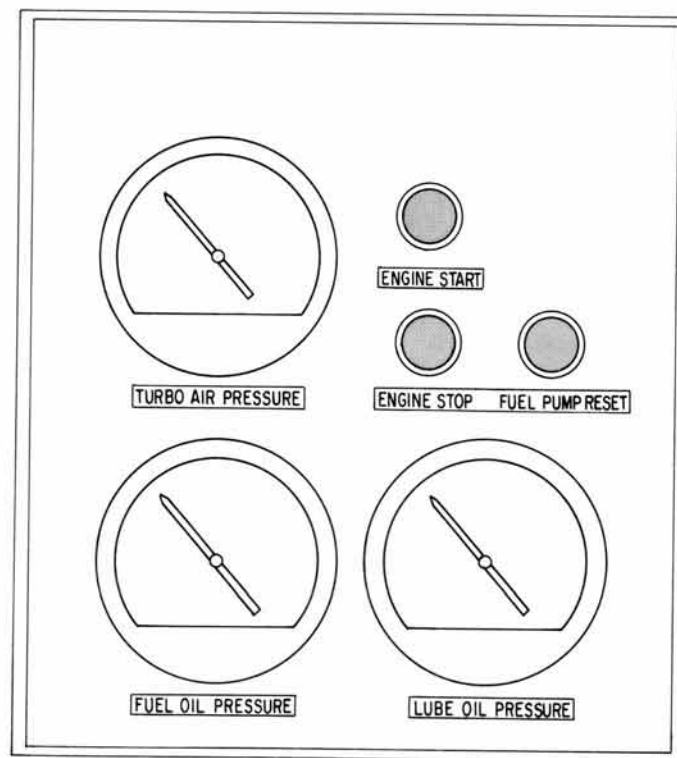


Fig. 4. Engine gage panel

ENGINE START AND STOP BUTTONS

(See Fig. 4)

To start the diesel engine, depress the ENGINE START button firmly and hold until the engine starts. To stop the engine, depress the STOP button momentarily.

The engine start button is effective only when the engine control switch (EC) is in the START position.

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8. Fuel-trip Reset Button - This button on the engine control panel or the engine gage panel must be depressed before depressing the engine start button for engine starting and after any emergency fuel cut-off button has been depressed. The engines will not crank if this button is not first depressed.

9. Cab Heater - Cab heat is regulated by turning the regulating valve behind the brake stand to give the desired heat. Adjust louver control at the base of the heater for suitable air deflection.

CAUTION: TO PREVENT HEATER FROM FREEZING IN COLD WEATHER, LEAVE VALVES OPEN AT ALL TIMES.

10. Window Defrosters - The heat for window defrosting is controlled by the same regulating valve which controls cab heat. In addition, electric window heaters are provided for defrosting.

11. Cab Ventilation - Cab ventilation is controlled by positioning the hand-operated lever at the base of the cab heater as desired.

12. Emergency Heater Breaker - Located in the operator's cab to control electric heat in an emergency.

13. Engineer's Helper's Auxiliary Heater Breakers - Located in operator's cab to provide supplementary heat when required.

AIR BRAKE EQUIPMENT

The schedule 26-L equipment, arranged for single-end, multiple-unit operation, is used on this locomotive. The principal parts are:

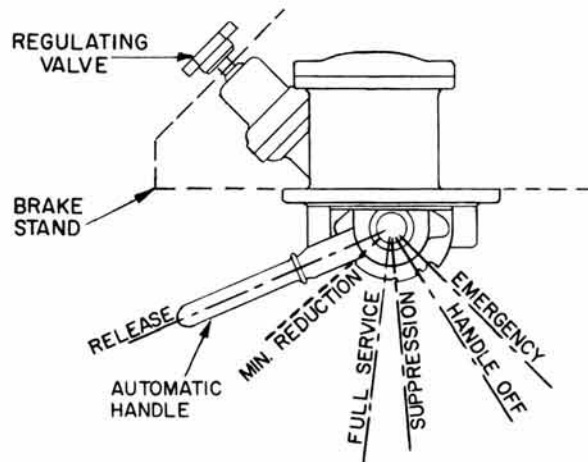


Fig. 5. Automatic brake valve handle positions

26-C BRAKE VALVE (See Fig. 5)

This brake valve consists of two separate valves: the Automatic brake valve and the Independent brake valve. The automatic valve is designed for regulating brake-pipe pressure to control both locomotive and train brakes. The independent valve will apply and release locomotive brakes independent of the train brakes. The independent valve also controls the release of the locomotive brakes (due to an automatic brake application while in force) without releasing the train brakes.

AUTOMATIC BRAKE VALVE HANDLE (See Fig. 5)

The automatic brake valve handle has six positions:

1. **RELEASE (RUNNING) POSITION** - This position charges the equipment and releases the locomotive and train brakes after an automatic application. This is accomplished by controlling air flow to the brake pipe as set by handle position of regulating valve (on back of brake stand). The RELEASE position is at the extreme left of quadrant and is the normal position when the automatic brake is not in use.

2. **MINIMUM REDUCTION POSITION** - This position is located to the right of the RELEASE position where the brake valve handle reaches the first raised portion of the quadrant. With the brake valve handle moved to this position, the minimum service application is obtained which results in a four to six pound brake pipe reduction.

3. **SERVICE POSITIONS** - This sector for brake valve handle movement is to the right of the MINIMUM REDUCTION position. Moving the handle from the left to right in this sector increases the degree of brake application. At the extreme right of the sector, a FULL SERVICE brake application is obtained.

4. **SUPPRESSION POSITION** - This position is located with the handle against the second raised position of the quadrant, to the right of the RELEASE position. This position provides a FULL SERVICE brake application and in addition, on locomotives equipped with overspeed control and safety control penalty brakes, these applications will be suppressed.

5. **HANDLE - OFF POSITION** - This position is located by the quadrant notch to the right of the SUPPRESSION position. The handle is removable in this position. It must be placed in this position and removed on trailing units of a multiple-unit consist or on locomotives being towed "dead-in-train".

Fig. 5 (E-8924D)

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6. **EMERGENCY POSITION** - This position is located to the extreme right of the brake valve quadrant. It is used for making a brake valve **EMERGENCY** brake application.

When an emergency application is received, the Automatic brake valve handle must be moved to the **EMERGENCY** position and left in this position until the equalizing reservoir gage hand indicates zero ("0") pressure. The Automatic brake valve handle must then be moved to the **RELEASE** position to recharge the brake pipe and release the brakes.

NOTE: If equipped with split reduction for penalty application, the penalty control functions.

