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Subject: April 2025 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The April 2025 summary includes the (32) 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
	Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of	Circular
C-14530 Mar. 31,	Subject: Informational Circular, AAR Field Manual Appendix D Update - April 1, 2025.	Car Type: Tank
2025		Car Owner: Possible
	Summary: Appendix D of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) Field Manual has been updated and is now available on the Railinc website.	Repair Shop: Yes
	Implementation Date: Appendix D is maintained and updated quarterly by the Railway Supply Institute (RSI) Appendix D Task Force. All questions regarding the use of or information in the Appendix D document or the included tables should be directed to info@rsiweb.org.	Comments: Appendix D of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) Field Manual provides a listing of job codes and data elements utilized when performing repairs to Tank Cars and Covered Hopper Cars not included in standard AAR job codes.

C-14531 Apr. 8, 2025	Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP, Section M, Locomotives and Locomotive Interchange Equipment: Recommended Practice RP-509 - Braking Ratios for Locomotives. Summary: this circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP) - Section M, Locomotives and Locomotive Interchange Equipment, Recommended Practice: RP-509 – Braking Ratios for Locomotives. Implementation Date: If Section M is a required publication	Car Type: Railroads Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No Comments: The revised RP-509 is implemented and effective immediately. A copy is attached to this circular.
	for your location, be sure to update your copy of RP-509 in your copy.	
CPC-1428 Apr. 9, 2025	Subject: Alteration of AAR Standard for Tank Cars Specification.	Car Type: Tank Car Owner: Yes
	Summary: The AAR Tank Car Committee authorized the inclusion of AAR 211W5 specifications in M-1002: The specification is valid for use immediately. The tables in the	Repair Shop: Yes
	TCOC, Umler and TCID are being updated to include this specification.	Comments: Under the provisions of Standard S-050, which may be found on the TTCI
	Implementation Date: The revised proposal is included in this circular and is in effect as of the publication date of this circular.	web site (AAR.com), this circular reflects the final action on this matter.
C-14533 Apr. 10, 2025	Subject: Implementation Circular: Additions to MSRP F, Sensors, S-6101 –Detector Calibration & Validation Requirements / WILD Validation Standards.	Car Type: Railroads Car Owner: No
	Summary: This implementation circular is being released to the industry to advise of new additions to the AAR's Manual of Standards & Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section F –	Repair Shop: No Comments: Modifications will
	Sensors / Detector Calibration & Validation Requirements.	be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and
	Implementation Date: The publications are S-6101B Industry Data Validation: Wheel Impact Load Detector (WILD) M-6101 Specification for Instrumented Wheel Sets for Measuring Vertical Impact Loads.	Recommended Practices, Section F.

