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**Subject:** May 2024 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The May 2024 summary includes the (36) 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, specifications, and recommended practices. Circulars are a fee-based service provided by AAR's MxV Rail, formally known as the 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, go to this link: https://www.aar.com/standards/circular.php.

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/or railroad operations.

The following matrix identifies the AAR circular letter number, a summary of the circular, any effective date of a rule, standard, specification, 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
	Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of	Circular
CPC-1424 May 1,	<b>Subject:</b> Publication of 2024 AAR MSRP C-III (M-1002).	Car Type: Tank Car
2024	<b>Summary:</b> The AAR TCC has approved the release of the 2024 AAR MSRP C-III (M-1002).	Car Owner: Yes (if you own tank cars)
	Implementation Date: The manual will be available for purchase on May 3, 2024, using the link provided below.	Repair Shop: Yes, if you are M- 1002 certified
	Section C Part III - Specifications for Tank Cars M-1002 (2024) (aarpublications.com).	Comments: All M-1002 certified tank car facilities must purchase the new edition of MSRP Section C-III and update your master document list.

C-14343 May 6,	<b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, 4-pressure Automated Single Car Air Brake Testing and Equipment Rules Clarified.	Car Type: Freight
2024	<b>Summary:</b> This circular is being issued to summarize the 4-	Car Owner: Yes
	pressure timeline and provide explanations on the related rules.	Repair Shop: Yes
	Implementation Date: For specific dimensions and clearance requirements, contact the valve manufacturer. As a courtesy, approved manufacturers' 4-pressure product guides are attached to this circular.	<b>Comments:</b> Refer to this circular for date and compliance specifications.
C-14348	<b>Subject:</b> Revisions to MSRP F, Sensors, S-6101 –Detector	Car Type: Railroads
May 6, 2024	Calibration & Validation Requirements / ABD Site Current Validations.	Car Owner: No
	<b>Summary:</b> This circular is being released to the industry for revisions to the AAR's Manual of Standards & Recommended	Repair Shop: No
	Practices (MSRP) Section F – Sensors / Detector Calibration & Validation Requirements / ABD Site Current Validations.	Comments: If Section F is a required publication for your locations, be sure to download
	<b>Implementation Date:</b> Modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section F.	the revised S-6101 attached to this circular and update your copy.
C-14354	Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 14-B: Steel	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas
May 6, 2024	Plate or Slab on 89 FT. or Less Flatcar – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).	Car Owner: No
	Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee	Repair Shop: No
	(OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions within this circular to Section 2 OTLR manual for Figure 14-B: Steel Plate or Slab on Flatcar.	Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular letter are distributed to all
	Implementation Date: The implementation of these revisions to Section 2 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR manual.	concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attention and guidance.
C-14357	Subject: Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices	Car Type: Railroads
May 7, 2024	(MSRP), Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management, Standard S-9416.V1.0.	Car Owner: No
	<b>Summary:</b> S-9416.V1.0 describes the minimal set of behaviors that a client must comply with for interfacing with	Repair Shop: No
	ITC Systems Management. Any Client that communicates over bandwidth constrained channels with the back office should follow this pattern.	Comments: If Section K-V is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the attachment to this circular
	Implementation Date: S-9416.V1.0 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP Section K-V Electronics	and update your manual.
	Environmental Requirements and Systems Management.	

