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Subject: May 2017 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The May 2017 summary includes the (31) 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-12865 May 2, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revised MSRP Section H, Part II, Roller Bearing Manual, 2017.</p> <p>Summary: The AAR Wheels, Axles, Bearings, and Lubrication Committee (WABL) has announced a new edition of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section H, Part II, Roller Bearing Manual is now available. Since the last printing issued in November 2012, WABL has reviewed Section H, Part II, and issued revisions through several Circular Letters. These Circular Letters are listed in the attachment to this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All previously implemented standards and specifications are included in this print of Section H, Part II.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section H, Part II is a required publication for your location, be sure to purchase a new copy and update your Master Document List.</p>
CPC-1327 May 15, 2017	<p>Subject: Operating Instructions for Midland A-720, A-721 and A-724 Valves.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p>

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	<p>Summary: Please find the attached Midland Manufacturing Service Bulletin 20170317-01. The service bulletin gives instruction for the recommended proper operation of certain rising stem valve models. Organizations should review this information and develop closure instructions for their use accordingly. Proper closure instructions are essential for the prevention of unintended release of commodity.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Immediately.</p>	<p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should download the service bulletin and note the changes.</p>
<p>C-12877 May 24, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specifications M-201, M-210, and M-211, regarding MSRP compliance (supplemental) checklists.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specifications M-201, M-210, and M-211.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Specifications M-201, M-210, and M-211 are now implemented and effective immediately. The revised specifications are attached. These modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section S.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section S is a required publication for your location, be sure to update your manual as well as your master document list.</p>
<p>C-12875 May 24, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revision to MSRP Section G-II, Wheel and Axle Manual, S-659, RP-631, and RP-633, Wheel Mounting Press and AAR-2A Contour and Acceptance Gauges.</p> <p>Summary: The revisions to RP-633 include adding an Acceptance gauge for AAR-2A wide and narrow flange wheels as Fig. 4.40, an AAR-2A wide flange contour gauge as Fig. 4.45, and an AAR-2A narrow flange contour gauge as Fig. 4.46. The revisions to S-659 include an update to the magnetic particle testing area of machined and secondhand axles, and an update to the required pressure gauges of wheel mounting presses. The revision to RP-631 includes updates to the required pressure gauges of wheel mounting presses. Comments were reviewed with the appropriate parties and S-659, RP-631, and RP-633 were modified as appropriate.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revised S-659, RP-631, and RP-633 are now implemented and effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section G-II.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section G-II is a required publication for your location, be sure to update your manual as well as your master document list.</p>
<p>C-12876 May 24, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section S-II, Truck Details and Casting Codes, Standard S-392, Truck – Design Drawings, update to Code Sheets and Drawings.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p>

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	<p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to MSRP Section S-II, Truck Details and Casting Codes, Standard S-392, Truck – Design Drawings, regarding updates to code sheets and drawings for Standard Car Truck castings.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standard S-392 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-II.</p>	<p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section S-II is a required publication for your location, be sure to update your manual as well as your master document list.</p>
C-12879 May 25, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation on Proposed Change to Rule 7. Doorway Protection, Circular No. 42, General Rules Covering Loading or Carload Shipments of Commodities in Closed Cars (DP&FC).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Damage Prevention & Freight Claim Committee (DP&FC) has approved changes to Rule 7. Doorway Protection, Circular No. 42-K, General Rules Covering Loading or Carload Shipments of Commodities in Closed Cars.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revision to Circular 42, General Rules Covering Loading or Carload Shipments of Commodities in Closed Cars are now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: When there is a possibility of lading falling or rolling out of doorway or coming in contact with sliding or plug type side doors, openings must be protected with wood doorway protection, steel straps or other material of sufficient strength and number and adequately secured.</p>
C-12880 May 25, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Proposed Change to Rule B-1, General Rules, Circular No. 43-F, Rules Governing the Loading, Blocking, and Bracing of Freight in Closed Trailers and Containers for TOFC/COFC Service (DP&FC).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Damage Prevention & Freight Claim Committee (DP&FC) has approved changes to Rule B-1, General Rules, Circular No. 43, Rules Governing the Loading, Blocking, and Bracing of Freight in Closed Trailers and Containers for TOFC/COFC Service.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Circular 43-G is available online for free download at: http://www.aar.com/standards/damage-publications.php</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Section D states: When open top containers are equipped with tarpaulins or other types of coverings, the coverings must be of adequate construction to resist tearing or other forms of degradation brought about by such things as, but not limited to, wind, vibration, movement, and abrasion. No part or portion of the load may extend beyond the tarp line.</p>
C-12881 May 27, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure Coil Figures 29-I, 29-J, 29-K— Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to Figures 29-I, 29-J and 29-K, Steel Coil Figures - Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revision to Section 2 is effective immediately and will be included in the next</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>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.</p>