When the penalty control functions, a service brake application is made about five seconds after a warning whistle sounds. Leave the Automatic brake valve handle in **RELEASE** position during the initial reduction of approximately nine pounds for approximately 20 seconds. At the start of the second reduction (indicated by a further drop in equalizing reservoir pressure), move the Automatic brake valve handle to the **SUPPRESSION** position and leave it in this position until the application gage hand shows not less than 125 pounds pressure, then move the Automatic brake valve handle to the **RELEASE** position.

INDEPENDENT BRAKE VALVE HANDLE

(See Fig. 1)

The Independent brake valve handle applies and releases the brakes on the locomotive consist or releases the brakes on the locomotive unit alone, after an automatic or emergency application.

The Independent brake valve has two positions, **RELEASE** and **FULL APPLICATION**, with the application zone between. The brake valve is of the self-lapping type

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which automatically maintains brake cylinder pressure when the application pressure reaches a value corresponding to the handle position. An Independent brake application can be released only by movement of the handle toward the **RELEASE** position. An automatic Service or Emergency application can be released on the locomotive consist by depressing the Independent brake valve handle in the **RELEASE** position.

PILOT CUT-OUT COCK (BRAKE VALVE CUT-OUT)

(See Fig. 6)

This cock, also known as the "double-heading cock", is located on the front of the Automatic brake valve. Push in handle and turn to position for type of service. The **OUT** position is used when locomotive is operated Trail.

MU-2A VALVE (EQUIVALENT OF ROTAIR VALVE)

This is a two- or a three-position valve located on the brake stand. It enables a locomotive equipped with 26-L brakes to be operated in multiple with locomotives having similar or other types brake equipment. Push handle in and turn to change positions.

NOTE: On some railroads, this device is replaced by a two-position cut-out cock in same location.

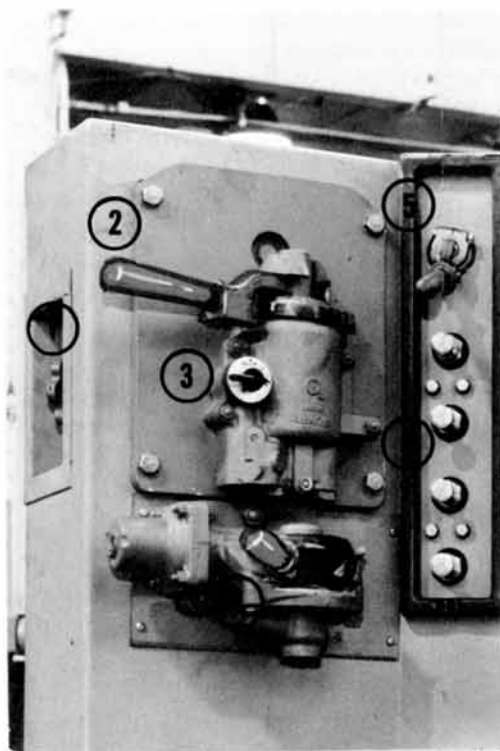
For three-position MU-2A valve (**RED**) the positions are: **LEAD** or **DEAD**, **TRAIL-6**, and **TRAIL-24** or **-26**.

1. **LEAD** or **DEAD** position is used when locomotive unit is operated singly or when it is the lead unit of a multiple-unit consist. Position is also used when locomotive unit is hauled "dead-in-train".

2. **TRAIL-6** or **-26** position is used to trail a lead locomotive having 6SL or 26L brake equipments.

3. **TRAIL-24** position is used to trail a lead locomotive having 24RL brake equipment.

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- 1 Regulating valve
- 2 Automatic brake valve
- 3 Brake valve cut-out cock
- 4 Independent brake valve
- 5 Horn valve
- 6 Window wiper valves

Fig. 6. Air and air brake controls

TYPE 26-F CONTROL VALVE

This valve is located in the air brake compartment. When actuated by changes of pressure in the brake pipe, it operates to charge, apply, and release the locomotive brakes. The Release Cap on the control valve can be mounted in two ways:

1. With letters GRA over word RELEASE. This position provides graduated release of automatic brakes.
2. With letters DIR over word RELEASE. This position provides direct release of automatic brakes.

DUPLEX AIR GAGES

The following air gages are located on the gage panel in front of the engineman:

1. Main Reservoir - Equalizing Reservoir - Red hand indicates main reservoir pressure; white hand indicates equalizing reservoir pressure.
2. Brake Cylinder - Brake Pipe - Red hand indicates locomotive brake cylinder pressure; white hand indicates brake pipe pressure.
3. Application-Suppression - Red hand indicates over-speed or safety control "penalty" applications; white hand indicates suppression (if this feature is used).

CUT-OUT COCKS

At specified inspection or maintenance periods, the following manually operated devices are used:

1. Main Reservoir Cut-out Cock - Located on right side of locomotive near the rear main reservoir.
2. Main Reservoir Drain Cocks - One located on the end of each main reservoir, usually part of automatic drain valves.
3. Air-filter Drain Cocks - Normally located at rear of fuel tank on filter and on auxiliary air filter at front of fuel tank.

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4. Control-air Cut-out Cock - Located in air brake compartment as part of reducing valve.

5. Control-air Reservoir Drain Cock - Located in air brake compartment.

6. Brake Cylinder Cut-out Cocks - Located on right side beneath locomotive platform level (one for each truck).

7. Air Compressor Governor Cut-out Cock - Located beside lube oil cooler of front engine on right side of locomotive.

8. Bell, Horn and Window Wiper Cut-out Cock - Located in air brake compartment.

9. Cut-out Cocks at Each End of Locomotive (see Fig.7):

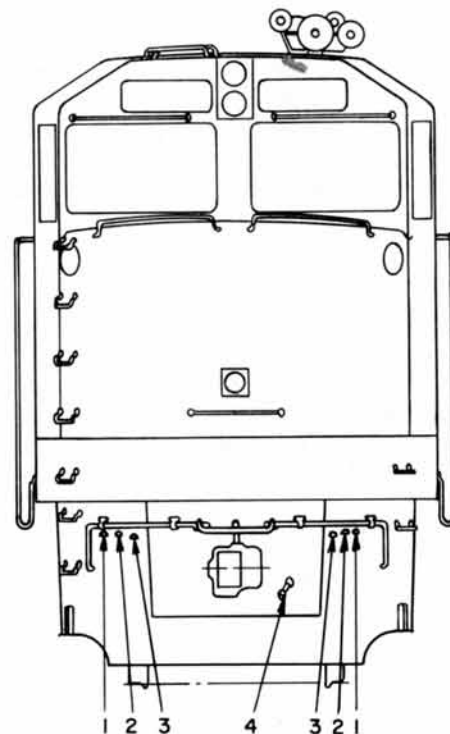
- a. Brake pipe angle cocks or cut-out cock behind end frame with snow plows
- b. Main Reservoir Equalizing
- c. Actuating
- d. Brake Cylinder Equalizing (Independent Application and Release)

10. Safety Control Cut-out Cock (Deadman - if used) - Located in air brake compartment. Cuts out safety control feature when closed. (See Air Piping Diagram for inclusion and specific location.)

