

Brief history and description

The Class 46 electric locomotive, known as the "Promat," is one of the most iconic locomotives developed to serve the railway networks of Eastern Europe, particularly Romania. It emerged as a result of post-war technological innovation, addressing the growing need for efficient and modern railway transportation.

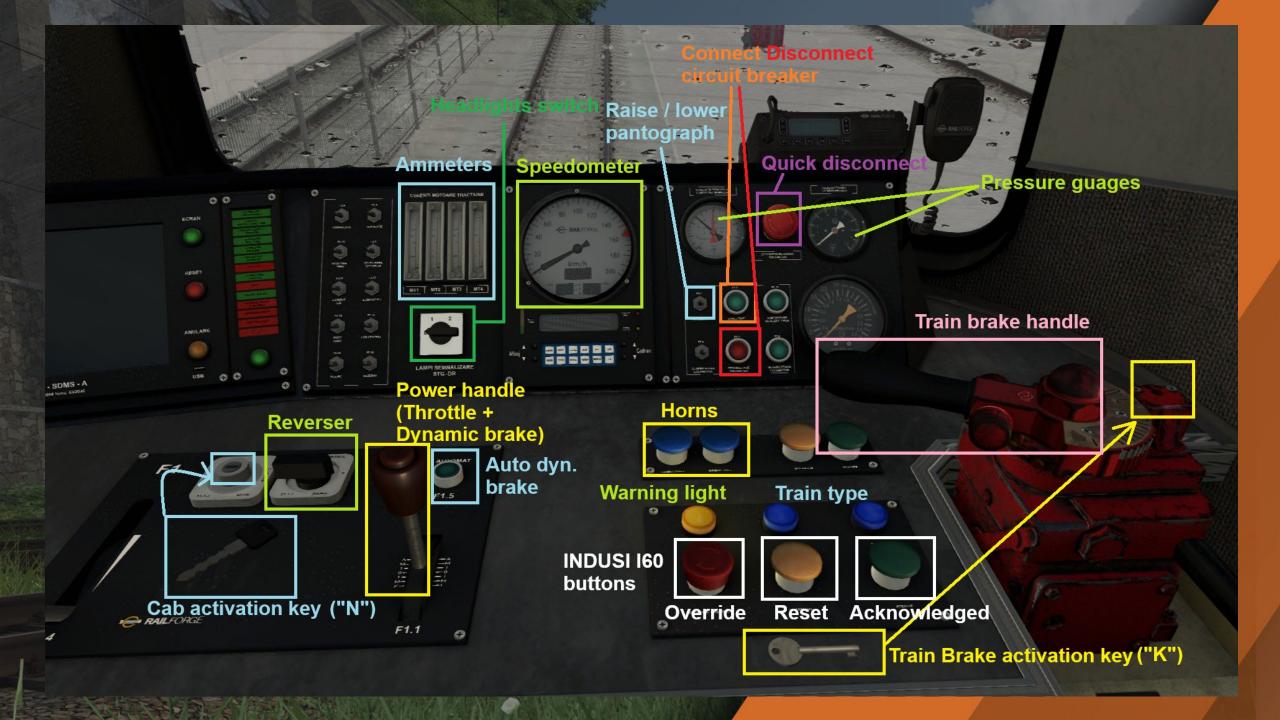
Type of Current: Powered by 25 kV AC, 50 Hz. Power Output: Approximately 4400 kW, allowing it to haul heavy trains. Maximum Speed: 160 km/h, making it suitable for rapid and intercity trains. Modular Design: It featured a robust, easy-to-maintain chassis and reliable electrical components.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Romania heavily invested in its railway infrastructure, focusing on electrifying major routes and increasing freight and passenger transport capacity. The Class 46 was designed through a combination of local expertise and external influence: International Collaboration: Romanian engineers leveraged knowledge from Swedish ASEA technology, which had also influenced earlier models like Class 43 and Class 44. Local Production: The locomotives were assembled at the Electroputere Craiova plant, a hub for rolling stock manufacturing in Romania. Technical Specifications The Class 46 was built to be versatile, capable of operating on various electrified routes for both passenger and freight services.

Initially, the Class 46 locomotive was deployed on key Romanian routes such as: European Corridor IV: Bucharest -Braşov - Sighişoara - Arad, for fast passenger trains. Freight Transport: On industrial routes, with the capacity to haul heavy trains efficiently. Over time, the Class 46 became a staple of the Romanian Railways (CFR), appreciated for its reliability and low operating costs.

