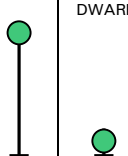
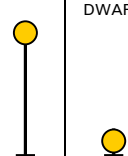
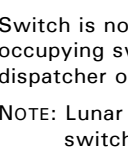


SWITCH POSITION INDICATOR (GENERAL) SIGNAL RULES

A *Switch Position Indicator* is a special type of signal which conveys to trains at a distance the sure position of a turnout. Most such turnouts are manually remote-controlled by train crews, usually by radio. These signals descended from the older-style kerosene or electric lamps mounted directly onto switch stands, and also older *point indicators*. Modern style switch position indicator signals are positioned near the switch, and are electrically illuminated the same aspect in both directions. They may be mounted near the ground, on the switch machine mechanism, or high on a pole mast. Switch position indicator signals (and remotely-controlled turnouts) are used for important or oft-used turnouts in train yards, industries, and other non-signaled areas. They improve efficiency by relieving train crews from having to stop to change the turnout, as its position can be seen further away and changed before arrival if needed.

The aspects shown below are general in nature, and should reflect common usage on many North American railroads. Some railroads may have special or formal rules or aspects for switch position indicators which are different or more elaborate than those shown here. Remember that these signals are not block signals, and do not convey any movement authority or track occupancy information.

	<p>SWITCH NORMAL</p> <p>Switch is aligned for non-diverging route.</p>		<p>SWITCH REVERSE</p> <p>Switch is aligned for diverging route.</p>	 <p>SWITCH OUT OF CORRESPONDANCE</p> <p>Switch is not aligned and locked. Stop before occupying switch. If condition persists, contact dispatcher or control operator.</p> <p>NOTE: Lunar White aspect may be used to indicate switch is occupied and cannot be thrown.</p>
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