11. Overspeed Control Cut-out Cock - Located in air brake compartment. Cuts out overspeed control feature when closed.

12. Dead Engine Cock - Located in air brake compartment.

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- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Main reservoir equalizing | 3 Brake cylinder equalizing |
| 2 Actuating | 4 Brake pipe |

Fig. 7. Locomotive end connections

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ADJUSTING VALVES

AIR REGULATING VALVE (FEED VALVE) (See Fig. 5)

The air regulating valve, located on the air brake stand, automatically maintains a predetermined air pressure in the brake system. A clockwise movement of the adjusting handle increases the pressure setting. A counterclockwise movement decreases the pressure setting. Adjust to conform with railroad regulations.

CONTROL AIR REDUCING VALVE

This valve maintains a predetermined normal air pressure in the air pressure supply for operation of the reverser, braking switch, and pneumatic contactors. Clockwise adjustment of the adjusting screw increases pressure. Normal control air pressure is 70 pounds.

AUTOMATIC ALARMS AND SAFEGUARDS

CIRCUIT BREAKERS (See Fig. 3)

1. Operated like a toggle switch to open circuit manually.
2. Overload in a breaker circuit causes breaker to open the circuit automatically and the toggle moves into center position indicating breaker has tripped.
3. Breaker is reset by moving to OFF, then to ON, after allowing a few minutes for thermal element in the breaker to cool. The breaker should only be reclosed if there is no visible reason for the automatic opening of the circuit. If it trips after reclosing, it should be left open unless instructed otherwise.

COLORED LIGHTS AND BELL

During normal locomotive operation, the bell and all colored lights are off. When locomotive consists of more than one unit, colored lamps will light on affected unit only. Bell will sound on all units.

NOTE: If troubles occur on two or more units at the same time which cause the alarm bell to ring, turn the EC switch on all affected units to START position before attempting to restart any unit. With the throttle handle on the lead unit beyond IDLE position, it is impossible to start any unit while the alarm bell is ringing.

LOW-OIL AND LOW-WATER LIGHTS (YELLOW) (See Fig. 3)

A yellow light on the Engine Control Panel will light when either the engine lube oil supply or the cooling water pressure is low.

AUTOMATIC ALARMS AND SAFEGUARDS

1. If engine lubricating-oil pressure drops to between 7 to 10 psi at 400 rpm, or between 45 to 52 psi at 1050 rpm, the engine shuts down and a yellow LOW-OIL indicating lamp lights. After engine shuts down, the alarm bell will sound as long as the engine control switch (EC) is in the RUN position.

A yellow LOW WATER indicating lamp will also come on if the water supply is low.

2. After engine shuts down, move EC switch to START to silence the alarm bell. Check lubricating oil supply on dip-stick. Check for broken or cracked oil lines. Also check water supply at storage tank and check for water piping leaks.

3. To restart diesel engine after fault is corrected:

- a. Depress shutdown plunger on engine governor until it clicks and stays in.

NOTE: The engine governor is equipped with two shutdown plungers, one for low oil and one for low water. Be sure both plungers are reset.

- b. Depress engine start button.
- c. After the engine is running, recheck for signs of distress.
- d. If condition is normal, put locomotive "on the line" and recheck for signs of distress.

4. If engine fails to start due to LOW OIL PRESSURE RESET button tripping, do not repeat cranking.

5. If locomotive units are being operated in multiple, then engine on affected unit only will shut down.

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CRANKCASE OVER-PRESSURE SWITCH

A crankcase over-pressure switch is mounted on the side of the engine near the alternator. The switch will shut down the engine in case a serious engine fault occurs.

When the switch trips, the engine shuts down automatically, the alarm bell rings and an indicating light comes on in the operator's cab and on the housing of the switch.

When such a fault occurs, take the locomotive off the line and leave the engine shut down. Proceed as directed by railroad rules.

Before the engine is restarted, cause of the shutdown must be determined and the fault corrected.

HOT ENGINE LIGHT (RED)
(See Fig. 3)

1. If engine water temperature becomes excessive, the alarm bell sounds and the HOT ENGINE indicating lamp (red) lights.

At first opportunity investigate for cause. When cooling water temperature returns to normal, alarm bell will stop ringing. Turning engine control switch (EC) to START will not stop the ringing of alarm bell or turn off the HOT ENGINE light. If cooling water temperature does not return to normal in a reasonable length of time, shut engine down.

NO BATTERY CHARGE (BLUE)
(See Fig. 3)

If engine is running and engine control switch (EC) is in RUN position and battery charging equipment fails, then NO BATTERY CHARGE lamp (blue) will light and alarm bell will sound. The light will also come on if the engine

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is not running, but the battery switch is closed. Under this condition, a fault does not necessarily exist.

POWER RECTIFIER PANEL

The power rectifier panel is mounted on the alternator. When a number of rectifiers have failed in any one panel, traction power will be automatically reduced. When this occurs, proceed as directed by railroad rules.

ALTERNATOR OVERLOAD RELAY

A surge relay (GOLR) is provided to detect power faults which could cause alternator overloading and go to ground. The fault detection also prevents excessive equipment damage caused by an inoperative ground relay.

NOTE: After the alternator overload relay (GOLR) or ground relay (GR) has tripped, check for blown power-rectifier fuses.

GROUND RELAY (See Fig. 3)

1. Ground relay operation:

- a. If a ground occurs in the main power circuits, the ground relay operates to reduce engine speed automatically to IDLE, removes power from traction motors, and sounds the alarm bell.

An indicating light (Ground Relay Tripped) on the Engine Control Panel will light, indicating that a fault has occurred.

- b. If a ground occurs in the control circuits, the ground relay may operate during the engine cranking cycle. Report condition.

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2. To reset relay:

- a. Take engine "off the line".
- b. Push in ground relay reset button on control console.
- c. Advance throttle handle. If ground relay stays in, continue normal operation.

3. If ground relay immediately operates a second time, affected unit must not be operated. Unit must either be shut down or, if necessary, engine can be left running by turning EC switch to START. This takes unit "off the line".

NOTE: When the ground relay cut-out switch (GRCO) is opened, the unit will not load. This is to prevent running the locomotive without electrical protection.