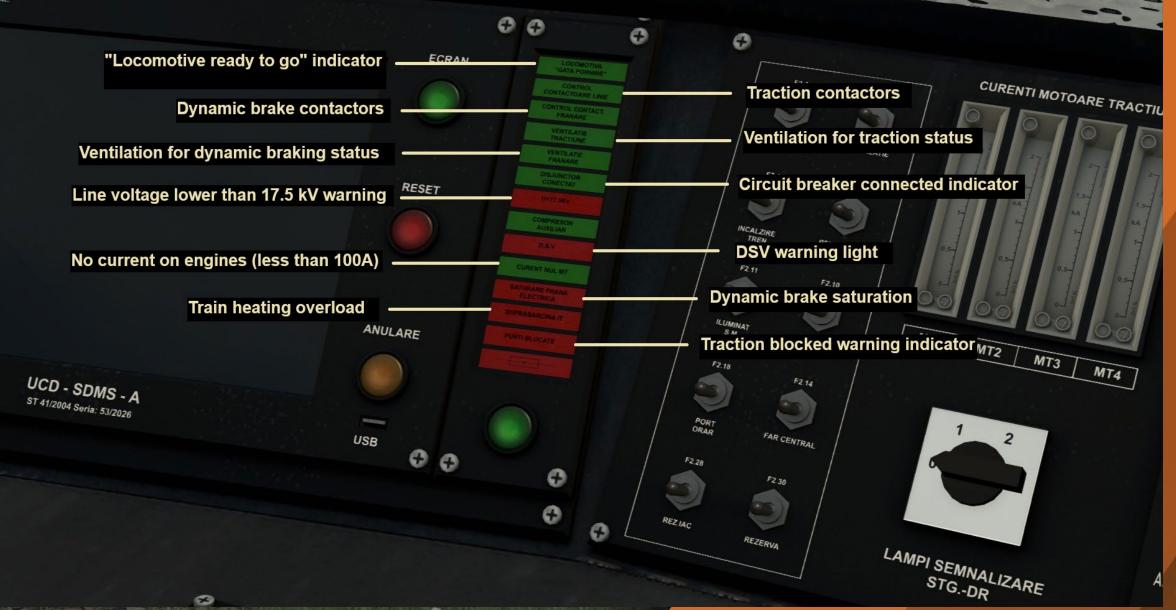
The "Promat" Nickname The "Promat" name originates from the company that supplied the primary electrical components for certain series of this locomotive. This reflects the collaboration between various industry entities to create a high-performance locomotive.

CONTROLS OVERVIEW





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Individual engine powering off (no effect)





INDUSI activation switch

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F3.23 START climatizare PC F1.24 STOP climatizare PC



Stop Start Air conditioner





Various heaters (no effect)





STARTUP PROCEDURE

1) Press "B" key on the keyboard to connect the battery:







2) Press "N" key on the keyboard to activate the cab:

