

## 1840 FAQ

### 1) How many trams can a line have in total?

A company can have a maximum of three lines, and each line can have a maximum of one tram. Therefore, a line may possess only one tram and a company a maximum of three trams.

### 2) If trams are never phased out due to obsolescence and instead have maintenance costs, who pays for the maintenance costs?

The maintenance costs of each tram are paid by the line that has each tram with maintenance costs. As soon as the line completes its route, the corresponding maintenance cost is subtracted from the total obtained. Keep in mind that this can have a negative result, if the benefits of the route are less than those of maintenance. In that case, the deficit is taken from the company's "Revenue" space. If there is not enough there, it is taken from the space of the company «Treasury». If there is still not enough, the director of the company puts it out of his pocket. If the director did not have enough money, he would borrow 100 G until he paid the debt. Loans are not repaid, but for each 100 G loan requested, 200 G must be deducted from the final count.

### 3) Do maintenance cost occur if a tram doesn't run?

If a tram upon which maintenance is payable upon running it is not associated with a particular tram line, then no maintenance (and no profit bonus) is due. This can happen if the tram company has more trams than lines. If a tram is associated with a line, but the line has no route upon which it could run its tram (this can happen if the only revenue-earning location to which it has access is its home station), then no maintenance (and no profit bonus) is due.

### 4) Mandatory Tram Purchase: What happens if there is no tram available?

In this rare case the player is exempt from the mandatory tram purchase. If new trams become available the mandatory tram purchase must be performed as stated in the rules.

### 5) Can there be a change of presidency due to the sale of shares if another player has a certain percentage of the company?

No. The director's certificate of a tramways company can NEVER be sold and, therefore, there can never be a change of presidency.

### 6) What is the maximum percentage that can be acquired from a Stadtbahn1 company?

For both tram companies and Stadtbahnen, the maximum a player can own is 60%.

### 7) Is there a limit of shares in the market?

In the case of tram companies, there cannot be more than 50% in the market, since the director's certificate can never be sold and represents 50% of the company.

In the case of the Stadtbahnen, there is no limit of shares in the market. Stadtbahnen shares are bought and sold to the bank, not to the players, so all the shares a player owns can be sold at one

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<sup>1</sup> *Stadtbahn* means "metropolitan railway" in German. The plural of *Stadtbahn* is *Stadtbahnen*.

time, even if that means selling 60% and / or leaving the corresponding Stadtbahn company without any player owning shares.

**Example:** Stadtbahn W company has three shares available for sale, six shares are held by player A and the other share is held by player B. On player A's turn in the stock market round, player A sells his 6 shares and the share price goes down accordingly. Now it is the turn of player B, who is currently the sole shareholder of Stadtbahn W. He decides to sell his share, because it cannot be devalued any more (its price is at the bottom of the column), and the company Stadtbahn W 100% is once again available for sale. Note that player B could have kept the stock he had, or that player A could have sold fewer shares. Even if the order had been reversed and player B had sold his share first, player A could have sold as much as he wanted up to his 60% ownership, even if there was already a share on the market, because there is no limit on the market for Stadtbahnen shares.

**8) Is it necessary to have a connection with the operating line to be able to remove a Stadtbahn station for G 40?**

No, it is not necessary. For G 40 you can remove ANY Stadtbahnen token on a circle shaped city from the map, with no restrictions. However, if you want to build a station of your own line immediately, then the connection is necessary. Therefore, for the latter case, you could not place a station of the line itself in the place of a Stadtbahn station until the green tiles are available, unless in the case of hex G3 (see next question). This action can be performed several times during the same turn, paying 40 G each time you eliminate a Stadtbahn station.

**9) Can a TC pay G 40 to remove a Stadtbahn token from one of the diamond-shaped spots (the endpoints of their line)?**

No. Starting and ending stations of Stadtbahnen (the ones marked with a diamond) can NEVER be removed, except the starting station of Stadtbahn V on hex G3, the only one indicated with a circle, which can be eliminated.

**10) A hex of interchanges that has all its spaces occupied by station tokens from different lines, does it block the route of a Stadtbahn?**

No. A Stadtbahn route is never blocked by anything, not even a hex completely occupied by line stations. However, that hex would not count towards the route benefits, because a Stadtbahn route only counts hexes where it has a station of its own and hexes where there is a halt.