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C-14534	Subject: Implementation of Circular No. 43-I, Rules	Car Type: Railroads
Apr. 14,	Governing the Loading, Blocking, and Bracing of Freight in	
2025	Closed Containers and Trailers in Intermodal Service (DP&FC).	Car Owner: No
	Summary: The AAR's Damage Prevention & Freight Claim Committee (DP&FC) has approved changes to Circular No. 43-	Repair Shop: No
	H, Rules Governing the Loading, Blocking, and Bracing of	Comments: Questions should be
	Freight in Closed Trailers and Containers for TOFC/COFC	directed to Ms. Kelsey Even,
	Service.	Closed Car Loading Rules
		Manager, Damage Prevention &
	Implementation Date: This revision to Circular 43, Rules	Loading Services, MxV Rail at
	Governing the Loading, Blocking, and Bracing of Freight in	dpls@aar.com.
	Closed Containers and Trailers in Intermodal Service are now	
	implemented and effective immediately.	
C-14536	Subject: AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended	Car Type: Railroads
Apr. 15,	Practices (MSRP) Section K-VI Railway Data Management and	7.
2025	Communications, Standard S-9506.V1.0.	Car Owner: No
	Summary: S-9506.V.1.0 captures the business processes for	Repair Shop: No
	exchanging PTC data between roads. S-9506.V1.0 was	
	Adopted in 2024 and revised in 2025 and is attached to this	Comments: If this is a required
	circular in PDF format. S-9506.V1.0 will be incorporated into	publication for your location,
	the next issue of the MSRP Section K-VI Railway Data	insert the Circular in your copy of
	Management and Communications.	the MSRP Section K-VI.
	Implementation Date: Implementation is the date of this	
	circular.	
C-14537	Subject: Implementation of Revisions to General Rules 1, 6,	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas
Apr. 15,	11, and 13 – Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules	
2025	Manual (OTLR).	Car Owner: No
	Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee	Repair Shop: No
	(OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Section 1 OTLR	Repair Strop. No
	manual for General Rules 1, 6, 11, and 13.	Comments: Carriers are asked to
	manual for General Males 1, 0, 11, and 13.	ensure that copies of this circular
	Implementation Date: The implementation of these	letter are distributed to all
	revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the	concerned shippers and railroad
	next edition of the OTLR manual. Insert the circular	personnel for their attention and
	attachments for General Rules 1, 6, 11, and 13 in your Section	guidance.
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C-14538 Apr. 15, 2025	Subject: Implementation of Revisions to General Rules 17, 19, 29, 30 and Appendix D – Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR). Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Section 1 OTLR manual for General Rules 17, 19, 29, and Appendix D. Implementation Date: The implementation of these revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. Insert the circular attachments for General Rules 17, 19, 29, 30 and Appendix D in your Section 1	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular letter are distributed to all concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attention and guidance.
C-14539 Apr. 16, 2025	Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 29-L, 29-M, 129, 154-B and 247-A – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR). Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Section 2 OTLR manual for Figures 29-L, 29-M, 129, 154-B and 247-A. 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. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 29-L, 29-M, 129, 154-B and 247-A in your copy of Section 2	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular letter are distributed to all concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attention and guidance.
C-14540 Apr. 16, 2025	Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Steel Pipe Figure 128-B – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR). Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Section 2 OTLR manual for Steel Pipe Figure 128-B. 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. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 128-B in your copy of Section 2.	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular letter are distributed to all concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attention and guidance.