PCS SWITCH

The pneumatic control switch (PCS) is operated from the air brake system.

During a safety control "penalty" or emergency air brake application, this switch opens. Engine speed is reduced to IDLE and power is removed. The "PCS OPEN" ("PC OPEN") light at engineman's position will light.

To reset the PCS switch automatically:

1. Move throttle handle to IDLE.
2. Move automatic brake valve handle to SUPPRESSION.
3. Depress safety control foot pedal (if used). (When application pipe builds up to normal pressure, PCS will reclose.)

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4. Move Automatic brake valve handle to RELEASE.

WHEEL SLIP

If any wheels slip during locomotive operation, normally the following occurs:

1. A reduction in excitation and immediate sanding occurs automatically on the locomotive that is slipping.
2. If wheels continue to slip for more than two or three seconds, WHEEL SLIP lamp (on control console) lights.
3. Excitation continues in reduced state.
4. When wheel slip is corrected (wheel speed under control), excitation will return to normal and sanding tapers off.

ENGINE OVERSPEED SHUTDOWN
(See Fig. 8)

In the event that the engine overspeeds to 1130 rpm, the engine is shut down automatically. After an overspeed shutdown of the engine, move EC switch to START. Reset the overspeed mechanism by pushing in the knob of the engine overspeed governor (Fig. 8) located on the left side of the engine under the engine control governor. Proceed to start engine as described under STARTING ENGINE. If it overspeeds again, do not restart the engine. If troubles occur on two or more units at the same time which causes the alarm bell to ring, turn the EC switch on all affected units to START position before attempting to restart any unit. With the throttle handle on the lead unit beyond IDLE position, it is impossible to start any unit while the alarm bell is ringing. (During freezing weather, protect engine cooling system according to railroad instructions.)

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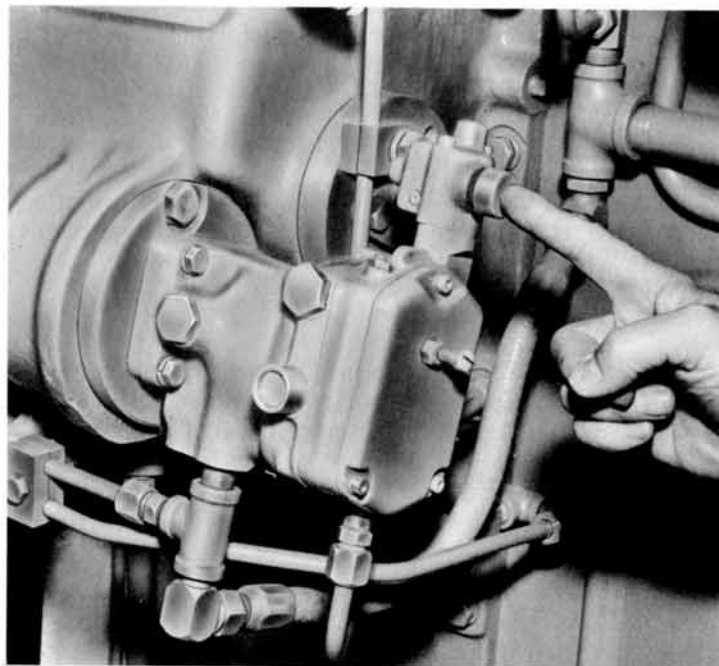


Fig. 8. Engine overspeed governor and reset

SAFETY CONTROL FOOT PEDAL

A foot pedal, if equipped, is located at the operator's position. Pedal must be depressed at all times during locomotive operation. If operator's foot is removed from the pedal for more than five seconds, brakes will apply at SERVICE rate. For further description, see SAFETY CONTROL.

EMERGENCY SANDING

Emergency sanding is automatically applied in forward and reverse directions during all emergency brake appli-

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cations, for a sufficient time to stop the train. In multiple-unit operation, emergency sanding is applied to all units, regardless of whether they are equipped with pneumatic or electro-pneumatic sanding equipment.

LOCOMOTIVE OVERSPEED

When a locomotive equipped with overspeed protection exceeds the maximum permissible speed (77mph), an overspeed application is initiated.

1. The overspeed whistle blows.
2. In about five seconds, a penalty brake application is initiated if train speed has not been reduced sufficiently. See air brake regulation for proper procedure.

GAGES AND MEASURING DEVICES

PRESSURE AND TEMPERATURE GAGES

1. Control Air - Usually located in air brake compartment. Normal air pressure is 70 psi.
2. Intake Manifold Air-pressure Gage - Located on gage panel near each engine. (See Fig. 4.) Normal reading at FULL ENGINE SPEED and FULL LOAD is 16.5 to 21.0 psi.
3. Fuel Pressure Gage - Located on gage panel near each engine. (See Fig. 4.) Normal fuel pressure at IDLE is 35 psi and at FULL LOAD is 25-30 psi.
4. Lube-oil Pressure Gage - Located on gage panel near each engine. (See Fig. 4.) Normal lube pressure at IDLE is 20 psi and at FULL LOAD is 75-95 psi.
5. Water Temperature Gage - Located on right side of water storage tank. (See Fig. 9.) Normal operating temperature is 170-180 F.

OTHER GAGES

1. Engine Lubricating-oil Dip-stick - One located on each side of engine near lube-oil fill. The stick is marked HIGH and LOW. Proper level with engine idling is between HIGH and LOW.
2. Fuel-oil Sight Glasses - Mounted on both sides of the main fuel tank to indicate level of fuel in the tanks.
3. Cooling Water - A sight glass mounted on side of cooling water supply tank indicates level of cooling water in the system. Markings on tank indicate proper level for conditions. (See Fig. 9.)

WARNING: TO AVOID PERSONAL HARM FROM WATER BURNS, NEVER REMOVE WATER FILL CAP WHEN WATER LEVEL IS ABOVE "FULL AT IDLE" MARK.

