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Subject: Covered Hopper Cars Running Board Extensions

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To: Regional Administrators, Deputy Regional Administrators,  
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There have been several inquiries concerning running board extensions.

The Federal Railroad Administration's position is that a running board end extension is not required if the end of the longitudinal running board is at least 6 inches from the vertical plane and the longitudinal running board extends at least the entire length of the roof. In other words, if the longitudinal roof running board does not extend at least the entire length of the roof, a running board extension is required.

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