

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY
SAFEWORKING RULES AND PROCEDURES

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CLIPPING
POINTS

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to explain how *Points Clips* are used to secure *Points* in the normal or reverse position in the Public Transport Authority (PTA) Network. They may also be used to *Secure* expansion joints for *Wrong Running Direction* movements.

2. GENERAL

Facing Points on *Running Lines* must be locked. The *Points* must be clipped if it cannot be assured that the *Points* will remain in the correct position.

Where possible, a *Points Clip* must be padlocked. If the *Points Clip* cannot be padlocked, the *Points* must be inspected before each *Rail Traffic* movement.

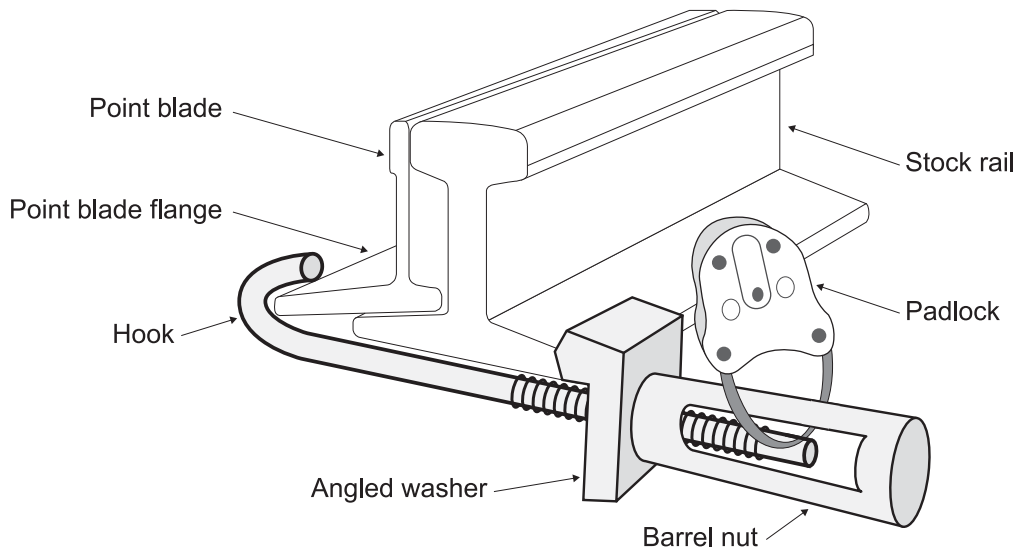


FIGURE 2.1: Example of a fitted Points Clip

3. FITTING A POINTS CLIP

3.1. COMPETENT WORKER

The *Competent Worker* must:

- make sure that the work can be done safely;
- get *Authority* from the *Train Controller* to clip the *Points* and an assurance the *Points* will not be operated;
- make sure that the correct type of *Points Clip* is used;
- make sure that the *Points* are in the correct position; and
- fit the *Points Clip* at the correct position, as close to the toe of the *Points* blade as possible, for that set of *Points*.
- Make sure that the *Points Clip* is fitted;
 - to the underside of the rail;
 - between the sleepers; and
 - with the jaws of the *Points Clip* to the rails and tightened.
- Where “Swing Nose” *Points* are in use, make sure the blades are aligned with the main *Points* and clamped as required.
- Where “K” blades are in use, make sure the “K” blades are aligned with the main *Points* and clamp the closed “K” blade.
- Where practicable, padlock the *Points Clip*.
- Make sure that the *Points* are properly closed and ensure that the *Route* is correct before allowing *Rail Traffic* to Travel.



NOTE

In some cases, such as when the connecting rods have been disconnected for maintenance, it may be necessary to clamp all *Points* blades to ensure the safe passage of *Rail Traffic* over them.

4. REFERENCE

Nil

5. EFFECTIVE DATE

1 November 2015