The Smarter Way of Using Fire Protection in Rolling Stock Applications – how innovative and active solutions could help to increase safety and to decrease costs

Active Fire Protection is mostly a matter to be understood as additional measure on top, which is creating additional costs, additional weight and additional maintenance for the operators and is implemented only while required by guidelines, norms or other regulations.

But, if active Fire Protection is done in a smarter way of design, it could be a very helpful solution to optimize trains and locomotives in design, and could help also to influence a financial project balance in a very positive way by increasing safety in parallel.

Improving the fire safety and preserve the investment is possible with small initial economical efforts by use of active fire detection and fighting systems.

Today modern active fire protection systems can improve the general cost balance of a fleet of passenger trains and locomotives while giving the chance of an up to date fire protection concept also to old vehicles. Safety levels can be increased while the operational costs are decreased by minimizing breakdown times in case of incidents with fire.

A modern and rail-developed active fire protection system can help to reduce direct fire damage, breakdown times and costs and will increase the availability of the vehicles at fleet level.

The technological solutions adopted, the possibility of compensation measures and the economic feasibility of the implementation of those active systems are presented.

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