



Project i-TRACE news



Project i-TRACE - Are you on track? Issue 15, February 2021

While 2020 brought with it many unprecedented scenarios, it highlighted the importance of having operational resilience and being able to adapt to a rapidly changing landscape. Project i-TRACE is fundamentally all about building systemic resilience in our supply chain operations so there is no better time than right now to check that you are on track and lay those critical foundations for the digitalisation journey ahead.

Locally and globally the Rail community is aligned on this journey and this year, in 2021 the industry is looking to speed up the adoption of Project i-TRACE frameworks across the sector. The "ARE YOU ON TRACK" question will be asked more frequently as key operators intend to begin measuring the readiness of their suppliers.

Through this newsletter the aim is to keep you abreast of key developments, progress and success stories as the rail industry moves further towards this competency, along with a range of tools, training, events and other resources available to help you get "On Track".



Project i-TRACE 2020: the year that was

2020 year in review & the way forward for 2021, the year of tracking progress.

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Operator webinar link

Representatives from the ARA, Sydney Trains, V/Line, PTA-WA and Metro Trains Melbourne spoke to an audience of suppliers to inform them of updates and what will be expected with regards to Project i-TRACE requirements and future plans.

Hear what they have to say.

[Complete form for link to recording](#)



Project i-TRACE adoption self-assessment

The i-TRACE Work Group has devised a simple tool to help supplier's assess where they are up to in their journey to adopt the i-TRACE framework for identifying and marking parts and components. Based on the key 'stations' of implementation, suppliers can self-assess their progress so far and determine next steps required to get on track with their i-TRACE implementation.

[Access self-assessment tool](#)



Are you on track? You need to have departed Station 5!

Implementing Project i-TRACE is made simple by following the steps in the rail roadmap. At this stage of the project, you need to have departed Station 5. Please contact us if you need assistance.

[How to assign a barcode number](#)



Ensure your barcode scans first time, every time

Before rolling out your barcoding/marketing solution, it is wise to obtain a barcode check; this will ensure

all data is encoded correctly and that the barcode is to ISO quality rating.

A simple check at the beginning will avoid costly re-labelling in the event of undetected non-compliance.

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GS1 Insight App

There is no need for rail companies to download various barcode scanning apps or build custom apps from scratch to extract the data encoded within GS1 barcodes.

We've created one for you.

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NEED HELP applying a barcode to products or with SSCC labelling or assistance with messaging your trading partners?

Make your supply chain work effectively with our network of Solution Providers

Training to get you on track



Free webinar

Project i-TRACE - Are you on track?

Key steps of implementation explained

At the end of this webinar you will understand the background to Project i-TRACE and the steps you need to take to get on track with your implementation.

Tuesday 11 March 2021

2.00 to 2.30pm [Register](#)

Training

Identification, data capture and implementation

Now you've attended a webinar, this in-depth training will teach you how GS1 standards are to be implemented in the Australian Rail Industry.

Tuesday 23 March 2021

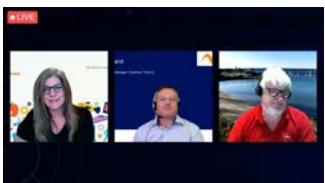
10am to 12pm [Register](#)

Self-paced learning



As key operators prepare to measure i-TRACE readiness of their suppliers and ask '**Are you on track?**', support for i-TRACE adoption is available through various training resources, these including self-paced training modules. Most organisations should have already identified their parts & components with Global Trade Item Numbers (GTINs) - if not, this video will show you how to: [IDENTIFY - Assign Numbers \(GTIN\)](#).

Further videos and resources are available. Discover your [Pathway to implementation](#).



AusRAIL 2020 wrap-up

Did you miss our session in the innovation hub? Project i-TRACE – Showcasing the digitalisation of the design to maintenance process.

You can now access the recording by [using your AusRAIL 2020 login details](#).

[Access recording](#)



Hear from the ARA

Danny Broad, Chair of the ARA, talks about the importance of Project i-TRACE as a building block for the industry to achieve digitalisation.

[View video](#)



Multimodal freight data exchange – GS1 standards enabling access to real-time supply chain freight data

A National Freight and Supply Chain strategy initiative, the Australian Government released a report detailing how the National Freight Data Hub will improve delivery of goods to customers through access to real-time supply chain freight data.

The study which informed this report used GS1 identification and data sharing standards to collect and convert raw freight consignment message data into strategic-level data. Providing insightful information for governments and industry will use this information to support planning, infrastructure investment and policy decisions.

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If you need solutions to help with your i-TRACE implementation, search our [Solution Provider directory](#) for compliant products and services that will meet your requirements.

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