

Railway accident investigation report

Railway operator : East Japan Railway Company.

Accident type : Train derailment.

Date and time : About 01:36, December 18, 2014.

Location : At around 62,019 m from the origin at Shiojiri station, between Kuwanohara signal station and Inariyama station, single track, Shinonoi Line, Nagano City, Nagano Prefecture.

SUMMARY

The running train collided with the sedan stopped in the railway track, and the first axle of the front bogie of the front vehicle of the train were derailed.

There was no casualty in the accident.

PROBABLE CAUSES

It is highly probable that the driver of the train noticed the sedan stopped in the railway track as to cross the train route ahead, at about 100 m in the direction to Shiojiri station from Tanigawa level crossing, and applied an emergency brake but it was too late, and collided with the sedan and derailed.

It is somewhat likely that the sedan had entered into the railway track from Tanigawa level crossing or Kyu-Hasekaido level crossing, located near by the accident site and considered the possibility of entering into the railway track by mistake from specific direction, and stopped at the site of collision. However, the precise reasons why the sedan stopped in the railway track could not be determined because the oral statements could not be obtained from the sedan driver, there was no witness, and there were no monitor camera in both level crossings.