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C-14358 May 8,	<b>Subject:</b> Implementation of Revised MSRP Section H-II, Roller Bearing Manual, 2024.	Car Type: Freight
2024	Summary, AAP's Whools Ayles Pearings and Lubrication	Car Owner: No
	<b>Summary:</b> AAR's Wheels, Axles, Bearings, and Lubrication Committee (WABL) announces a new edition of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section H-II, Roller	Repair Shop: Possible
	Bearing Manual.	Comments: If Section H-II is a required publication for your
	Implementation Date: The revised MSRP Section H-II is now	location, be sure to obtain the
	available in both printed and electronic versions.	new edition and update your master document list.
C-14365 May 17,	Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 21.B, Group S.	Car Type: Freight
2024	<b>Summary:</b> Conditionally approved was removed from Minor TF-5450.	Car Owner: No
		Repair Shop: Yes
	Implementation Date: This change will be included in the July 1, 2024 updates to the Field Manual.	Comments: N/A
	July 1, 2024 apactes to the Held Walladi.	Comments. N/A
C-14366 May 17,	Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 36.E.13.	Car Type: Freight
2024	<b>Summary:</b> Orange marking was added to FM Rule 36.E.13b.	Car Owner: No
	<b>Implementation Date:</b> This change will be included in the July 1, 2024 updates to the Field Manual.	Repair Shop: Yes
		Comments: N/A
C-14367 May 17,	Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 46.	Car Type: Freight
2024	<b>Summary:</b> The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to	Car Owner: No
	revise Field Manual Rule 46 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is noted within this circular.	Repair Shop: Yes
		Comments: N/A
	Implementation Date: This change will be included in the July 1, 2024 updates to the Field Manual.	
C-14368 May 17,	<b>Subject:</b> Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 53, Running Boards, End Platforms, Brake Steps, and Supports.	Car Type: Freight
2024	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Car Owner: No
	<b>Summary:</b> The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering	Repair Shop: Yes
	Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 53 to add WM41, was reviewed and approved.	Comments: N/A
	Implementation Date: This change will be included in the July 1, 2024 updates to the Field Manual.	
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C-14369	Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 82.	Car Type: Freight
May 17,		
2024	Summary: Added: Equipment required for properly	Car Owner: No
	preparing welds must be available to Rule 82.B.6.	
		Repair Shop: Yes
	Implementation Date: This change will be included in the	
	July 1, 2024 updates to the Field Manual.	Comments: N/A
C 14270	Subject. Devisions to Field and Office Manuals Agreement.	Con Time of English
C-14370 May 17,	<b>Subject:</b> Revisions to Field and Office Manuals, Appendix A, Additions and Betterments.	Car Type: Freight
2024	Additions and Betterments.	Car Owner: No
2024	Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal	Cai Owner. No
	was advanced by to revise Field and Office Manuals Appendix	Repair Shop: Yes
	A for clarification and to align with the Umler Data	nepali ellepi res
	Specification Manual Appendix O was reviewed and	Comments: N/A
	approved. The entire text of the revision is noted within this	,
	circular.	
	Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the	
	July 1, 2024 updates to the Field and Office Manuals.	
C-14371	Subject: Revisions to Office Manual, Appendix B General	Car Type: Freight
May 17,	Rule 4.	
2024		Car Owner: No
	<b>Summary:</b> The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal	Barrain Charra Van
	as advanced by the Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee	Repair Shop: Yes
	to revise Office Manual Appendix B General Rule 4 to align with Field Manual Appendix B.C.5, was reviewed and	Comments: N/A
	approved. The entire text of the revision is noted within this	Comments. N/A
	circular.	
	on carat.	
	Implementation Date: This change will be included in the	
	July 1, 2024 updates to the Office Manual.	
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C-14372 May 17,	<b>Subject:</b> Revision to AAR MSRP Specification for Quality Assurance, Section J, M-1003.	Car Owner: Possible
2024		Car Owner: Possible
	Summary: This circular letter is to inform the industry that the Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has made a revision in MSRP	Repair Shop: Yes
	Section J, M-1003, Chapter 3 – Administrative Provisions. The revision addresses the requirements for proof of supply to the North American Railway Interchange Service, allowing M-1003 certified facilities a longer period where there may not be continuity of supply.	<b>Comments:</b> This timeframe will be reviewed and may be updated by the QAC at future M-1003 revisions.
	Implementation Date: Effective immediately, the 12-month timeframe is increased to 36-months to reflect a facility's 3-year audit cycle. This adjusted timeframe will allow M-1003 certified facilities more time to acquire business and the appropriate documents for review during M-1003 Quality Assurance audits.	
C-14373	Subject: Implementation of Retirement and Archival of AAR	Car Type: Locomotives
May 20,	MSRP Section M - Recommended Practice – RP-5209 Basic	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
2024	Brake Design Data for Freight Locomotives.	Car Owner: No
	<b>Summary:</b> This Circular is to notify the industry of the retirement and archival of Manual of Standards and	Repair Shop: No
	Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section M, Recommended Practice – RP-5209 Basic Brake Design Data for Freight Locomotives.	Comments: If Section M is a required publication for your location, be sure to remove RP-5209 from it.
	<b>Implementation Date:</b> Effective immediately, RP-5209 is hereby retired. Please remove RP-5209 from Section M and be governed accordingly.	
C-14374 May 20,	<b>Subject:</b> AAR OTLR Requirements for Containers on Flatcars or Articulated Flatcars in Manifest Train Service.	Car Type: Flat & Articulated
2024	C T AAD O T I I' D I (OTID)	Car Owner: No
	Summary: The AAR Open Top Loading Rules (OTLR)	Banain Shana Na
	Committee was requested to review new business	Repair Shop: No
	opportunities to transport containers on flatcars or articulated flatcars in manifest train service.	<b>Comments:</b> Interested parties
	articulated flatcars in filantiest train service.	should review these proposed
	Implementation Date: CONCLUSION: The committee finds	revisions and comment
	that the proposed securement method for movement of	accordingly.
	containers only utilizing the IBC twist or pedestal lock	
	securement on flatcars in manifest, non-intermodal train	
	service, does not meet the requirements for securement per	
	AAR OTLR Section 1 General Rule 5, and has recommended	
	several revisions outlined within this circular.	

	Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period fro	om Date of Circular
C-14340 May 1, 2024	<b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments, Proposal to Revise 500-byte File Layout and Eliminate Error Code 3 in Reference to Repair Facility Arrival Date.	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No
	Summary: The committee advanced a proposal to eliminate the use of "Repair Facility Arrival Date (YYMMDD)" field in the 500-byte file layout. This change will modify positions 283-288 in the 500-byte layout to a "Reserved for Future Use" field and will remove "Error Code 3: Repair Facility Arrival Date (YYMMDD)—If present, must not be greater than Repair Date." Any data provided in positions 283-288 of the 500-byte file in the CRIP file will no longer be sent in the outbound CROP file.  Implementation Date: Comments should be sent within 30 days of this letter for consideration. All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Car Repair Billing Committee and the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2025.	Comments: It is recommended that this information be shared with all Car Repair Billing and IT personnel in your company that work with or are responsible for Car Repair Invoices submitted to and/or received from Railinc's CRB Data Exchange.
C-14341 May 1, 2024	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revision to Proposal to Modify Car Repair Billing Data Exchange Run Dates.  Summary: This is a follow up to AAR Circular Letter C-14301 issued on January 22, 2024. The Car Repair Billing Committee meeting, the committee advanced a proposal to modify the Car Repair Billing Data Exchange Run Dates. After reviewing comments received from a prior Circular Letter, a revision to the proposal was approved at the March 2024 Car Repair Billing Committee meeting.  Implementation Date: Comments should be sent within 30 days of this letter for consideration. All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Car Repair Billing Committee and the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2025.	Car Type: Freight  Car Owner: Possible  Repair Shop: No  Comments: It is recommended that this information be shared with all Car Repair Billing and IT personnel in your company that work with or are responsible for Car Repair Invoices submitted to and/or received from Railinc's CRB Data Exchange.
C-14344 May 6, 2024	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 13, Hand Brake Chain Wear Limits.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 13 to address hand brake chain wear, (25% both vertical and horizontal), was reviewed and approved.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Brakes Systems and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.	Car Type: Freight  Car Owner: No  Repair Shop: Yes  Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific proposed language revisions suggested in Field Manual Rule 13.