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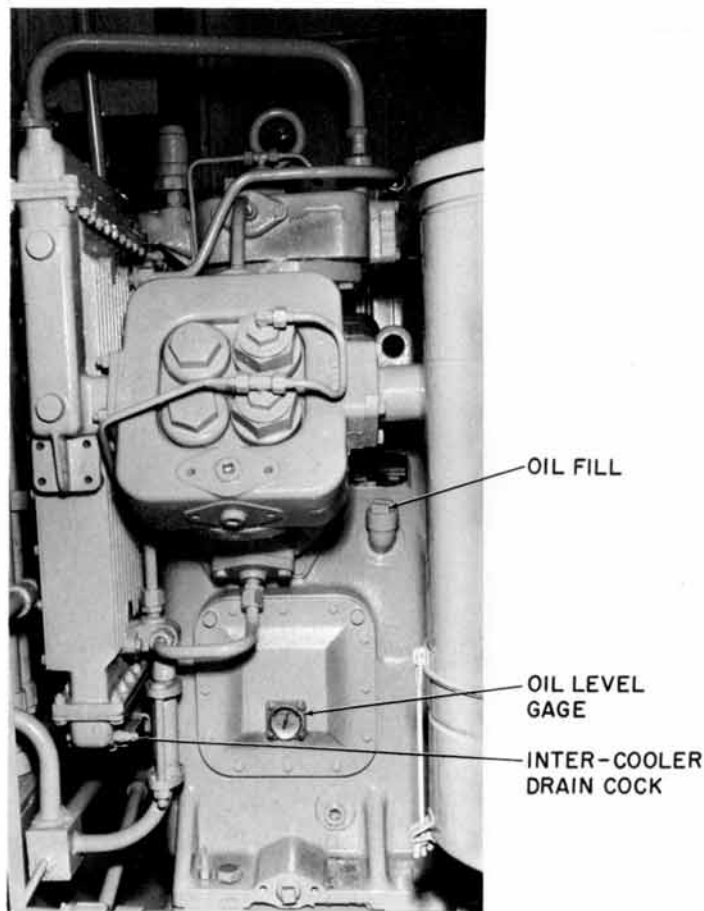


Fig. 10. Air compressor (WABCO)

5. Traction Alternator Gear Box - A dip-stick marked EMPTY - ADD - FULL indicates oil level. Proper level is between ADD and FULL with engine stopped. (See Fig. 11.)

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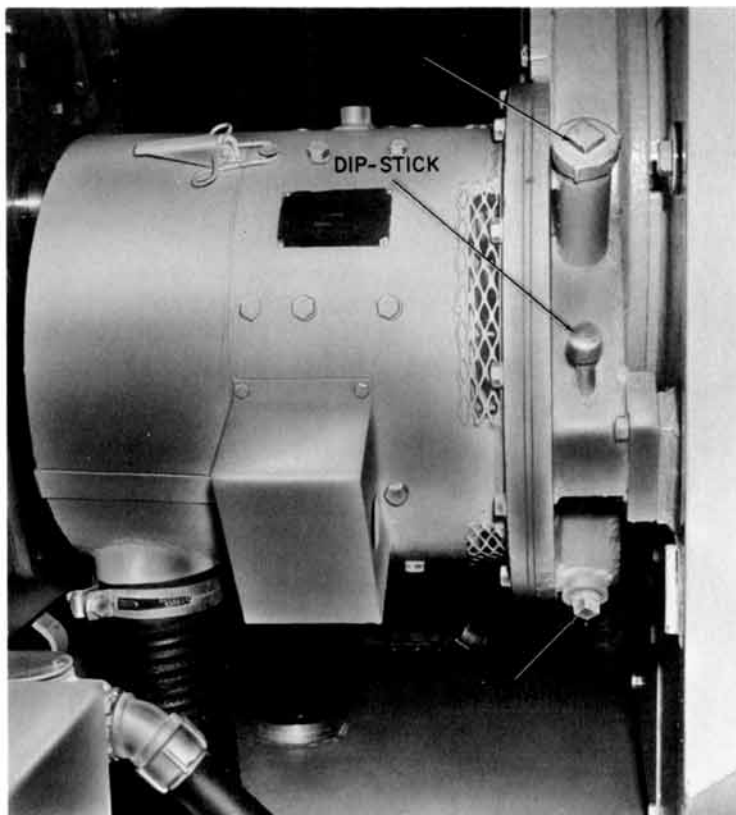


Fig. 11. Traction generator gear unit

6. Fan-gear-unit Oil Level - Maintain oil level near spill-over of fill pipe. (See Fig. 12.)

7. Governor Oil-level Sight Glass - Located on left side of engine near traction generator. (See Fig. 13.) Oil level must be visible between marks on sight glass when engine is running.

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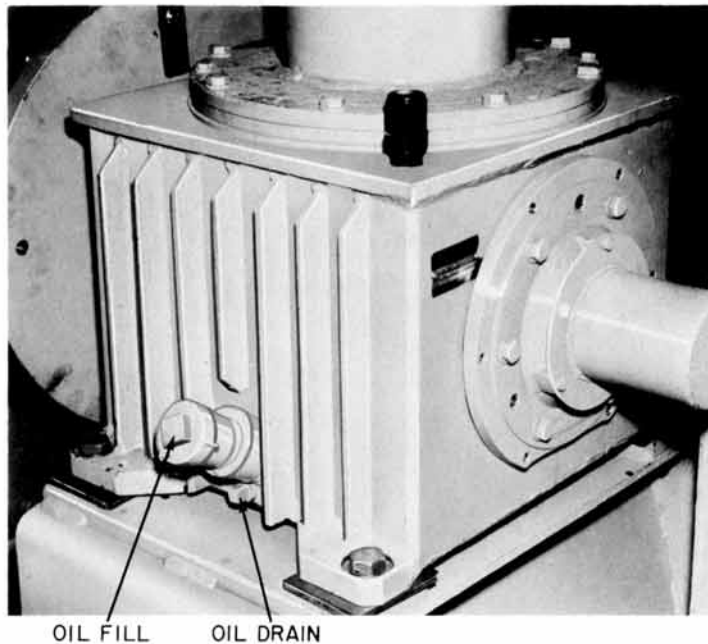


Fig. 12. Fan gear unit

Fig. 11 (E-13029)

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Fig. 13A (E-13296)



Fig. 13B (E-11828)

Fig. 13. Engine control governor and low-oil and low-water resets

PREPARATION FOR OPERATION

The following checks and inspections should be made in accordance with railroad rules.

BEFORE BOARDING LOCOMOTIVE

1. Inspect for broken, worn, loose, or dragging parts (brake rigging, brake shoes, wheels, traction motor commutator covers, etc.).
2. Check for leaks from outside piping.
3. Properly position all drain and cut-out cocks.
4. Check proper connection of air hoses and jumper cables (if in multiple with other units).
5. Check fuel supply on fuel tank sight glass.

AFTER BOARDING LOCOMOTIVE

1. Remove rags, tools, etc., from moving parts and electrical equipment.
2. Check diesel engine lubricating-oil supply. Oil level should indicate FULL on measuring gage with engine shut down. A measuring gage (dip-stick) is located on each side of engine and is marked LOW - FULL.
3. Check governor oil supply. Sight glass on governor should be full of oil. After engine is started, oil must be visible between marks on the sight glass. (See Fig. 13.)
4. Check air compressor lubricating oil supply. On Gardner-Denver compressor, proper level is indicated when pointer registers on green portion of scale of oil level indicator. Lower red scale indicates oil must be added. The upper red scale indicates excessive oil. (See Fig. 10.) On WABCO air compressor, maintain oil supply to RUN level on gage.

