



Rj Corman Railroad Group



Since 1973



In 1973, Richard J. “Rick” Corman began his career in railroad construction with a backhoe, a dump truck, and a tenacious spirit. Driven first by his remarkable operator skills and by his commitment to safe and reliable service, Rick’s goal was to become one of the nation’s leading railroad service providers. For the next 40 years, he worked to establish the railroad service company known as R. J. Corman.

Now, underpinned by a half-century of history, R. J. Corman Railroad Group is still headquartered in Rick’s hometown of Nicholasville, Kentucky, with field locations in 23 states.

The company serves all Class I railroads, many regional and short line railroads, and various rail-served industries. These operations encompass an array of services including railroad construction, short line railroad operations, industrial switching services, transloading, emergency response, track material logistics, distribution centers, signal design and construction, and an excursion dinner train. The company’s diversity has allowed them to service all aspects of the freight railroad industry at any scale.

The R. J. Corman Railroad Services company has extensive experience with surfacing, laying rail, welding, tunnel improvements, and tie replacement. The railroad industry has recognized its quality of service with numerous awards, such as the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (NRC) “2019 Large Project of the Year Award,” “2023 Small Project of the Year,” “2024 Small Project of the Year,” and many “Safe Contractor of the Year” awards for safe operations. The success of R. J. Corman’s 19 short line operations is embodied in its numerous awards, including Railway Age’s “Short Line of the Year” in 2007 and 2021, an ASLRRA “Business Development Award” in 2021, and several years of the “Jake Award with Distinction,” which recognizes short line railroads for safety. In addition, R. J. Corman Railroad Switching Company provides support to a variety of industries that ship their products via railroad. R. J. Corman Material Sales company specializes in full-service material management and distribution. R. J. Corman Signaling designs and installs highway crossing warning systems that are unique to their customers’ needs. R. J. Corman’s Storm Team provides the fastest and most efficient response to natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Midwest floods in 2019, the Vermont floods in 2023, and Hurricane Helene in 2024 with their strong infrastructure and wide range of equipment.

The outstanding execution of these services depends upon the dedication and expertise of approximately 1,400 employees who work tirelessly to maintain the company’s core values of safety, customer satisfaction, quality, and efficiency.

While all company personnel are well-trained in the necessary safety precautions that should be taken while working in the industry, the company also encourages employee health and community involvement. In support of these ideas, the company hosts and sponsors numerous community-wide events, including its traditional Fourth of July fireworks celebration and 5K races that benefit employees and their families, as well as local charities and organizations.

R. J. Corman seeks to build on its dynamic business approach by enhancing its services while continuing to help customers meet their needs. In this way, we hope to continue carrying on Rick Corman’s vision and legacy.

Additional information about R. J. Corman’s history and services can be found at www.rjcorman.com

R. J. Corman Railroad Group is a privately owned holding company for the following key operations:
Short line Railroads • Switching Operations • Railroad Construction • Track Material Distribution
Signaling • Railroad Emergency Response • Warehousing • My Old Kentucky Dinner Train



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Providing the highest quality service to the Railroad industry since 1973.

RAILROAD SERVICES COMPANY

Construction Services

- New track construction, tie replacement, rail replacement, cut and slide, surfacing, tunnel clearance, bridge repair
- Specialized equipment such as chain saw grapple trucks, hi-rail track hoes with multiple attachments, hi-rail welding trucks, tampers and ballast regulators

Emergency Response

- Clearing track, re-railing railcars, clean-up, load outs and tie downs, load transfers and adjustments
- Repair services – traction motor change outs, wheel and retarder change outs, track panel and turnout installation
- Maintenance services – debris removal, snow removal, right of way clearing, washout repairs, ditching, bridge panel replacement and bridge demolition

SIGNALING COMPANY

- Full service signal engineering, design and installation
- System assembly and wiring, consolidated construction for track and signal, maintenance, material warehousing and logistics

RAILROAD COMPANY

- Nineteen short line railroads in ten states totaling over 1,350 miles of track
- Four strategically located distribution centers
- Locomotive and car repair
- Transloading
- Railroad Storage

RAILROAD SWITCHING COMPANY

- Multiple switching operations in nine states for customers such as Logan Aluminum and Sasol
- Railcar loading and unloading at customer facilities
- In-house maintenance and material handling

MATERIAL SALES COMPANY

- Full service material management and distribution, logistics and total material outsourcing capabilities
- Inventory procurement and management, point-of-use deliveries, emergency deliveries, hi-rail deliveries, crossing material and kits, weld kit stocking and distribution

STORM TEAM EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Rapid reaction time, clean-up and re-railing, reconstruction, remediation, temporary infrastructure
- Aerial assessment, mobile data command centers, wide range of equipment

DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

- Secure storage
- Over 375,000 square feet under roof
- Transloading capabilities

