

LEARNING FROM LOSSES AUTO

LOCATION:

Rural Saskatchewan road

CAUSE OF LOSS:

Collision with a locomotive at an uncontrolled railroad crossing

COST OF LOSS:

Total paid/reserved: \$650,000. (Trailer: \$50,000; Property damage to train: \$600,000;
Loss of earnings/business interruption due to damage to train tracks and locomotive: undetermined)

In December, the insured was driving a load of wheat to a terminal. Distracted, he drove through an uncontrolled rail crossing. An approaching train split the trailer in half. The insured's package policy protected him for \$1 million of liability, which covered the loss.

LESSONS LEARNED:

Avoid financial ruin by carrying the appropriate insurance coverage; for a minor cost (an extra \$30 in this case), you can protect yourself from unnecessary loss.

