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Conservation and technical determinants in restoration of historic rolling stock

SUMMARY

The article discusses the issue of conservation and reconstruction to its working condition of historic rolling stock. This material is an introductory attempt of preparing the most important principles governing conservation policy in relation to this kind of technical monuments. Primary principle is to prepare coherent rules of conservation: a compromise should be maintained between conservation demands for keeping their historical value and acting according to restrictive laws governing safe exploitation of working historical rolling stock.

The article describes aspects concerning steam locomotives, as well as normal and narrow gauge rolling stock exploited in tourism in open-air ethnographic museums, and on tourist narrow gauge lines. The subject is specific and is part of a wider field of conservation of large-size technical monuments.

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