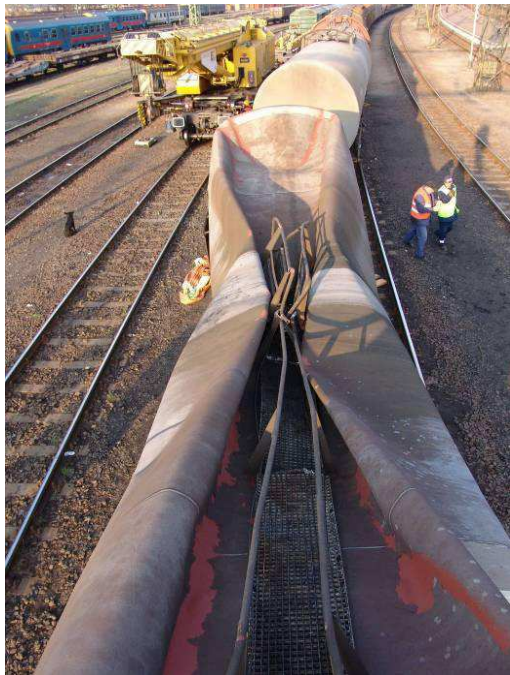


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Railway accident**



On 25 January 2007 a freight train was approaching Szolnok station, when the empty tank of a four-wheeled tank wagon imploded and the wagon derailed with all four wheels. The tank wagon running ahead of it also derailed with two wheels. The derailed wagons damaged the track.

*Factual statements directly connected to the occurrence of the accident*

Once a tank wagon has been emptied by hot steam, the air temperature inside the tank shall be cooled down to ambient temperature before the dome lid is closed. In the current case, the lid was closed prematurely.

In order to prevent vacuum-forming inside the tank, a small piece of wooden stick was supposedly put under the lowered dome lid. This stick disappeared in unexplained circumstances.