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C-14345 May 6, 2024	<b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 13, Hand Brake Sheave Wheel.	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No
2024	Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal	
	as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 13 to include a Job Code for Hand Brake	Repair Shop: Yes
	Sheave Wheel, was reviewed and approved.	<b>Comments:</b> Refer to this circular for the specific proposed
	Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.	language revisions suggested in Field Manual Rule 13.
C-14346	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field	Car Type: Freight
May 6,	Manual, Rule 16, Couplers, Type E and Parts.	
2024	Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal	Car Owner: No
	as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 16 was reviewed and	Repair Shop: Yes
	approved.	<b>Comments:</b> Refer to this circular for the specific proposed
	Implementation Date: All comments received will be	language revisions suggested in
	reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.	Field Manual Rule 16.
C-14347	Cubiasts Calicitation of Commants Davisians to Field	
May 6,	<b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.	Car Type: Freight
	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No
May 6,	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings	
May 6,	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Refer to this circular
May 6,	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 47.A was reviewed and approved.	Car Owner: No  Repair Shop: Yes  Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific proposed
May 6,	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 47.A was reviewed	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Refer to this circular
May 6, 2024	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 47.A was reviewed and approved.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.	Car Owner: No  Repair Shop: Yes  Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific proposed language revisions suggested in Field Manual Rule 47.
May 6,	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 47.A was reviewed and approved.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1,	Car Owner: No  Repair Shop: Yes  Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific proposed language revisions suggested in
May 6, 2024 C-14349	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 47.A was reviewed and approved.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.  Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 99 and Field and Office Manuals Rule 107.	Car Owner: No  Repair Shop: Yes  Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific proposed language revisions suggested in Field Manual Rule 47.
C-14349 May 6,	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 47.A was reviewed and approved.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.  Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 99 and Field and Office Manuals Rule 107.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal to revise Field Manual Rule 99 and Field and Office Manuals	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific proposed language revisions suggested in Field Manual Rule 47.  Car Type: Freight
C-14349 May 6,	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 47.A was reviewed and approved.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.  Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 99 and Field and Office Manuals Rule 107.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific proposed language revisions suggested in Field Manual Rule 47.  Car Type: Freight Car Owner: Yes Repair Shop: No Comments: Car owners should
C-14349 May 6,	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 47.A was reviewed and approved.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.  Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 99 and Field and Office Manuals Rule 107.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal to revise Field Manual Rule 99 and Field and Office Manuals Rule 107, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific proposed language revisions suggested in Field Manual Rule 47.  Car Type: Freight Car Owner: Yes Repair Shop: No Comments: Car owners should review this revised language and
C-14349 May 6,	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 47.A was reviewed and approved.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.  Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 99 and Field and Office Manuals Rule 107.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal to revise Field Manual Rule 99 and Field and Office Manuals Rule 107, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific proposed language revisions suggested in Field Manual Rule 47.  Car Type: Freight Car Owner: Yes Repair Shop: No Comments: Car owners should
May 6, 2024 C-14349 May 6,	Manual, Rule 47.A, Truck Bolsters.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 47.A was reviewed and approved.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.  Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 99 and Field and Office Manuals Rule 107.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal to revise Field Manual Rule 99 and Field and Office Manuals Rule 107, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes  Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific proposed language revisions suggested in Field Manual Rule 47.  Car Type: Freight  Car Owner: Yes  Repair Shop: No  Comments: Car owners should review this revised language and provide any comment they have

C-14350 May 6, 2024	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 62, Truck Side Bearings.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 62 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.	Car Type: Freight  Car Owner: No  Repair Shop: Yes  Comments: Repair shops should review this revised language and provide any comment they have prior to AAR's final implementation.
C-14351 May 6, 2024	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual Rule 107.C.2.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 107.C.2, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.	Car Type: Freight  Car Owner: Yes  Repair Shop: No  Comments: Car owners should review this revised language and provide any comment they have prior to AAR's final implementation.
C-14352 May 6, 2024	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 41, and Rule 83.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 41 and 83 to add Why Made Codes to identify when a slid flat and a built-up tread are caused by the hand brake left applied, was reviewed, and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.	Car Type: Freight  Car Owner: No  Repair Shop: Yes  Comments: Repair shops should review this revised language and provide any comment they have prior to AAR's final implementation.

C-14353 May 6, 2024	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 59, Cushioned Underframe Devices.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 59 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.	Car Type: Railroads  Car Owner: No  Repair Shop: No  Comments: Railroads should review this revised language and provide any comment they have prior to AAR's final implementation.
C-14355 May 6, 2024	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 9, and Various Related Rules.  Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 9 and to remove references to Job Code 4468 from associated Rules, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is detailed within this circular.  Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Brakes Systems and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2024.	Car Type: Freight  Car Owner: No  Repair Shop: Yes  Comments: Repair shops should review this revised language and provide any comment they have prior to AAR's final implementation.
C-14356 May 6, 2024	Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section B, Freight Car Draft Components, Proposed new publications M-902 End-of-Car Energy Management Systems, and RP-903 Methodology: Multi-Car Drifting Simulations.  Summary: The purpose of this circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section B Freight Car Draft Components. The AAR Equipment Engineering Committee (EEC) is proposing two new publications: Specification M-902 End-of-Car Energy Management Systems Recommended Practice RP-903 Methodology, and Multi-Car Drifting Simulations.  Implementation Date: All comments relevant to the proposed revisions received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the EEC.	Car Type: Freight  Car Owner: No  Repair Shop: No  Comments: M-902 is being proposed to allow interchange approval of new draft system types whose performance may be considered somewhere between a draft gear and a cushion unit.  RP-903 is being proposed to provide a method for predicting over-the-road performance of any draft system type. Use of RP-903 would be required upon implementation of M-902 to provide additional information for consideration by the EEC.

