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**To:** Distribution List

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

The July 2024 summary includes the (9) 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
<b>Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of Circular</b>		
C-14395 July 1, 2024	<p><b>Subject:</b> Cost Analysis and Implementation Timeline Revision, Office Manual, Rule 112.H.4, Billing Exceptions.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Revise the implementation timeline for inclusion of a preferred billing exceptions format in the Office Manual. This proposal includes revisions to Office Manual Rule 112 contingent on implementation.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> If you have questions or would like to participate in testing for paperless billing exceptions, please notify the undersigned at <a href="mailto:billp@aar.org">billp@aar.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> 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.</p>

<p>C-14396 July 10, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation of Revision to MSRP Section N, Specification M-992, Designated Satellite Shop Repair for Multi-Level Auto Rack Cars.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The document attachment that was sent with Circular Letter C-14290 in regard to the implementation of changes to M-992 was incorrect. The correct document that reflects the changes to Specification M-992, Section 2.1.3 – Rack Inspection and Repair is attached to this circular.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Changes to MSRP Section N, Specification M-992 are now implemented and effective immediately. If Section N is a required publication for your location, insert the circular attachment into your copy.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Autorack</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> This revision pertains to removing tire guides from “A” deck of multi-level equipment.</p>
<p>C-14397 July 12, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management, Standard S-9420.V1.0.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> S-9420.V1.0 ITC Key Management Service provides an industry approved specification for Key Management Services (KMS).</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> S-9420.V1.0 was Adopted in 2024 and is attached to this circular in PDF format. S-9420.V1.0 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management</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> . Insert the Circular in your copy of the MSRP Section K-V.</p>
<p>C-14398 July 18, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Revisions to MSRP Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, 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.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Implementation of new standard "S-2057 Draft Arrangements, 24 5/8-in. Pocket"; retirement of S-239, S-243, and S-245; and edits to S-236, S-238.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Standards S-2057, S-236, S-238, and S-270 are now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> If Section C is a required publication for your facility, be sure to download the attachments to this circular and update your copy.</p>

<p>C-14399 July 18, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Revisions to MSRP Section B Freight Car Draft Components, Specification M-921H, Cushioning Devices, End-of-Car, General Requirements, addition of requirements for end-of-car cushioning devices. Updates to M-921B, C, D, E, F, and G.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Revisions to Section B Freight Car Draft Components, Specification M-921H, Cushioning Devices, End-of-Car, General Requirements. Additional requirements for all hydraulic end-of-car (EOC) devices have been added relative to Marking, Identification Tags, Stamping, and Bar Code Labeling, and port configuration.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Specifications M-921H, M-921B, M-921C, M-921D, M-921E, M-921F, and M-921G are now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> If Section B is a required publication for your facility, be sure to download the attachments to this circular and update your copy.</p>
<p>C-14400 July 26, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section D, Trucks and Truck Details, Standard S-320, and retirement of S-3003.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Standard S-320 is now implemented, and S-3003 is retired effective immediately. These modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section D.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Refer to this circular to download S-320.</p>
<p>C-14401 July 26, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Revisions to MSRP Section S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-210, Side Frame and Bolsters AAR Approved – Purchase and Acceptance, regarding Audit Quality Task Force updates.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Revisions to Section S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-210, Side Frame and Bolsters AAR Approved – Purchase and Acceptance, regarding Audit Quality Task Force updates.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Specification M-210 is now implemented and effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section S-I.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Refer to this circular to download M-210.</p>

<p>C-14402 July 26, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Revisions to MSRP Section S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-203, Truck Side Frames Cast Steel – Design and Testing, regarding load range and use of stabilizing vertical preloads.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Revisions to Section S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-203, Truck Side Frames Cast Steel – Design and Testing. Additional guidance was added in regard to the vertical preloads allowed during testing.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> M-203 is now implemented and effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section S-I.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Refer to this circular to download M-203.</p>
<p><b>Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period from Date of Circular</b></p>		
<p>C-14394 July 1, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual Rule 107, Exhibits II and IV.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The proposed revisions to Office Manual Rule 107 address the change in AAR Mandatory Retirement Age from 40 years to 50 years. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The targeted implementation date is October 1, 2024.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight (other than Tank)</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Updates to the Damaged and Defective Car Tracking System (DDCT) related to these changes will be effective for incidents created on or after October 1, 2024.</p>