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Subject: August 2025 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The August 2025 summary includes the (10) circular letters issued during the month.

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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-14603 Aug. 15, 2025	<p>Subject: Relocation of MSRP S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-975, Span Bolsters, to MSRP C-I Car Construction Fundamentals and Details.</p> <p>Summary: this circular letter is to inform MSRP users of the relocation of MSRP S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-975, Span Bolsters, to MSRP C-I Car Construction Fundamentals and Details.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Specification M-975 will be incorporated in the next issue of the MSRP, Section C-I. In the online MSRP system M-975 will be available under Sections S-I and C-I until the next issue of MSRP S-I, at which time it will be removed from MSRP S-I.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The Equipment Engineering Committee and Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee have agreed to relocate M-975 to align with committee responsibilities.</p>

C-14605 Aug. 29, 2025	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revised MSRP Section S-I, Casting Details, 2025.</p> <p>Summary: The AAR Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee (CSTCC) is pleased to announce a new edition of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section S-I, Casting Details.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revised MSRP Section S-I is now available in both printed and electronic versions.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section S-I is a required publication for your location, be sure to purchase the new edition of S-I.</p>
C-14606 Aug. 29, 2025	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section G, Wheels and Axles, S-631, and S-632, and MSRP Section G-II, Wheel and Axle Manual, RP-631, RP-633, and RP-634, Alternate Combination Gauge.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to MSRP Section G, Wheels and Axles, S-631, and S-632, and MSRP Section G-II, Wheel and Axle Manual, RP-631, RP-633, and RP-634, adding the alternate combination gauge and appropriate references.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Revised standards S-631, S-632, RP-631, RP-633, and RP-634, attached to this circular, are now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section G and Section G-II.</p>
C-14607 Aug. 29, 2025	<p>Subject: Implemented, AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section K-IV Office Architecture and Railroad Electronics Messaging, Standard S-9354.V3.0.</p> <p>Summary: S-9354.V3.0 specifies the Edge Message Protocol (EMP) message envelope. It describes the fields of the envelope, their semantics, and commentary about their use. Sufficient detail for implementation attached to this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: S-9354.V3.0 was Adopted in 2010 and Last Revised in 2025 and is attached to this circular in PDF format. S-9354.V3.0 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP Section K-IV Office Architecture and Railroad Electronics Messaging.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section K-IV is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the revised S-9354.V3.0 and update your copy.</p>

<p>C-14608 Aug. 29, 2025</p>	<p>Subject: Implemented, AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section K-IV Office Architecture and Railroad Electronics Messaging, Standard S-9354 - Appendix B V1.0.</p> <p>Summary: S-9354 - Appendix B.V1.0 - EMP Message ID's is external content to S-9354.V3.0 Edge Message Protocol. Appendix B is a spreadsheet containing all the current EMP Message ID assignments.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The update frequency of the AAR document and the content of this appendix is not the same, therefore the information in the appendix is stored separately from the document. Nevertheless, this information shall be considered part of Standard S-9354.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section K-IV is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the revised Standard S-9354 - Appendix B V1.0 and update your copy.</p>
<p>Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period from Date of Circular</p>		
<p>C-14599 Aug. 1, 2025</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section C-I, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-234, and Section C-II M-1001 Design, Fabrication, and Construction of Freight Cars, regarding jacking and lifting requirements.</p> <p>Summary: this circular letter is to solicit comments for Revisions to MSRP Section C-I, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-234, and Section C-II M-1001 Design, Fabrication, and Construction of Freight Cars, Chapters 2, 4, and 6, regarding jacking and lifting requirements.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possibly</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Comments from interested parties are herewith solicited under the provisions of AAR Standard S-050.</p>
<p>C-14601 Aug. 8, 2025</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section C-I, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-2044, Safety Appliance Requirements for Freight Cars, Editorial Updates to Appendices F1 and F2</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for editorial revisions to MSRP Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-2044, Safety Appliance Requirements for Freight Cars.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments relevant to the proposed revisions received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the AAR Equipment Engineering Committee.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possibly</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: S-2044, Appendix F1 is for safety appliances for open-top hopper cars and high-side gondola cars. Interested parties should review the attachment to this circular and provide comments accordingly.</p>

<p>C-14602 Aug. 14, 2025</p>	<p>Subject: Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section H-II, Roller Bearing Manual, Standards S-735, S-736, S-737, S-738, and S-740, Spall and Gouge Criteria, Polymer Cages, and Temperature Measurements.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for proposed revisions to MSRP Section H-II, Roller Bearing Manual, Standards S-735, S-736, S-737, S-738, and S-740. The Wheel, Axle, Bearing, and Lubrication Committee has made the noted changes in the proposed drafts that are attached to this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the WABL Committee.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Only RB shops</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for additional details.</p>
<p>C-14604 Aug. 27, 2025</p>	<p>Subject: DRAFT S-9076.V2.0 ITC Systems Management Interoperable Gateway Requirements, in support of AAR's MSRP - Section K-I Railway Electronics Systems Architecture and Concept of Operations.</p> <p>Summary: The Positive Train Control Interoperability Committee (PTCIC) of the Association of the American Railroads (AAR) is publishing DRAFT S-9076.V2.0 ITC Systems Management Interoperable Gateway Requirements for review and comment.</p> <p>Implementation Date: In order to provide time for review and comments, this document will have a 10-day comment period. The time will begin with the posted date.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The draft 9076.V2.0 is attached to this circular. Interested parties should download it and review it and provide comments accordingly.</p>
<p>General Information for the Industry</p>		
<p>C-14600 Aug. 1, 2025</p>	<p>Subject: Informational Circular: MSRP K-III, RP-9203 AEI Reader Equipment Requirements.</p> <p>Summary: This circular is being released to the industry to advise of minor editorial and reference updates made to the subject recommended practice.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section K-III.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All references to legacy standards that have since been superseded by S-9203C, and Figures 2.1 – AEI Site Content and 4.1 – AEI Site Components were both replaced with higher quality illustrations.</p>