

**To:** Distribution List

**Subject:** September 2021 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The September 2021 summary includes the (4) circular letters issued during the month.

This document provides a summary of each Association of American Railroads (“AAR”) circular letter issued during the previous month. A circular letter provides information of general applicability to the railroad industry, including proposed and final rules, standards, and recommended practices. Circulars are a fee-based service provided by AAR’s Transportation Technology Center, Incorporated (“TTCI”) located in Pueblo, Colorado. You may sign up to receive AAR circular letters online. If you need further assistance with access to circulars, please send any future questions and issues to Pubs@aar.com.

The Field Manual of the AAR Interchange Rules, Rule 1, b. (11), requires maintaining a copy of each “*mandatory circular letter*” that revises an “*Interchange Rule*” or the “*Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices.*” For your convenience, this document identifies mandatory circular letters. For those circulars that propose or implement final changes to an existing rule, standard, or recommended practice, this document provides an impact statement to car owners, lessors, mechanical shops, and railroad operations.

The following matrix identifies the AAR circular letter number, a summary of the circular, any effective date of a rule, standard, or recommended practice, any comment due date, an impact statement, and to the extent it applies, if the circular letter is mandatory.

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Circular No.	Subject and Summary	Impact Statement
<b>Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of Circular</b>		
C-13849 Sept. 10, 2021	<p><b>Subject:</b> Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective October 1, 2021.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate, effective October 1, 2021 is \$131.73. This represents an increase of 90 cents (0.7%) from the calculation for July 1, 2021.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The change will be reflected in the October 1, 2021 release of the AAR Office Manual.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Possible</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Nothing additional.</p>
C-13850 Sept. 10, 2021	<p><b>Subject:</b> Canadian Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective October 1, 2021</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Canadian Car Repair Facility Labor Rate, effective October 1, 2021 is \$206.06 CAD.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The change will be reflected in the October 1, 2021 release of the Canadian Price Master.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Possible</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Nothing additional.</p>

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<p>C-13851 Sept. 10, 2021</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-II Locomotive Electronics and Train Consist System Architecture, Specification M-9155.V2.4.1.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Specification M-9155.V2.4.1 describes functional requirements in sufficient detail and accuracy to support technical proposals to develop a Locomotive Command and Control Module (LCCM) standalone device or to develop the LCCM function as part of the OEM locomotive control system.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Specification M-9155.V2.4.1 was Adopted in 2015 and last revised and implemented in September 2021 and is attached to this Circular in PDF format. M-9155.V2.4.1 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP, Section K-II Locomotive Electronics and Train Consist System Architecture.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> If Section K-II is a required publication for your facility, insert the Circular into your copy of Section K-II.</p>
<b>Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular</b>		
<b>Nothing issued for comment this month</b>		
<b>General Information for the Industry</b>		
<p>C-13848 Sept. 1, 2021</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Fall 2021 AAR Technical Committee Meetings.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The AAR has determined that for the second half of 2021, AAR In-person committee meetings are open only to those fully vaccinated for COVID, at least two weeks past final vaccination. Virtual meetings may be held in lieu of in-person meetings if that is preferred. In-person meetings may be considered private for committee members only or they may be open to the public, and that decision is up to each committee.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Interested parties should refer to this circular for the various committee dates and contacts.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Industry Information</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Possible</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Possible</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> AAR-hosted meetings will abide by CDC, State, and local guidelines, which call for masks to be worn in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission (nearly all the United States at this time).</p>