



Southern Shield

Good/ Best Practice feedback

Nature of works

Vegetation management

Date of good practice note

January 2017

Distomat



Description of the good practice

During vegetation clearance works, COSSs and Site Wardens use Distomats to check working distance away from the nearest running rail. The Distomat user can then set up demarcation to assist the work group without guessing the distance from the nearest track whilst trains are still running.

What are the benefits?

This is a safe and instant solution to keep the workforce at least 2m away from the closest running rail and that vegetation has been cleared to the agreed distance from the running rail.

Are there any drawbacks?

The only drawback is to remember to charge the Distomat.

It can be difficult to obtain a reading at greater distance due to the quality of the product, a more expensive instrument would overcome this issue.

Supporting Information

The Vega Digital Laser Rangefinder was brought for £59.99

<http://www.2ls-tools.com/en/products/vega>