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5. Check cooling water supply. Be sure that water drain valves are closed.

6. Check that fan gear unit oil level is up to spill-over of fill pipe.

7. Check lubricating oil of generator gear unit. Dipstick is marked EMPTY - ADD - FULL. Proper level is between ADD and FULL marks. (See Fig. 11.)

8. Check that diesel-engine overspeed device is reset (Fig. 8).

9. Check that engine barring device is removed from engine.

10. Check that the following air cut-out cocks are open:

- a. Air compressor governor
- b. Control air
- c. Safety control (if used)
- d. Bell, horn and window wiper
- e. Overspeed control (if used)

11. Check that brake-pipe angle cock is "cut-in" (vertical position).

12. Brake valve pilot cut-out cock (double heading cock) on 26L air brake system should be properly positioned.

13. The MU-2A valve or double cut-out cock must be positioned according to location of the unit in the locomotive consist and type brake equipment in lead locomotive.

14. Check positions of Automatic and Independent brake valve handles. Automatic brake valve handle should be removed on all trail units and Independent handles in RELEASE if not removable.

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15. Move engine control switch to START.

16. Properly position MU headlight selector switch.

17. Properly position MU dynamic braking selector switch (if furnished).

18. Check that Throttle handle is in IDLE and Selector handle is in OFF.

19. Check that dead-engine cock is in LIVE (or closed) position.

STARTING ENGINE

1. Perform operations as in BEFORE BOARDING LOCOMOTIVE and AFTER BOARDING.

NOTE: If the engine has been stopped for a considerable period of time, the cylinders should be cleared of fuel or water accumulation before starting the engine.

Proceed as follows:

- a. Apply engine barring-over device and back off compression relief plugs on left side of each cylinder.
- b. Rotate engine at least two complete revolutions by use of the engine barring-over device.
- c. Remove barring-over device from engine and tighten all compression relief plugs before cranking.

2. Check that emergency stop switch is in RUN.

3. Close battery switch located beside EC panel in operator's cab.

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4. Check that ground relay indicating light is not on. Cause of ground fault must be removed before proceeding.

5. Close the following circuit breakers on the engine control panel:

a. Control Circuit

NOTE: When starting engines of several locomotives in a multiple unit consist, start engines one at a time. Close control circuit breaker only on one unit. Push fuel pump reset button and allow fuel pump to run a few seconds before starting engine. When all engines are running, close control circuit breaker on lead unit only.

b. Charging Circuit

c. Fuel Pump

d. Headlights

e. Running Lights

6. Press the fuel pump reset button either on the engine control panel or the engine gage panel.

7. Push engine start button on engine gage panel and hold until engine starts.

NOTE: If proper engine lube oil pressure does not build up within approximately 40 seconds, governor will shut off fuel and prevent engine from starting.

CAUTION: DO NOT DISCHARGE BATTERY EXCESSIVELY BY REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO START. IF FIRST TWO OR THREE TRIES ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, RECHECK STARTING PROCEDURE.

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BEFORE MOVING LOCOMOTIVE

1. Turn engine control switch to RUN.
2. Make air brake test and other checks in accordance with railroad regulations.
3. Check main reservoir air pressure according to railroad rules.
4. Check control air pressure. Normal is 70 psi.
5. Make independent air brake application. Release hand brake and remove any blocking of the wheels.
6. Allow time for engine cooling water to warm up before moving locomotive in accordance with railroad rules.

FASTER AIR PUMPING

To provide faster air pumping on locomotive, when reservoirs have been drained or after locomotive has been coupled to a train, proceed as follows:

1. Leave generator-field circuit breaker in OFF position.
2. Close control breaker on engine control panel.
3. Leave selector handle in OFF position.
4. Move throttle handle to 4th or 5th notch as needed.

NOTE: If main reservoir air pressure is above 130 pounds and is not rising, increasing engine speed will not raise the pressure.

OPERATING PROCEDURE

MOVING A TRAIN

1. Close generator field circuit breaker on master controller cover.

2. Move selector handle to FORWARD or REVERSE MOTORING position, depending on direction of movement desired.

3. Place foot on safety control foot pedal and release brakes completely. Several minutes may be required to release brakes, depending on length of train.

4. Advance throttle handle.

5. The throttle handle has eight notches (IDLE up to NOTCH 8), with each successive notch representing an increase in power, or locomotive tractive effort. In notches 1 through 5 engine speed remains the same.

Starting a train depends on type, length, weight, grade, condition of rail, and amount of slack in train. This locomotive is designed to have easily controlled tractive effort build-up characteristics, with the tractive effort in each notch limited to definite values as the throttle is moved from the lowest to the highest notch. No harm will be done by moving the throttle beyond Notch 4 when starting a train. The engineman can easily control the amount of tractive effort required to start and accelerate a particular train. Speed can be controlled as desired by reducing or increasing throttle position.

STOPPING A TRAIN

Move throttle handle to IDLE and apply air brakes according to railroad regulations. If leaving operator's position after train has stopped, move selector handle to OFF.

OPERATING PROCEDURE

REVERSING LOCOMOTIVE

1. Bring locomotive to a full stop.

CAUTION: THE LOCOMOTIVE MUST BE BROUGHT TO A COMPLETE STOP BEFORE MOVING SELECTOR HANDLE TO OPPOSITE DIRECTION. OTHERWISE EQUIPMENT DAMAGE COULD RESULT FROM ELECTRICAL SURGE.

2. Move selector handle to opposite direction MOTORING.

3. Release brakes.

4. Advance throttle.

PASSING THROUGH WATER

Do not exceed two or three mph if there is water over the rails. Do not pass through water that is over 2.5 inches above top of rail.

PASSING OVER RAILROAD CROSSINGS

Do not pass over railroad crossings at full power or traction motor flashover may result. Reduce power by moving throttle handle to 5th notch, or below, while all units are passing over crossing.

STOPPING ENGINES

1. Move throttle handle to IDLE.

2. Open GENERATOR FIELD circuit breaker on master controller stand.

OPERATING PROCEDURE

3. Move engine control switch to START.
4. Press STOP button on engine control panel or on engine gage panel.
5. To shut down all engines when in multiple-unit operation, move MU-ENG EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN SWITCH on master controller to STOP. EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN SWITCH must be in RUN before attempting to start engine.