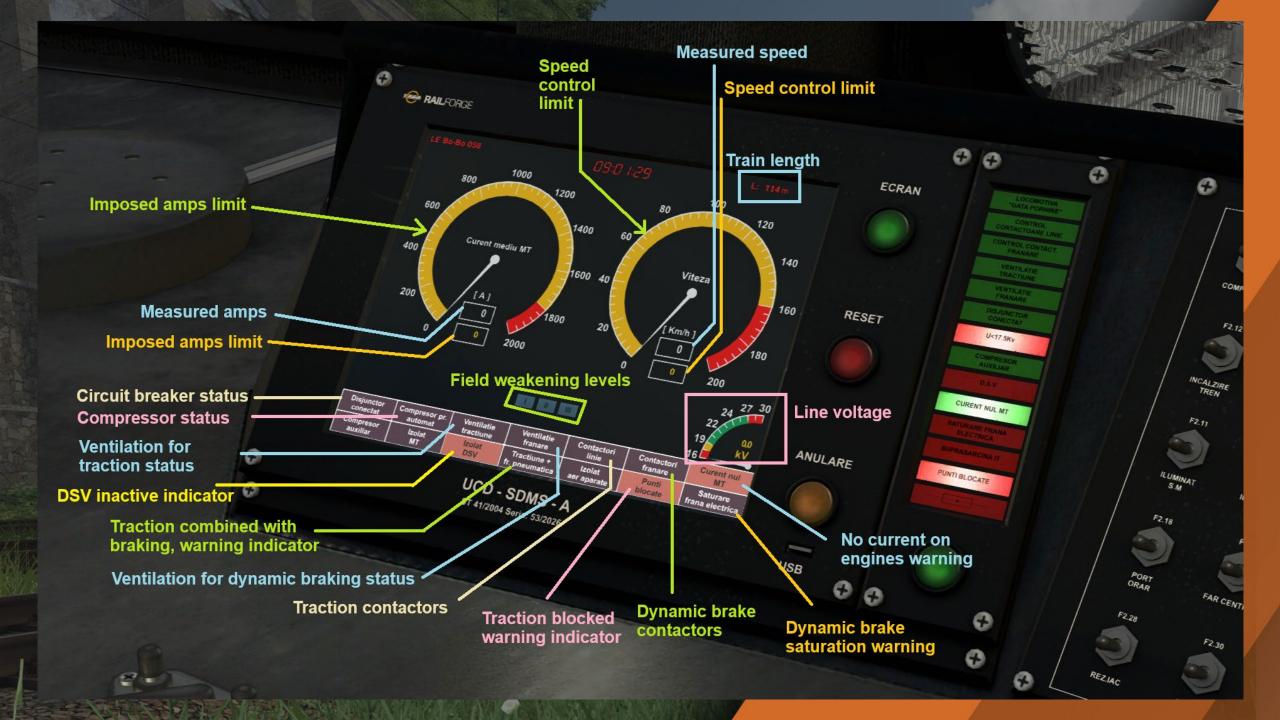


3) The 3 coloured buttons (green, red and yellow) start flashing. Wait!



4) After the sequence ends the promat screen display is on:





5) Now raise the pantograph (by default the rear one) by pressing "P". To change the pantograph press "M" / "Shift + M" until the desired one is selected. To lower the pantograph press "Shift + P"



6) Check outside to see it touches the line



6) Connect the circuit breaker by pressing "Z" or the green lit button next to the pantograph one (to disconnect, press "X" key):



6) Notice how the indicators on the PROMAT module have changed status and also line voltage guage now shows a value between 24 and 27



7) Unlock the train brake handle by inserting key. Press "K"



8) Switch on the automatic compressor and ventilation by manipulating their switches or by pressing "C", respectively "V".



8) If the main res. pressure is lower than 8 bar, the compressor starts. When you switch on the ventilation for the first time in a scenario, you can hear the sound of the ventilation powering up, and then shutting down. This is the test to see if ventilation system works properly

9) Put the reverser in "Forward" position by pressing "W" or in "Backward" position by pressing "S".

10) At this time (if the engine is stationary) you may decide to activate the INDUSI (PZB-like) system by pressing "Home" key. The yellow flashing light will turn off and the blue lights will turn on (depending on the train type). This will only happen if the reverser is in "Forward" position

11) You may also activate the DSV vigilance system by pressing "PageUp" 12) Next, we need two more things to get moving: Imposed Amps and Speed control limit. Press "E" to unlock the Power handle and while pressing, press "A" key to move it to "1" position forward.

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13) You may now decide to set the limit for the Speed control autopilot, by pressing "Q" to increase value or "Shift + Q" to decrease value

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13) You may also decide to set the imposed amps limit, by pressing "A" to move the power handle forward into M then A position and keep it in A position to increase the value of the imposed amps limit. Release "A" key when satisfied. To lower the value press "D" until power handle reaches position 1 and wait for the yellow gauge to decrease to desired value, then press A to put it back to M (maintain) position.

14) If the 2 parameters (speed control and imposed amps) are set, the engine will start moving.

YOU HAVE NOW FINISHED THE STARTUP PROCEDURE!