C-14360 May 9, 2024	Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section D, Trucks and Truck Details, Standard S-320, Side Frame – Column Wear Plate Application, and retirement of S-3003, Side Frame – Column Friction Wear Plate Application To: Members and Private Car Owner.  Summary: The purpose of this circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section D, Standard S-320, Side Frame – Column Wear Plate Application, and retirement of S-3003, Side Frame – Column Friction Wear Plate Application. This proposal consolidates information	Car Type: Freight  Car Owner: No  Repair Shop: Yes  Comments: Changes are highlighted with change bars in the attached file included with this circular.
	from both standards into S-320, which allows for retirement of S-3003. Refer to this circular for additional additions to S-320.  Implementation Date: All comments, relevant to the proposed revisions, received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the CSTCC.	
C-14361 May 13, 2024	<b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section C Car Construction Fundamentals and Details: Proposed new Standard "S-2057 Draft Arrangements, 24 5/8-in. Pocket"; retirement of S-239, S-243, and S-245; edits to S-236, S-238, S-270.	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No
	Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section C Car Construction Fundamentals and Details. Attached to this circular are the proposed new Standard S-2057 Draft Arrangements, 24 5/8-in. Pocket. The AAR Equipment Engineering Committee's (EEC) intent is to consolidate the following 24 5/8-in. pocket standards into one.	Comments: Interested parties should download the attachments to this circular and provide comments as they feel appropriate.
	Implementation Date: All comments, relevant to the proposed revisions, received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the Equipment Engineering Committee.	
C-14362 May 16,	<b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specification M-210, Side Frame	Car Type: Freight
2024	and Bolsters AAR Approved – Purchase and Acceptance, regarding Audit Quality Task Force updates.	Car Owner: No
	Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for	Repair Shop: No
	revisions proposed to Section S, Specification M-210, Side Frame and Bolsters AAR Approved – Purchase and Acceptance, regarding Audit Quality Task Force updates.	Comments: Changes are highlighted with change bars in the attached file. When implemented the attached file
	<b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments, relevant to the proposed revisions, received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the CSTCC.	will replace M-210 in its entirety.

C-14363 May 16,	<b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specification M-201, Castings Steel,	Car Type: Freight
2024	regarding a change to the maximum aluminum content.	Car Owner: No
	<b>Summary:</b> This circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section S, Specification M-201, Castings	Repair Shop: No
	Steel, regarding a change to the maximum aluminum (Al) content.	Comments: Changes are highlighted with change bars in the attached file. When
	<b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments, relevant to the proposed revisions, received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the CSTCC.	implemented the attached file will replace M-201 in its entirety.
C-14364 May 16,	<b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specification M-203, Truck Side	Car Type: Freight
2024	Frames Cast Steel – Design and Testing, regarding load range and use of stabilizing vertical preloads	Car Owner: No
		Repair Shop: No
	<b>Summary:</b> This circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section S, Specification M-203, Truck Side Frames Cast Steel – Design and Testing, regarding load range and use of stabilizing vertical preloads.	Comments: Changes are highlighted with change bars in the attached file. When implemented the attached file
	<b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments, relevant to the proposed revisions, received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the CSTCC.	will replace M-203 in its entirety.
	General Information for the Industry	
C-14342 May 6,	<b>Subject:</b> Announcing the 2025 AAR's 37th Quality Assurance Industry Conference	Car Type: Industry Information
2024		Car Owner: Possible
	<b>Summary:</b> The (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) is pleased to announce the 37th Annual AAR Quality Assurance Industry Conference is scheduled for February 25th - 27th,	Repair Shop: Possible
	2025, in Phoenix, Arizona.	<b>Comments:</b> Interested parties should save the date.
	<b>Implementation Date:</b> Please mark your calendars, additional information regarding registration is forthcoming.	
C-14359	Subject: 2024 AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance Auditor	Car Type: Industry Information
May 8,	Training Class Schedule and Registrations – New Class Added.	Car Owner: Descible
May 8, 2024	Summary: Due to high demand the Association of American	Car Owner: Possible
	<b>Summary:</b> Due to high demand the Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has	Car Owner: Possible  Repair Shop: Possible
	Summary: Due to high demand the Association of American	Repair Shop: Possible  Comments: Refer to this circular
	<b>Summary:</b> Due to high demand the Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has added a new class in Mexico that will be taught in Spanish.	Repair Shop: Possible