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Minimum mass = 74.7 t (2 car Class 156 as supplied by Transport Scotland)

Maximum mass = 335.16 t (8 car Class 380 as supplied by Transport Scotland)

Assumptions

Calculations are based on buffer stop type 22EB/3

Twin friction element of 3No. Bolt clamps, Torque 150 Nm under buffer stop on running rails

Breaking = 80 kJ/m

3 pairs of twin friction element (3 clamp bolts per element), Torque 150 Nm behind buffer stop

E = 240 kJ/m

Assume track is level - no potential energy considered

For Class 156

Vehicle Data	Train mass	m =	74.7 t	
	Max. impact speed	v =	10 km/h =	2.78 m/s
	Deceleration	d =	≤ 1.47 m/s ²	= 0.15 g

Kinetic energy at impact $E_{kin} = \frac{m \times v^2}{2} = \frac{74.7 \times 2.78^2}{2} = 289 \text{ kJ}$

Energy absorption of buffer stop:

Distance to second stage normally 3.5 m

Breaking capacity = 3.5 x 80 = 280 kJ

Distance required to arrest Class 156 = 3.613 m

Therefore, contact with second stage would be minimal.

Check deceleration - $d = \frac{v^2}{2 \times s} = \frac{2.78^2}{2 \times 3.613} = 1.07 \text{ m/s}^2$
 = 0.109 g Therefore, OK

Stopping distance = 3.613 m

Buffer length = 2.4 m

Additional retarders = 0 m

Total track occupancy = 6.013 m

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For Class 380

Vehicle Data	Train mass	$m =$	335.16 t	
	Max. impact speed	$v =$	10 km/h = 2.78 m/s	
	Deceleration	$d =$	$\leq 1.47 \text{ m/s}^2 = 0.15 \text{ g}$	
Kinetic energy at impact	$E_{kin} =$	$\frac{m \times v^2}{2} = \frac{335.16 \times 2.78^2}{2} = 1295.125 \text{ kJ}$		

Energy absorption of buffer stop (normal slave spacing):

First stage	3.5 x 80	(1 pair)	=	280 kJ
Second stage	0.5 x 160	(2 pairs)	=	80 kJ
Third stage	0.5 x 240	(3 pairs)	=	120 kJ
Fourth stage	2.6 x 320	(4 pairs)	=	832 kJ
$s =$	7.1 m		=	1312 kJ

Check deceleration -	$d = \frac{v^2}{2 \times s} = \frac{2.78^2}{2 \times 7.1}$	=	0.544 m/s ²	
		=	0.055 g	Therefore, OK

Total occupancy for normal slave spacing and normal number of slaves

Stopping distance	=	7.1 m
Buffer length	=	2.4 m
Additional retarders	=	0.75 m
Total track occupancy	=	10.25 m

10.25 m would give Deceleration value of 0.055 g

0.15 g is allowable

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Energy absorbtion of buffer stop (adding 1 No. pair of slaves at each location):

First stage	3.5 x 80	(1 pair)	=	280 kJ
Second stage	0.5 x 240	(3 pairs)	=	120 kJ
Third stage	0.5 x 400	(5 pairs)	=	200 kJ
Fourth stage	1.5 x 560	(7 pairs)	=	840 kJ

$$s = 6 \text{ m} = 1440 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\text{Check deceleration - } d = \frac{v^2}{2 \times s} = \frac{2.78^2}{2 \times 6} = 0.644 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$= 0.065 \text{ g} \quad \text{Therefore, OK}$$

$$\text{Stopping distance} = 6 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Buffer length} = 2.4 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Additional retarders} = 1.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Total track occupancy} = 9.9 \text{ m}$$

Energy absorbtion of buffer stop (adding 2 No. pair of slaves at each location):

First stage	3.5 x 80	(1 pair)	=	280 kJ
Second stage	0.5 x 400	(5 pairs)	=	200 kJ
Third stage	0.5 x 560	(7 pairs)	=	280 kJ
Fourth stage	0.7 x 880	(11 pairs)	=	616 kJ

$$s = 5.2 \text{ m} = 1736 \text{ kJ}$$

$$\text{Check deceleration - } d = \frac{v^2}{2 \times s} = \frac{2.78^2}{2 \times 7.1} = 0.743 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$= 0.076 \text{ g} \quad \text{Therefore, OK}$$

Total occupancy for normal slave spacing and normal number of slaves

$$\text{Stopping distance} = 5.2 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Buffer length} = 2.4 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Additional retarders} = 2.75 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Total track occupancy} = 10.35 \text{ m}$$