OTHER OPERATIONS

RADIO STATION: Press the On/Off button for 4 seconds to start the Radio



RADIO STATION: You should hear a sound then the channel displayed on the small screen



AIR CONDITIONER: Press the green button to activate, red button to stop. If the AC is running you should hear a specific sound and the big green light is turned on:

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SPEEDOMETER - IVMS: Various controls



TRAIN HEATING: Turn on the switch. You should see a new gauge appear on the PROMAT screen, on the lower left corner:



PROMAT MODULE TEST: Press the lowest green button to test all the light indicators, release the button to return to normal:



AUTO DYNAMIC (ELECTRIC) BRAKE: Press the teal button behind the power handle to activate this function. Notice the yellow gauge of speed control limit now turns red:

MT1 MT2 MT3 MT4

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RAIL FORGE

AUTO DYNAMIC (ELECTRIC) BRAKE: When this is active, the locomotive will automatically switch to dynamic brake and modulate its power to maintain controlled speed limit set by the driver. When it switches to dynamic brake, the yellow gauge of imposed amps, now turns red and displays a limit of 960 A. AUTO DYNAMIC (ELECTRIC) BRAKE: When this is inactive, you'll have to apply the brakes yourself to prevent the locomotive from going overspeed in case of a descent. Also, the red gauge of imposed braking amps now starts from 0, and you'll have to increase that value by lowering the power handle into F position and holding it there until you get the desired value. Release it to M position to maintain value, or raise it to 1 to decrease dynamic braking:

HEADLIGHTS: The headlight switch has 4 positions: 0 – Off, 1 – Full, 2 – Dim, 3 – Red light Manipulate it by pressing "L" or "Shift + L" on your keyboard



LIMITATION ZONE PASSING HELPER: Press the yellow button on the PROMAT module (or "Numpad Enter") to activate the helper. This will show you, based on the train length, when your train has completely passed the point when this was activated (Example: a speed limit sign)

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LIMITATION ZONE PASSING HELPER: A green bar appears with a yellow slider that represents your train and the remaining train length still to pass displayed with green digits. The red vertical line is the reference.



LIMITATION ZONE PASSING HELPER: When the train has completely passed that point you will see this message displayed:



FIELD WEAKENING LEVELS: There are 3 levels of field weakening displayed on the promat screen. They will activate depending on speed and current applied to the electric engines:



INDUSI SYSTEM: The INDUSI i60 security system is by default deactivated

To activate it press "Home" or click on the switch found on the central lower console. The system remains active if:

- Switch is on and
- Reverser is in "Forward" (INAINTE) position and
- Pressure in brake cylinders is greater than 3,5 bar

Depending on type of consist, or selected rank we have 3 cases:InactiveFreightSlow PassengerFast Passenger

INDUSI SYSTEM: For the INDUSI system to work there is another component required, an adequate signaling system that has inductors that send the parameters "2000", "1000" and "500" to the consist. Depending on the parameter received by the engine, we have 3 influences:

- 2000Hz is active when passing a Red or White light signal, or a signal with permissive indication having a speed indication greater or equal to 60 km/h, or it may come from a permanent inductor placed near a distant limitation warning sign. When you are sure to encounter an inductor emitting a 2000Hz influence, you must press the "INDUSI override" red button – "Delete" key on the keyboard. The button will remain in position until pressed again to release. You will also hear a female voice saying in Romanian ("Warning, 2000Hz influence!"). If you do not press that button, the emergency brake will be applied. And once stopped you'll have to rearm - reset the system to be on your way again.

INDUSI SYSTEM:

 1000Hz is active when passing a Yellow light signal (with a speed indication of 30 km/h or lower or with no indication at all), a flashing yellow signal, or a flashing green signal with a distant speed indication of 30 or less while not having a signal speed indication greater than 30. It may also be encountered near a yellow sign that warns about a section of weaken track that has restrictive speed.

When you are sure to encounter this case, when passing over the inductor you have 4 seconds to press "INDUSI Acknowledge" button ("Atentie") or the "PageDown" key on the keyboard. Failing to do so, results in emergency braking. You will also hear a female voice saying in Romanian – "Warning, 1000Hz influence!". Once you press the button, the yellow light on the indusi board turns on, and it will stay on for an amount of time in which your train must reach a speed lower than a certain value called V1, which depends on the train type or rank selected.

INDUSI SYSTEM – 1000Hz and 500Hz influence:

When the time passes, if the current speed is lower than V1, the yellow light will turn off and nothing else will happen. If the speed is still greater than V1, the emergency brakes will be applied, and you'll have to rearm the system once stopped.