BEFORE LEAVING LOCOMOTIVE

1. Apply hand brake and release air brakes after uncoupling from train.
2. Leave throttle in IDLE and selector in OFF. Remove selector handle after moving to OFF.
3. Open all switches and circuit breakers.
4. Close windows and doors.
5. Open battery switch.
6. In freezing weather, precautions must be taken to see that the cooling water does not freeze. See DRAINING COOLING SYSTEM and follow railroad rules for this situation.

SAFETY CONTROL

Safety control consists of a foot-pedal operated air valve, whistle, and a cut-out cock. Except when the locomotive is stopped and locomotive brakes are applied, the engineman must keep the safety control foot pedal depressed at all times. This prevents safety control brake application.

After a penalty brake application has occurred, normal locomotive operation is restored in the following manner:

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1. Move throttle handle to IDLE.
2. Move automatic brake valve handle to SUPPRESSION.
3. Depress safety control foot pedal at the operator's position.
4. After application pipe has built up to normal pressure, move Automatic brake valve handle to RELEASE.

DYNAMIC BRAKING OPERATION

Dynamic braking is applied to the locomotive only. A dynamic brake interlock keeps the air brakes on the locomotive from being applied when automatic air braking and dynamic braking are being used.

APPLYING DYNAMIC BRAKING

Applying dynamic braking is done in the following manner:

1. Move the throttle handle to IDLE.
2. Move the selector handle from MOTORING to BRAKING in the same direction the locomotive is moving.
3. Advance the throttle handle slowly to bunch train slack. (Braking is now controlled by the throttle handle.)
4. After the slack is bunched, advance the throttle handle until the desired braking effort is obtained. Observe and correct braking effort during initial period of dynamic brake application.

CAUTION: PROLONGED OPERATION OF DYNAMIC BRAKING IN 8TH NOTCH AT SPEEDS ABOVE 76 MILES PER HOUR (79/24 GEARING) CAN CAUSE INCREASED MAINTENANCE OF TRACTION MOTORS.

The amount of braking effort obtainable varies with the position of the throttle for the various speeds. Maximum braking effort is obtained in the 8th Notch at speeds of 8 to 36 mph.

The locomotive is equipped with variable range dynamic braking; a series of peak braking efforts will occur down to 8 mph.

DYNAMIC BRAKING OPERATION

NOTE: Wheel-slip warning may occur while in dynamic braking. This indicates that wheels are sliding. Sand is applied automatically to the wheels of the sliding unit. Reduce throttle position until warning stops.

USE OF AIR BRAKES DURING DYNAMIC BRAKING

When necessary, the automatic air brake may be used in conjunction with the dynamic brake. Automatic air brakes will apply on the train but not on the locomotive. If the Automatic air brake handle is moved to the emergency position, the dynamic brake is removed and brakes on the locomotive as well as those on the train go into emergency application.

The independent air brake *must not* be used during dynamic braking to avoid flat spots on the locomotive wheels caused by sliding.

RELEASE OF DYNAMIC BRAKING

Release dynamic braking in the following manner:

1. Move the throttle handle to IDLE.
2. Move the selector handle from BRAKING to MOTORING or OFF as locomotive operation requires.

MULTIPLE-UNIT OPERATION

OPERATING AS A LEADING UNIT

To operate the locomotive as a lead unit of a consist, proceed as follows:

1. Make the necessary preliminary preparations for operation.
2. Test air brake in accordance with railroad rules.
3. Close the generator field circuit breaker.
4. Move selector handle to the desired direction.
5. Operate locomotive in accordance with operating procedure.

OPERATING AS A TRAILING UNIT

AIR EQUIPMENT SET-UP

1. Make a Full Service application with the Automatic brake-valve handle.
2. Move the brake-valve pilot cut-out (double heading cock) to the OUT position.
3. Move the Automatic brake-valve handle to the HANDLE OFF position and remove the handle.
4. Place the Independent handle in RELEASE position.
5. Move the MU-2A valve to suit brake equipment on the leading unit (either TRAIL-24 or TRAIL-26 or 6 positions).

ELECTRICAL SET-UP

1. Move the Selector handle to OFF and remove the handle.

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2. Open the generator field circuit breaker and control circuit breaker on the control console. Leave all breakers in the closed position on the engine control panel (EC). Running lights circuit breaker may be positioned as desired.

3. Place the MU headlight set-up switch in the proper position.

CHANGING OPERATING ENDS

To change operating control from the cab of one locomotive unit to the cab of another, proceed as follows:

VACATING UNIT-AIR EQUIPMENT SET-UP

1. Make a Full Service brake pipe reduction.
2. Allow time for all air blowing sounds to stop; then depress the handle of the brake valve pilot cut-out cock and move it to the OUT position.
3. Place the Automatic brake-valve handle in the HANDLE OFF position and remove; place the Independent brake-valve handle in the RELEASE position.
4. Depress the handle on the MU-2A valve and move it to TRAIL-24, or TRAIL-6 or TRAIL-26 position, depending on the type of equipment used on the lead locomotive unit.

VACATING UNIT-ELECTRICAL SET-UP

1. Move the Selector handle to OFF and remove the handle.
2. Open the generator field circuit breaker and control circuit breaker on the control console.

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3. Leave all breakers in the closed position on the engine control panel (EC). Running lights circuit breaker may be positioned as desired.

4. Move MU headlight set-up switch to required position.

OPERATING UNIT-AIR EQUIPMENT SET-UP

1. Insert the Automatic brake-valve handle in the HANDLE OFF position.

2. Move the Independent brake-valve handle to the FULL APPLICATION position.

3. Depress the handle of the MU-2A valve and move it to the LEAD or DEAD position.

4. Depress the handle of the brake-valve pilot cut-out cock and move it to the IN or FRT. or PASS. position as designated by the service in which the locomotive is to be operated.

OPERATING UNIT-ELECTRICAL SET-UP

1. Insert the Selector handle into the Master Controller.

2. Close the generator field circuit breaker and control circuit breaker on the Master Controller.

3. Close all circuit breakers on the Engine Control Panel (EC).

4. Move MU headlight set-up switch to required position.

TO OPERATE WITH OTHER TYPES OF UNITS

If the units of the locomotive consist are geared for differing maximum speeds, do not run at speeds in excess

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of that recommended for the unit having the lowest maximum permissible speed.

Similarly, do not operate at low speeds long enough to exceed the specified traction motor ratings on any of the units in the locomotive consist. This locomotive, because of its high horsepower per axle, will develop more tractive effort at any given speed than will units of lower horsepower per axle.

