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## What is an RMM?

Roadway maintenance machines (RMMs) have often been misunderstood by many in the railroad industry. The FAMES Committee is publishing this document to help clear up some potential confusion.

What is an RMM, specifically regarding CFR Part 214 – Subpart C, sections 214.341 - RMMs, 214.355 - training for RMM operators, and 214.357 - training for operators or RMMs equipped with a crane.

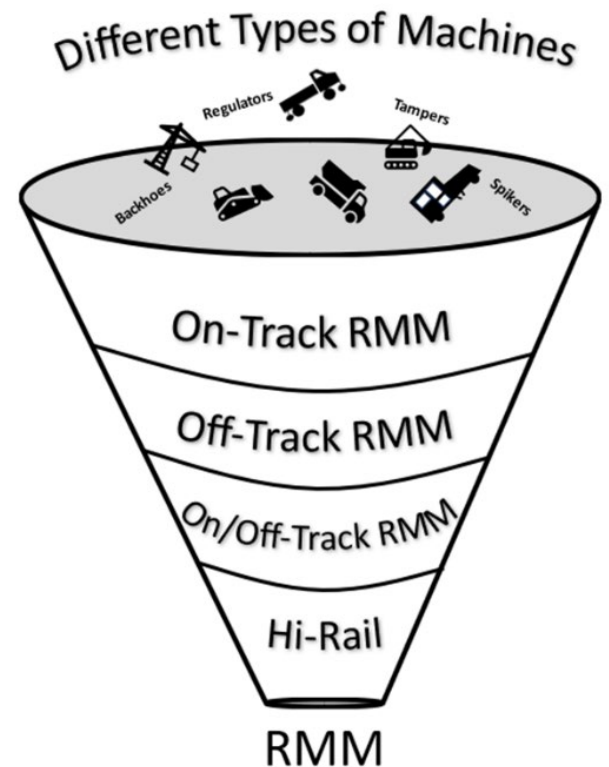
**Roadway maintenance machine** means a device powered by any means of energy other than hand power which is being used on or near railroad track for maintenance, repair, construction or inspection of track, bridges, roadway, signal, communications, or electric traction systems. Roadway maintenance machines may have road or rail wheels or may be stationary.

Although there are many types of RMMs (on-track, off-track, on/off-track, stationary, hi-rails, etc.), all of these meet the RMM definition above. They may be filtered down more specifically as on-track or hi-rail equipment, however, this doesn't change their designation as an overall RMM.

As illustrated by the picture, all types of machines fall into the RMM category but can be more specifically defined by subcategories.

It is important to note, that off-track RMMs (backhoes, excavators, dozers, etc.) require 214.355 qualification to operate these machines.

It's been misunderstood by some in the railroad industry that RMMs are only on-track equipment; this document is designed to correct that misunderstanding. If it meets the definition of an RMM, it is an RMM, regardless of it being used on or off-track, and sections 214.341, 214.355, and 214.357 apply.



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