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C-14551	Subject: Implementation Circular: Additions to MSRP F,	Car Type: Railroads
Apr. 21, 2025	Sensors, S-6102 Wayside Passing Data Format - WPD Detector Readings—Extension of Readings.	Car Owner: No
	Summary: This implementation circular is being released to the industry to advise of modifications to the AAR's Manual	Repair Shop: No
	of Standards & Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section F – Sensors / S-6102 Wayside Passing Data Format.	Comments: If Section F is a required publication for your location, be sure to download
	Implementation Date: Modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section F.	the revised S-6102 attached to this circular and update your copy.
C-14552	Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 55 and 55-A	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas
Apr. 22,	– Section 3 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual	
2025	(OTLR).	Car Owner: No
	Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Section 3 OTLR	Repair Shop: No
	manual for Figures 55 and 55-A.	Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular
	Implementation Date: The implementation of these	letter are distributed to all
	revisions to Section 3 is effective immediately and will be	concerned shippers and railroad
	included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR manual.	personnel for their attention and guidance.
C-14553	Subject: Implementation of two new Figures – 728 and 738,	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas
Apr. 22,	Wheelsets on Specially Equipped Flat Rack Container –	
2025	Section 7 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 addition of the two new noted Figures 728 and 738 to Section 7 OTLR manual.	Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular
	Implementation Date: The implementation of these two	letter are distributed to all
	new Figures to Section 7 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-14554	Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 31-A, 54-B	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas
Apr. 22, 2025	and 117 – Section 5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).	Car Owner: No
	Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Section 3 OTLR	Repair Shop: No
	manual for Figures 31-A, 54-B and 117.	Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular
	Implementation Date: The implementation of these	letter are distributed to all
	revisions to Section 5 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-14555 Apr. 23, 2025	Subject: Implementation of revision to MSRP Section N, Specification M-951, Portable Bridge Plates for Multi-Level Auto Rack Cars.	Car Type: Auto Racks Car Owner: No
	Summary: The Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee is implementing revisions to Specification M-951, Section 6.0 Markings, which are detailed within this circular.	Repair Shop: No Comments: Comments were solicited on March 14, 2025, with
	Implementation Date: The changes to MSRP Section N, Specification M-951 are now implemented and effective immediately and will be incorporated in the next issue of MSRP Section N.	Circular Letter C-14520 providing details of the change.
C-14556 Apr. 23,	Subject: Implementation of revision to MSRP Section N, Specification M-950, Universal Wide-Body Tri-Level Fully Enclosed Auto Pack Car (Low Deck)	Car Type: Auto Racks
2025	Summary: The Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee is implementing revisions to Specification M-950, 9.5 Stenciling: Stenciling shall be in accord with the MSRP Section C, Standard S-910, latest edition. The revision is editorial to reflect the change from Section L to Section C S-910. Implementation Date: The changes to MSRP Section N, Specification M-950 are now implemented and effective immediately and will be incorporated in the next issue of MSRP Section N.	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No Comments: Comments were solicited on March 14, 2025, with Circular Letter C-14521 providing details of the change.
C-14557 Apr. 23, 2025	Subject: Implementation of revision to MSRP Section N, Specification M-950A, Universal Wide-Body Bi-Level Fully Enclosed Auto Rack Car.	Car Type: Auto Racks Car Owner: No
	Summary: The Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee is implementing revisions to Specification M-950A, 9.5 Stenciling: Stenciling shall be in accord with the MSRP Section C, Standard S-910, latest edition. The revision is editorial to reflect the change from Section L to Section C S-910. Implementation Date: The changes to MSRP Section N, Specification M-950A are now implemented and effective immediately and will be incorporated in the next issue of MSRP Section N.	Repair Shop: No Comments: Comments were made on March 14, 2025, with Circular Letter C-14522 providing details of the change.

C-14559	Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 88-E and	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas
Apr. 24, 2025	Appendix A – Section 6 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).	Car Owner: No
	Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions within this circular	Repair Shop: No
	to Section 6 OTLR manual for Figure 88-E and Appendix A.	Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular
	Implementation Date: The implementation of these	letter are distributed to all
	revisions to Section 6 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.
	Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period fro	om Date of Circular
C-14532	Subject: Proposed New and Deleted Braking Curves and	Car Type: Railroads
Apr. 8, 2025	Revisions to MSRP, Section M - Locomotives and Locomotive Interchange Equipment: Standard, S-5018 – Dynamic Braking Control.	Car Owner: No
		Repair Shop: No
	Summary: The AAR Locomotive Committee (LC) approved	
	the request to update four (4) of the six (6) braking curve graphs found as Figs. 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.6 within paragraph	Comments: The revised S-5018 is attached to this circular letter
	3.5 of Section M, standard S-5018 – Dynamic Braking Control.	for industry review and comment.
	Implementation Date: All comments received within 30	
	days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the Locomotive Committee and appropriate revisions, if any, will	
	be made prior to implementation.	
C-14535 Apr. 15,	Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section H-II, Roller Bearing Manual, S-736, S-737, S-738, and	Car Type: Freight
2025	S-740, Inspection Probe, and Backing Ring Fillet Gauge.	Car Owner: No
	Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for proposed revisions to MSRP Section H-II, Roller Bearing	Repair Shop: No
	Manual, S-736, S-737, S-738, and S-740, adding instruction on	Comments: The proposed
	how to inspect the roller assembly, and cup using the inspection probe, and adding a new gauge for inspecting the	revision to S-736, S-737, S-738, and S-740 does have costs
	backing ring fillet.	associated with implementation. Interested parties should review
	Implementation Date: All comments received within 30	these proposed revisions before
	days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the WABL Committee.	they are implemented.

