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 17 shall be of metal frame construction and be sufficiently  
 18 insulated to eliminate track and other related noise above  
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20 Other requirements for cabooses are:

21 (a) The trucks shall provide riding qualities at least  
 22 equal to those of freight type trucks modified with  
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