

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : Tarumi Railway Company

Accident type : Level crossing accident

Date and time : About 11:09, June 10, 2016

Location : Motosu-Minami level crossing, class three level crossing without automatic barrier machine, with road warning device, located at around 15,885 m from the origin at Ogaki station, between Itonuki station and Motosu station, single track, Tarumi Line, Motosu City, Gifu Prefecture

SUMMARY

On Friday, June 10, 2016, while the outbound 17 train, started from Ogaki station bound for Tarumi station, Tarumi Line of Tarumi Railway Company, was running between Itonuki station and Motosu station, the train driver noticed the light motor vehicle entering into Motosu-Minami level crossing, class 3 level crossing, and he applied an emergency brake immediately, but the train collided with the light motor vehicle.

The driver of the light motor vehicle was dead by the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is probable that the accident occurred as the train collided with the light motor vehicle that had entered into Motosu-Minami level crossing, class three level crossing, where the road warning device was in operation according to the approaching train.

It is probable that the level crossing was in the situation that the approaching train could be recognized by the operation of road warning device installed in the level crossing. However, it could not be determined the precise reasons why the light motor vehicle had entered into the level crossing where the road warning device sounded alarm according to the approaching train, because the driver of the light motor vehicle was dead.