C-14541 Apr. 17, 2025	Subject: Draft S.9103.V1.1 Precision Navigation Module Interface Control Document (ICD), in support of AAR's MSRP - Section K-II Locomotive Electronics and Train Consist System	Car Type: Railroads Car Owner: No
2023	Architecture.	Repair Shop: No
	Summary: The Railway Electronics Standard Committee (RESC) of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is publishing DRAFT S.9103.V1.1 Precision Navigation Module Interface Control Document (ICD) for review and comment. Implementation Date: In order to provide time for review and comments, this document will have a 30-day comment period. The time will begin with the posted date.	Comments: SharePoint access can be found at www.railinc.com. Individuals and organizations who have a company ID may access the SharePoint site directly.
C-14542 Apr. 18, 2025	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 19 and 20. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings committee to revise Field Manual Rules 19 and 20 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, 2025.	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: Possible Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Noted updates to several Why Made Codes.
C-14543 Apr. 18, 2025	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 95.B.5. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal to revise Field Manual Rule 95.B.5, to address multi-level racks with roof sheets that are leaking or impeding clearance, 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, 2025.	Car Type: Auto Racks Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Auto Rack shops only Comments: Refer to this circular to review the proposed revisions.

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C-14544 Apr. 18, 2025	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 47.E.	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No
2023	Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings	Repair Shop: Yes
	committee to revise Field Manual Rule 47, was reviewed and approved.	Comments: Refer to 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, 2025.	to review the proposed revisions.
C-14545 Apr. 18,	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 36.E	Car Type: Freight
2025	Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal	Car Owner: No
	as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 36.E, to prioritize reporting of Why Made Codes, was	Repair Shop: Yes
	reviewed and approved.	Comments: Refer to this circular to review the proposed revisions.
	Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2025.	
C-14546 Apr. 18,	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 4.	Car Type: Freight
2025		Car Owner: No
	Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing committee to revise Field Manual Rule 4, was reviewed and approved.	Repair Shop: Yes
	Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2025.	Comments: Refer to this circular to review the proposed revisions related to the changeout of any defective 4-port adapter.
C-14547 Apr. 18,	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 47 and 48.	Car Type: Freight
2025	Wallauf, Raics 47 and 40.	Car Owner: No
	Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Coupling System and Truck Castings committee to revise Field Manual Rules 47 and 48, was	Repair Shop: Yes
	reviewed and approved.	Comments: Refer to this circular to review the proposed revisions.
	Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2025.	
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C-14548 Apr. 18, 2025	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 59, Pocket Groups. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 59, to revise pocket group EOC-6B and to add pocket groups EOC-7F and EOC-9F, 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, 2025.	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Refer to this circular to review the proposed revisions.
C-14549 Apr. 18, 2025	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 36. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the WABL committee to revise Field Manual Rule 36, 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, 2025.	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Refer to this circular to review the proposed revisions.
C-14550 Apr. 18, 2025	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 92. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 92.C to align with time limits in Office Manual Rule 112, 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, 2025.	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Refer to this circular to review the proposed revisions.
C-14558 Apr. 24, 2025	Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual Rule 112. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Office Manual Rule 112. 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, 2025.	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: Possible Repair Shop: Possible Comments: Comments should be sent to billp@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.

C-14560 Apr. 30, 2025 **Subject:** Solicitation of Comments: MSRP K-III – S-9203C AEI Site-to-Host Consist & Wayside Report Format.

Summary: The Automatic Equipment Identification Committee (AEIC) is requesting comments on a proposed change to MSRP, Section K-III. S-9203C – AEI Site-to-Host Consist & Wayside Report Format is being proposed as the standalone publication that combines the information currently contained in: S-9203A - AEI Site-to-Host Consist Report Format, and S-9203B - AEI Site-to-Host Wayside Report Format.

Implementation Date: The comment period will remain open for thirty (30) days from the date of the issuance of this circular.

Car Type: Railroads

Car Owner: No

Repair Shop: No

Comments: All written comments received will be considered by AEIC prior to final action on the proposed additions. Interested parties should refer to the attachments to this circular and provide comments as appropriate.