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Guidelines for Private Cars on Amtrak

These guidelines apply to Private Cars, defined as non-Amtrak cars moved on regularly scheduled Amtrak trains, parked at Amtrak-controlled facilities, or repaired by Amtrak employees for commercial customers. These guidelines do not apply to any such move, parking, or repair activity that Amtrak may perform for its own or for governmental purposes.

- For Charter Train Information, Please see [Guidelines for Charter Trains Operated by Amtrak](#).

Amtrak's primary objective is to operate its core scheduled train service safely, punctually, and efficiently. As a result, the following guidelines applies to Private Cars effective April 18, 2018:

- In every instance of Private Car service requests, the needs of regularly scheduled Amtrak passenger trains and customers will take first priority. Private Car services are dependent on the availability of facilities, equipment, and resources. All such activities require prior Amtrak written approval.
- Private Cars must not delay Amtrak trains. This guideline contains a list of Amtrak-served locations which are eligible for adding or removing Private Cars from designated Amtrak trains, subject to operating conditions at the time of the requested movement.
- Maintenance performed by Amtrak on Private Cars is limited to FRA-required repairs of safety appliances, with such maintenance performed only as necessary on a Private Car in the consist of an Amtrak Train during a Private Car Move. If a Private Car requires an FRA-required repair to a safety appliance that can be repaired at the destination terminal on a Private Car Move, the Private Car Owner or Designee or the Person-in-Charge is to contact the CNOC Charter & Special Movements Desk for authorization at 1-800-424-0217 and choose option "9" from the main menu, then "1" for Private Car Manager. For mechanical emergencies, press "7" to be transferred to an open line (available 24/7).
Amtrak will provide wheel truing and wheelset replacement services utilizing current AAR rates, subject to the availability of Amtrak facilities, equipment, and resources. This work shall not impede the servicing or maintenance of Amtrak equipment.
- Private Car activities on Amtrak are subject to the then-current version of the "Conditions for Movement Privately Owned Railroad Cars on Amtrak Effective January 1, 2019" as amended from time to time and must be approved by Amtrak in advance.
- Private Car activities and personnel are subject to all applicable safety, security, operational and other rules and requirements of Amtrak and its host railroads. Private Car owners and staff are strictly responsible for compliance with all such applicable rules and requirements.
- The following locations and trains are eligible for Private Car moves. All Private Car moves require case-by-case prior Amtrak written approval.

If you have questions about Private Car guidelines, please contact specialmoves@amtrak.com.

Locations and Trains Eligible for Private Car Moves (Moves require case-by-case prior Amtrak approval)		
Switching Location	Extra Crew Needed	Eligible Trains
Albany, NY	No	Cars are added when locomotive is added
Albuquerque, NM	Host Railroad Crew	3, 4
Boston, MA	No	Non-Acela originating/terminating trains Northeast Corridor Southbound Private Car Operations • Monday thru Friday Train # 173. • Saturday Train # 163. • Sunday Train # 149.
Carbondale, IL	No	Originating/terminating trains
Charlotte, NC	No	Originating/terminating trains
Chicago, IL	No	Originating/terminating trains
Denver, CO	No	5, 6
Emeryville, CA	No	Originating/terminating trains
Fort Worth, TX	No	21, 22, 821, 822
Harrisburg, PA	No	601, 605, 607, 610, 611, 612, 618, 620, 622
Houston, TX	Host Railroad Crew	1, 2
Indianapolis, IN	No	50, 51, 850, 851
Kansas City, MO	Host Railroad Crew	3, 4, 311, 313, 314, 316
Los Angeles, CA	No	562, 565, plus originating/terminating long distance trains
Miami, FL	No	Originating/terminating trains
Milwaukee, WI	Host Railroad Crew	Originating/terminating trains
Montreal, PQ	No	Originating/terminating trains
New Haven, CT	Depending on Train	Cars are added when locomotive is added
New Orleans, LA	No	Originating/terminating trains
New York, NY	No	Non-Acela originating/terminating trains
Newport News, VA	No	Originating/terminating trains
Niagara Falls, NY	No	Originating/terminating trains
Oakland, CA	Yes Amtrak Crew required at an additional cost	11,14 (Removal Only) on train length capacity of 16 units maximum including any combination of Locomotives, Amtrak Passenger Cars, and Private Rail Cars. Private Cars may leave the Oakland area on train 6 from Emeryville.
Philadelphia, PA	No	601, 605, 607, 610, 611, 612, 618, 620, 622 plus 42, 43 with cars added with the locomotive
Pittsburgh, PA	No	Originating/terminating trains
Pontiac, MI	No	Originating/terminating trains
Quincy, IL	No	Originating/terminating trains

Richmond, VA	No	Originating/terminating trains
Roanoke, VA	No	Originating/terminating trains
Rutland, VT	No	Originating/terminating trains
San Antonio, TX	Host Railroad Crew	1, 2, 21, 22
San Diego, CA	No	562, 565
Savannah, GA	No	Originating/terminating trains
Seattle, WA	No	Originating/terminating trains
Spokane, WA	No	7 between CHI-SPK 8 between SPK-CHI
Springfield, MA	No	Originating/terminating trains
St. Albans, VT	No	Originating/terminating trains
St. Louis, MO	No	Originating/terminating trains
St. Paul, MN (Midway)	Host Railroad Crew	7, 8 (pickup if train is on time)
Toronto, ON	No	Originating/terminating trains
Tucson, AZ	Host Railroad Crew	1, 2
Washington, DC	Depending on Train	Non-Acela originating/terminating plus cars added to through trains when locomotive is added. Northeast Corridor Private Car Operations Northbound <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday thru Friday Train # 172. • Saturday and Sunday Train # 162.