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Model 1250 pole mounted antenna

Railcar Weighing and Identification Systems

- Easy to install and integrate into your current systems
- Reliable, accurate, easy to use and maintain
- Save time and money
- Improve employee safety

Reliable, accurate railcar tracking

In 1986 Systems Associates installed the industry's first RF railcar identification system and has developed TrainWatchTM to track every railcar movement into, out of and throughout your yard. North American Railcars have been equipped with two RF tags, as required by the Association of American Railroads. TrainWatchTM reads these RF transponder tags, which are located on each side of all railcars.

Our railcar identification systems combine rugged and precise instrumentation using the latest technology to assure reliability and accuracy. TrainWatchTM tracks railcars to determine the exact time they cross the threshold of your property, their speeds within the yard, any stops, forward movements and/or reverse movements. The system records every railcar each time it passes the TrainWatchTM site.

Easy to install and integrate

Systems Associates TrainWatchTM railcar identification systems are easy to integrate into your current systems. We handle every step of the installation process, from site plan, installation and training to system operation.

Saves time and money

Our railcar identification systems save time and money. With accurate tracking, you can verify consist lists, monitor railcar traffic on and off your property, 24/7 in any type of weather, and avoid demurrage charges.



Remote site utilizing solar power and RF communications

Capabilities

- Verifies consist lists
- Monitors railcar traffic entering and exiting the property
- Yard management information integrates with major yard management systems
- Operates 24/7 under any weather conditions
- Automatic identification of cars weighed in-motion or static
- 2.0% overload detection
- Helps track stragglers and no shows

Track all railcar activity on and off your property

There are RF transponder tags located on both sides of all railcars that provide the car owner and car number information. The TrainWatchTM system uses antennas placed on both sides of the track to read the railcar tags as the cars pass. By reading the tags on both sides of each car, data loss can be prevented if a tag on one side is missing or damaged.

Components

Included in the TrainWatchTM system are two trackside antennas, wheel sensors and a data processor. The antennas read the railcar tags to capture car owner and number information, while the rail mounted wheel sensors determine vehicle position, axle count and wheel patterns.

Tracking Process

As a train approaches the site, the rail mounted wheel sensors select the recording direction and apply power to the antennas. The wheels are tracked as the train moves past the site, matching tag information to the correct car by sequence number. The system is tolerant of the normal train handling within plants and at yards, which includes stopping and reversing.

The train speed is monitored and recorded for each car passing the site at yard speeds up to 20 miles per hour. The speed of each car is recorded within the system and included with each railcar record. The TrainWatchTM system tracks all railcar activity entering and exiting the property and adjusts for complex switch movements with extreme accuracy. Reverse sensing is part of each system so that train stoppage and rollbacks are accommodated without losing railcar synchronization. Zero speed presence sensors monitor trains stopped for extended periods, preventing split consist reporting. Turnout sensors can identify traffic being placed on two tracks.

Reports

Real-time and clean NETLIST reports are standard with TrainWatchTM. The data processor outputs a clean NETLIST showing cars passing the identification site. Consist data can be transmitted to central computer systems through phone modems, direct data connections, radio modems, network connections or cellular links.

Weather Protection

A trackside environmental enclosure adds the required protection against adverse weather for sites without equipment shelters.

Employee Safety

Keeping employees off the ground and out of the yard reduces the risk of injury. TrainWatchTM stands guard to monitor railcar traffic and needs no assistance from employees.



Identify railcars as they leave the main line

TrainWatch™ Antenna Systems											
Model	Application	Type of Readers	Power Level	Minimum Track Center Clearance in Most States	Maximum Antenna to TrainWatch™ Processor						
1200	Triple track	Ground mounted	High	15 ft - 22 ft	100 ft 50 ft						
1225	Single or double track	Stand up/ground mount combination	Low	15 ft - 22 ft							
1250H	Single track	Stand up only	High	>18 ft	500 ft						
1250	Single track	Stand up only	Low	>18 ft	500 ft						

NETLIST Report

DATA SEND MODE: ASCII SYSTEM RECORDING INBOUND

CUSTOMER

PLANT OR YARD

PLANT OR YARD LOCATION

SITE ID: 01

MAXIMUM TRAIN SPEED 20 MPH

BEGIN 12:25 P 10/28/05

SYSTEM IN STANDBY MODE

WHEEL COUNT

ENDING .12:27 P 10/28/05

SEQ	ID	NUMBER	TYPE	SPD	FROM	T0	LGTH	BRG	COMMENT
001	SAIX	3214	ENG	06	OUT	IN	0176	4	
002	SAIX	405347	CAR	06	OUT	IN	0162	4	
003	SAIX	405874	CAR	06	OUT	IN	0162	4	LEFT ONLY
004	SAIX	65734	CAR	06	OUT	IN	0145	4	
005	SAIX	66745	CAR	06	OUT	IN	0145	4	
006	SAIX	67444	CAR	06	OUT	IN	0149	4	
007	SAIX	67231	CAR	06	OUT	IN	0154	4	
800			CAR	06	OUT	IN		4	NO TAGS
009	SAIX	452132	CAR	06	OUT	IN	0162	4	

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Model 1210 Processor

Equipment List

Model 1210 Data Processor

- Motorola microcomputer
- Real-time processing
- Industrial dust-tight cabinet
- Two antenna inputs for tag readers
- Two serial outputs selectable baud rates
- Internal diagnostic
- 117 Volt, 1 Amp, 60Hz power requirements

Environmental Equipment Enclosure

• Rain-tight trackside design

Series 1200/1225/1250 Antenna

• Trackside antennas with mounts

Rail Mounted Wheel Sensors

- Impact-resistant design
- Phase lock loop type amplifiers

Railcar Weighing Systems

- 0.2% Legal for trade
 In-motion scales
 In-motion/static combination scales
 - **Static weighing systems**
- NEW 2.0% overload scales
 Not legal for trade

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Components



Trackside Reader



Model 1210 Processor System





Radio Modem Antenna



Solar Panel



Wheel Detection System



WeighRail Overload Detection (not shown installed)



Application Information

Please complete this form and fax to Quoting Department at 847-367-6960. We'll develop a quote for your specific TrainWatch™ System. Name ______ Title _____ Phone _____ Fax____ Email _____ Company Name_____ Type of railcar/product(s) shipped _____ Number of railcars processed weekly _____ Number of locations where railcar activity should be monitored Entrances _____ Exits ____ Other ____ **Equipment Selection** ☐ TrainWatch™ 1210 Processor ☐ Solar Power Connection with: Reader systems: ☐ Model 1200 ☐ Cable or Fiber Optic (Use where clearance is limited on both sides) ☐ Radio Modem ☐ Model 1225 ☐ Phone Modem (Use when one side of ID site has limited clearance) ☐ Cellular ☐ Model 1250 ☐ PC Computer with CaptureTM Software (Use with clearance on both sides) ☐ Uninterruptible Power Supply ☐ Environmental Enclosure (Where no equipment shelter is available) ☐ Zero Speed ☐ WeighRail Overload Detection ☐ Turnout Sensor (2.0% overload scale) Please draw a track diagram, note distance between tracks