**11) If I exchange a Stadtbahn station for a station of my own line, is it considered that I already have a connection to the next Stadtbahn station on the route in order to eliminate new stations and, if necessary, place my own stations?**

No. In no case can a connection be established through the Stadtbahnen tracks (those with the orange edge in the tile and whose tracks are represented by dots). You need a connection by an ordinary route.

**12) Can you eliminate a Stadtbahn station for 40 G and forgo placing your own station?**

Yes, without problem.

**13) On a line's turn, it can place an additional station thanks to the bonus of a Stadtbahn tile. In addition, the line can place the station that corresponds to it in turn. If you pay the 40 G to remove a Stadtbahn station, could you put in a third station?**

A third station, NEVER. Replacing a Stadtbahn station with a station on the line can be done through the ordinary action of station placement or through the additional action of the bonus of a Stadtbahn tile. Therefore, regardless of whether the 40 G is paid to replace the Stadtbahn station with a line station or not, the maximum number of stations that can be placed in the turn of a line is two, and the second as long as have placed a tile on a Stadtbahn line with the corresponding bonus.

*Exception: the only case in which a third station could be placed is in the first turn of a line, since the line begins by placing its initial station for free and then must play as described in the previous paragraph.*

**14) Is a connection required to place the red or purple bonus tiles?**

Yes, a connection with the operating line is always necessary to place these tiles through bonuses. Similarly, a connection will also be required to place a second yellow tile or to upgrade a yellow tile to green.

**15) Can a company purchase tokens and orange-bordered track lays using money in the revenue box, or does all of the money have to be in the treasury?**

Only from the treasury box.

**16) May a tram run to revenue locations with a value of zero?**

The rules state that a route consists of at least two different revenue locations. It is possible that one of these revenue locations has a value of zero. This can occur if the route runs from the home station to a purple railway station hex where no purple tile was laid. Or if the route runs from the home station to another interchange without a token of the line. Note that routes to the red inner city hexes cannot be made because they do not have access road sections until the corresponding tiles are placed, which already have their own income values. Therefore, a red inner-city hex can never be a zero-value revenue location.

**17) How do the two special purple tiles L30 and L31 work?**

There are two special purple tiles in the game. These tiles are L30 and L31 tiles. The only thing that differentiates them is the income they provide.

Also, in the game there are two hexes for these two tiles: G11 (Westbahnhof) and F24 (Bahnhof Hauptzollamt).

If you place one of the special tiles on F24, you must also place the Stadtbahnen D and W stations, each in its place. The values of the tile count both for lines and for Stadtbahnen.

For these tiles in G11 (Westbahnhof), see the next question.

**18) Before a tile is laid on it, the Westbahnhof hex G11 has a halt on the Stadtbahn line. Once tile L30 or L31 is laid, does this Stadtbahn halt still exist?**

The halt on Westbahnhof still counts. The interpretation to be made is that the Stadtbahn G does have continuity and retain the halt as if the line went through a tunnel. The two slots of the special tile must be ignored. A faint hint is the orange edge around the value box. This means the values both

count for tramways and for Stadtbahn companies. You will find these orange edged value boxes also on G3 and I1 for instance.

**19) Is the multiplied revenue total for Stadtbahn companies used when adjusting share prices?**

Yes.

**20) Is it legal to place station tokens on the reserved home spaces for lines that will never enter the game?**

Yes. At the point no company can purchase a line anymore (all companies have 3 lines), all reserved spaces for lines not in play are treated as normal interchange circles.

**21) Do the landmark tokens occupy one of the token spaces?**

No. They are reminders of the location.

**22) Can a tram company operate with fewer trams than lines?**

Yes. You can have a line without a train as long as at least one of your lines owns a train.

**23) If companies pay revenue, do unissued shares (shares in the bank) pay into the treasury?**

No. Revenue for shares in the bank remain in the bank.

**24) Must the bonus action by laying a Stadtbahn tile be executed immediately or at any time during construction step of a line?**

Immediately. It is not allowed to place a yellow Stadtbahn tile on a hex with the bonus action "place an additional station marker", then upgrade it to green (as the normal tile laying step) and then place the bonus station marker onto this green tile.

**25) When Stadtbahn V loses its station token on G3, can it still start building from there to G5?**

Yes, it can.

**26) Is the bonus action "Place an additional station marker" free?**

Yes. Only the cost for laying the Stadtbahn tile occur (G 20). Then it is free to place a station marker. It might be an additional one or the only one for this round.