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Platform heights and the ICE? by Alan Pike OBE

The standard platform height (where platforms as such exist) in Switzerland on the SBB and presumably other standard gauge lines, is 35cm above rail level.

A programme is in hand gradually to increase the height to 55cm to permit easier boarding and descent from International coaches including the DBAG ICE. It is understood that the programme is to be restricted to stations served by Eurocity, Intercity and double deck stock.

A number of stations where such services now call have been fitted with narrow aluminum grid additional 'platforms' at the existing platform edge. e.g. Interlaken Ost, West, Spiez and Thun.

At Interlaken West, where turnouts to sidings cut across the platform area, small footsteps are placed by staff to assist passengers to board and alight.