When the leading unit is slipping excessively, the power limit switch can be moved to Notch 7 to reduce the power on front power plant of the lead unit while the trailing units are operating at full power. This will reduce the tractive effort on the leading truck and will usually improve the ability of the locomotive to hold the rail under bad rail conditions.

Units equipped with braking current limiting regulators can be operated in multiple with GE locomotives in dynamic braking, regardless of the gear ratio or differences in maximum braking current ratings. If some units do not have current limiting regulators, the locomotive consist MUST always be operated so as not to exceed the braking current of the unit having the lowest maximum braking current rating. Special operating instructions will be required for this case.

When a locomotive unit with 26-L equipment is operated in multiple (lead or trailing) with 24-RL equipped units, or with units equipped with brakes of the No. 6 type, the following hose connections must be made:

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<u>26-L</u>		<u>24-RL</u>		<u>OR WITH NO. 6</u>
Brake Pipe		Brake Pipe	to	Brake Pipe
M. R. Equal- izing Pipe	to	M. R. Equal- izing Pipe	to	M. R. Equal- izing Pipe
Actuating Pipe	to	Actuating Pipe		
B. C. Equal- izing Pipe	to	Ind. Appl. & Rel. Pipe	to	B. C. Equal- izing Pipe
Sanding Pipe	to	Sanding Pipe	to	Sanding Pipe

26-L and 24-RL equipped locomotive units can be operated together in any combination.

26-L and No. 6 equipped locomotive units can be operated together in any combination.

With 26-L equipped locomotive leading one or more 24-RL equipped locomotive units, No. 6 equipped units with or without actuating pipe can trail.

Only if it has an actuating pipe can a unit having No. 6 type equipment be operated between a leading 26-L equipped unit and a trailing 24-RL or 26-L equipped unit.

BRAKE-PIPE LEAKAGE TEST

A brake-pipe leakage test can be performed in the following manner:

With the brake system fully charged and with the brake valve pilot cut-out cock in the IN position, move the Automatic brake-valve handle promptly toward service position until the equalizing reservoir pressure has been reduced 15 psi; then stop and leave the handle in this position.

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As soon as the brake-pipe pressure has reduced to the level of the equalizing reservoir pressure (continuous blow from brake-valve exhaust), depress the brake-valve pilot cut-out cock handle and move it to OUT position. Immediately observe the brake-pipe gage and time the pressure drop in accordance with railroad rules.

At the completion of the brake-pipe leakage test, move the brake-valve handle farther toward SERVICE position and reduce the equalizing reservoir pressure slightly below the brake pipe pressure. The brake may later be released by returning the brake-valve handle to RELEASE position.

DEAD HEADING (DEAD-IN-TRAIN)

When a locomotive is to be hauled "dead in train" and before the hauled locomotive is shut down, proceed as follows:

1. Move the selector handle to OFF position.

CAUTION: POSITIONING SELECTOR HANDLE IN OFF PRIOR TO SHUTTING DOWN ENGINES IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO PREVENT SLIDING WHEELS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT DAMAGE.

2. Then the MU coupler may be disconnected if locomotives have been operating in multiple unit.

3. Now the control breaker on the hauled locomotive may be moved to OFF and the unit can be shut down.

4. Place the Independent brake-valve handle in RELEASE position and the Automatic brake-valve handle in HANDLE OFF position.

5. Depress the brake-valve pilot cut-out handle and move to OUT position.

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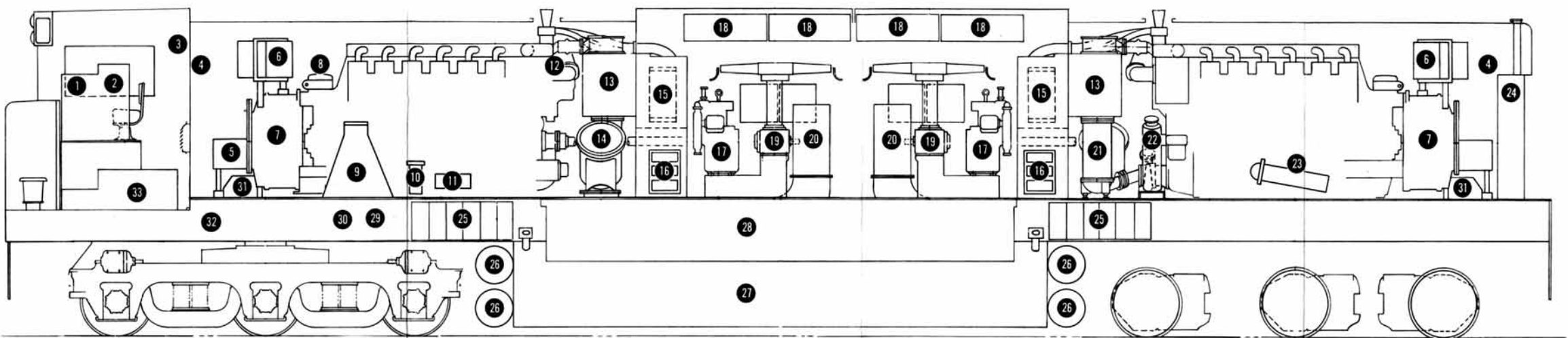
6. Depress the handle of the MU-2A valve and move to LEAD or DEAD position.

7. Open the dead engine cock.

DRAINING WATER SYSTEM

For weather above freezing, the cooling water system may be drained by opening the main water drain valve on the right side of the locomotive near the base of the lube oil cooler.

For freezing weather, in addition to opening the main drain valve, remove the plug at the base of the water pump and be sure that both cab heater valves are open.



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| 1 Operating controls | 8 Engine control governor | 17 Air compressor | 26 Main air reservoirs |
| 2 Air brake controls | 9 Front sand box (both sides) | 18 Radiator | 27 Fuel tank |
| 3 Engine control panel | 10 Fuel strainer | 19 Fan and gear unit | 28 Control compartment |
| 4 Engine gage panel (front and rear engines) | 11 Fuel booster pump | 20 Equipment blower | 29 Locotrol box (right side) |
| 5 Auxiliary generator (left side) | 12 Turbocharger | 21 Lube oil cooler | 30 Cab signal equipment (left side) |
| Exciter (right side) | 13 Water storage tank | 22 Heat exchanger and fuel filter | 31 Alternator gear box |
| 6 Rectifier panel | 14 Lube oil filter | 23 Fuel filter | 32 Battery compartment (both sides) |
| 7 Traction alternator | 15 Oil bath air filters | 24 Rear sand box (both sides) | 33 Air equipment compartment |
| | 16 Engine primary air filters | 25 Equipment air filters | |

Fig. 14. Apparatus location