500Hz – This is only encountered when passing over an inductor placed 250m before the next signal which has its inductor active at 2000Hz or when the signal has a speed indication of 30 km/h or less. You will hear a female voice saying: "Warning, 500Hz influence". Before you reach this inductor, active at 500Hz, your train speed must be lower than a certain value called V2, that depends on the train type or selected rank. If the speed is lower, you'll see a multicolored light flashing rapidly for a few seconds (to the left of the speedometer). If the speed is greater than V2, the emergency brakes are applied and you'll have to rearm the system once stopped.

INDUSI SYSTEM – Parameters V1, V2, time to reach speed V1:

Train type / Rank	V1 (km/h)	Time to reach speed lower than V1 (in sec)	V2 (Km/h)
Freight	50	34	40
Slow passenger	65	26	50
Fast passenger	90	20	65

INDUSI SYSTEM – Rearming (resetting):

If you unfortunately got caught by the INDUSI system, being in an illegal situation and your train has come to a halt with emergency brakes on, here's what you need to do to start over:

- Put the train brake lever into <u>Neutral</u> position "NEUTRU"
- Put the <u>controller power handle</u> into "0" position
- Press "INDUSI reset" button or "End" key on the keyboard
- Release the brakes (by pushing the train brake lever forward)
- Wait for pressure to build up, and the blue lights of the indusi board to turn back on and then you are good to go.

This procedure is exactly the same in case you get stopped by the DSV system – see next slide.

DSV SYSTEM: By default, this system is deactivated. To activate this system press "PageUp" key on the keyboard

The role of this vigilance system is to stop the train in case the driver becomes incapacitated.

When active, once the train reaches a speed greater than 10 km/h the driver has 2 choices:
 Either keep the "<u>DSV pedal</u>" pressed continuously (pressing "space" key on the keayboard). After 30s an alarm will sound and you'll have 5s to release the pedal ("space" key) and press it again to reset.

- Or do not press the pedal, but that way, after 2,5 seconds an alarm will sound and you'll have another 2,5s to either quickly press the pedal ("space" key), sound one of the horns, press the DSV button on the left side of cabin, or manipulate the Power handle to reset.

Failure will result in emergency braking and rearming procedure. The sound alarm is accompanied by a red light displayed on the PROMAT module

PASSING THROUGH NEUTRAL ZONE - This is only valid for the Romanian signaling system and routes that have these 2 signals installed:



Zone entry signal

Zone exit signal

PASSING THROUGH NEUTRAL ZONE – ENTERING THE ZONE

WARNING!!! Before passing the zone entry signal, be sure to have the "Circuit Breaker" disconnected or all of this components:

- Ventilation switched off
- Compressor switched off
- O Amps measured current on the engines (best if Power handle is in 0)
 Central beam headlight switched off (or risk of permanent damage to it)

If the headlights are on, or the cablight is on, but the circuit breaker is still connected, you'll see a short outage caused by the time required to switch to battery.

If the conditions are not met, you'll receive a 60 seconds penalty during which your locomotive will have its power cut off, and you'll have to do the rearming procedure as described in the INDUSI section (this will be removed in V2 of the add-on)

PASSING THROUGH NEUTRAL ZONE – EXITING THE ZONE

Once you pass the "neutral zone exit sign" you may connect the circuit breaker by pressing "Z" key or if it wasn't disconnected, you may now switch back on the compressor, ventilation, central beam light and manipulate the Power Handle to increase current to the engines.

PLEASE NOTE !!! While the INDUSI and DSV systems are by default deactivated, this Neutral Zone feature is always active, so caution is advised.

The entry signal sends the following parameter to the consist: "intrare_neutra"

The exit signal sends the following parameter to the consist: "iesire neutra"

INPUT MAPPERS

B: Connect battery N: Activate cab Home: Activate Indusi U: Activate DSV P: Raise pantograph Shift + P: Lower pantograph M / Shift + M: Select pantograph Z: Connect circuit breaker X: Disconnect circuit breaker K: Unlock train brake handle C: Turn on compressor V: Turn on ventilation W: Set reverser to forward S: Set reverser to backward Home: Activate INDUS PageUp: Activate DSV vigilance system Q: Increase speed control limit Shift + Q: Decrease speed control limit E: Unlock amps A: Increase amps D: Lower amps Radio: Hold On/Off button for 4 seconds L: Toggle headlights Shift + L: Change headlight mode Numpad Enter: Activate limitation zone passing helper Delete: INDUSI 2000hz PageDown: INDUSI 1000hz End: INDUSI rearming Space: Press DSV pedal

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