LOW COST WIRELESS RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING SOLUTIONS

SAFEZONE
MAKING RAILWAY CROSSINGS SAFER
SafeZone is an Australian developed warning system, designed to reduce the risk of crashes and near misses at railway level crossings. It comprises a suite of wirelessly networked, radar-activated components with fail-to-safe capabilities that allow ‘passive’ warning systems to be upgraded to ‘active’ ones. Together, these ‘active devices’ allow automated warnings to be delivered to road users, that more effectively notify them that a railway crossing is in use.

SafeZone includes the following modular, wirelessly networked building blocks:
- Wireless ‘Train Detection Radars’
- Wireless ‘Active Wig-Wags’ (red flashing signals, i.e. RX-5s), and
- Wireless ‘Active Advance Warning Signs’ (signs with amber flashing lights, i.e. RX-11s)

These can be combined to meet client and site-specific requirements in order to deliver AS/NZS 1742.7 (and other standards) compliant ‘active control’ solutions. SafeZone’s modular architecture, ‘fail-to-safe’ features, and remote monitoring capabilities make it ideal for retrofits to ‘passive’ rail crossing warning systems in lightly trafficked remote areas, as well as at crossings in higher traffic urban areas.

Additional (optional) warning elements such as Wireless In-Road Alert Beacons (flashing lights) and Wireless ‘In-Cab’ Train Driver Alert Devices make SafeZone the most flexible, fully featured approach to improving railway crossing safety. Because it’s a completely wireless solution and all building blocks are solar or battery powered, a SafeZone solution can be far more rapidly deployed for significantly less cost than traditional treatments.

The resulting lower ‘whole of life’ costs, combined with its comprehensive features and superior flexibility, make SafeZone a superior ‘value for money’ solution.
TYPICAL RAIL CROSSING IMPLEMENTATION

Building Blocks

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**TRAIN DETECTION RADARS (TDR)**

These units are installed beside rail tracks on the approaches to a railway crossing, as well as at the crossing. When a train is detected, signals from the radar units are received by the network’s Alert Device Controller (ADC). This then activates the active warning systems (installed as required) in that network. TDRs are solar powered and use proven radar sensors.

**ACTIVE WIG-WAGS (RX-5)**

These units are comprised of red flashing warning signals and a wireless repeater. They can either be retrofitted to existing ‘passive’ signs (e.g. Give Way and Stop signs), or supplied as complete units with signs for new RX-5 installations. They are installed at the railway crossing and feature fail-to-safe capabilities if they lose network connection. Active Wig-Wags (being another form of AAWS) are solar powered.

**ACTIVE ADVANCE WARNING SIGNS (RX-11)**

These units are comprised of amber flashing lights and a wireless repeater, mounted on top of an advance warning sign. They are installed on the road-side on the approaches to the railway crossing. The feature fail-to-safe capabilities if they lose network connection, and are solar powered.

**IN-ROAD ALERT BEACONS (IRAD)**

These optional units are self-contained amber flashing in-road lights. They are installed, as required, in the road on the approaches to the railway crossing, starting at the position of the Active Advance Warning Sign (RX-11) and ending at the railway crossing. They feature optional fail-to-safe capabilities if they lose network connection (via the ADC and any AAWSs in the network) and are battery powered.

**ALERT DEVICE CONTROLLER (ADC)**

This is the network controller device, that relays signals received from either an existing train detection system, or an array of SafeZone Train Detection Radar units. The ADC also provides remote monitoring capabilities via a 3G connection. In the event of an ADC failing, fail-to-safe functions are implemented by the other system elements.
## SYSTEM SOLUTION OPTIONS

A modular approach to creating road user SafeZones on the approaches to railway crossings based on warning levels required.

![Active Warning Zone](image)

### LOW WARNING LEVEL

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### SOLUTIONS FROM:

1. Train Detection Radars
2. Active Wigwags
3. Active Advance Warning Signs
4. In-Road Alert Beacons
5. Alert Device Controller

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