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	edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert Figures 29-I, 29-J and 29-K in your manual.	
C-12882 May 27, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 40-A Rebar—Bulkhead Flatcars— Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to Figure 40-A Rebar—Bulkhead Flatcars Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revision to Section 2 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert Figure 40A into your manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>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.</p>
C-12883 May 26, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 55-A, Wrecked Car Bodies—Loaded on Modified Flatcars – Section 3 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to Figure 55-A, Wrecked Car Bodies—Loaded on Modified Flatcars - Section 3 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revision to Section 3 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 55-A into your copy Section 5.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>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.</p>
C-12884 May 26, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of revision to General Rule 29 - Section 1 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to General Rule 29. This change remove tables 29.1 and 29.2 and replaced them with diagrams and formulae that calculate adjusted load limits and maximum width of overhanging loads.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for this change into your copy Section 1.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>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.</p>
C-12885 May 26, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of New Figure 115, Mats , Bolted Hardwood, 8 FT Long or Over – Center A-frame Flatcars, with Cable Tie-Downs – Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved New Figure 115 Mats, Bolted Hardwood, 8 FT Long or Over – Center A-</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular letter are distributed to</p>

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	<p>frame Flatcars, with Cable Tie-Downs – Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Implementation Date: The new figure to Section 5 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 115 in your copy Section 5.</p>	<p>all concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attention and guidance.</p>
C-12886 May 26, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of New Figure 114, Mats, Tilt-Up Hardwood, 8 FT Long or Over Center A-Frame Flatcars, with Cable Tie-Downs – Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved New Figure 114, Mats, Tilt-Up Hardwood, 8 FT Long or Over Center A-Frame Flatcars, with Cable Tie-Downs – Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)</p> <p>Implementation Date: The new figure to Section 5 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 114 in your copy Section 5.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>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.</p>
C-12887 May 26, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of revision to General Rule 36.4.4 to Remove All References to Torpedoes - Section 1 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to General Rule 36.4.4 to remove all references of the use of torpedoes as a tool to measure speed.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for this change in your copy Section 1.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>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.</p>
C-12888 May 26, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of revision to General Rule 15.3 - Section 1 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: This change removes General Rule 15.3.2.1 and 15.3.2.2 that state 16 D nails may be used on nailable steel floors. Nailable steel floors are designed for 20 D nails.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for this change in your copy Section 1.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>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.</p>
C-12889 May 26, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of revision to General Rule 3.1 - Section 1 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p>

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	<p>Summary: This change adds new General Rule 3.1.1 to state, "Flat racks with foldable bulkheads must have bulkheads raised and properly locked for loaded moves."</p> <p>Implementation Date: This change is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for this change in your copy Section 1.</p>	<p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>C-12890 May 26, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 154-B, Tubing, Steel, Squares, Rectangles, Hollow Structural, and Rounds, Over 12 FT Long, Packaged—Bulkhead Flatcars, with Cushioning Devices – Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The changes to this figure include Adding Detail A from Figure 120; adding Item G from Figure 40-A and renaming it Item N; replacing the description of Item B.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision 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 154-B in your copy Section 5.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>C-12891 May 26, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Fig. 128-A Pipe, Steel, Bare, Coated, 6 5/8 IN - 14 IN O.D., 43 FT Long and Over— Section 2 (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: This revision added: "Note 3. Height of load must not exceed 11 ft. above car floor."</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision 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-A in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>C-12892 May 26, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 112-A, Engineered-Wood Products – Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: This figure was revised to remove Note 3.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision to Section 5 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 112-A in your copy Section 5.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>C-12893 May 26, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 24-A, Poles or Round Stock, Untreated or Treated—Single Loads on Flatcars – Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: This changes to Item B this figure include replacing "4 in. x 5 in. x 3/8 in." with "4 in. x 4 in. x 3/8 in.," and adding "Side stakes must be wedged to fill</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Freight Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular letter are distributed to</p>

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	<p>void in stake pockets per General Rule 13.14" to the end of the last sentence in the Item B description.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision to Section 5 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 24-A in your copy Section 5.</p>	<p>all concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attention and guidance.</p>
Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular		
<p>CPC-1326 May 5, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments on Proposed Revision to MSRP Section C Part III, M-1002, Specifications for Tank Cars, Appendix A and Appendix M.</p> <p>Summary: The Tank Car Committee (TCC) is requesting comments on revisions to Appendix A and Appendix M of the AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section C, Part III, Specifications for Tank Cars (M-1002). These revisions address requirements for surge suppression devices, the chemistry of carbon steel tank car material and the deletion of a duplicate paragraph.</p> <p>Implementation Date: AAR requires the attached Exhibit PC-1 form to be completed and furnished, via e-mail, to Matt Forister, Director of Tank Car Safety, at mforister@aar.org, within 30 days from the date of this circular. Comments will be considered by the Tank Car Committee prior to taking final action.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes, when issued</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes, when issued</p> <p>Comments: Dockets of interest for this circular:</p> <p>T50.34.2 Consider Requirements for Installation of Surge Suppression Devices T95.7.4 Consider new steels and modifications to current steel specifications for tank car tanks</p>
<p>C-12866 May 8, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, New Rule 23, Articulator Connectors.</p> <p>Summary: New FM Rule 23 Articulator Connectors, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the addition is 0916 NB10 Circular Attachment New Rule 23, which is attached to this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Articulated Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of July 2017.</p>
<p>C-12867 May 8, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 66.A.2.</p> <p>Summary: At the April 2017 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 66.A.2, was reviewed and approved. Proposed: 66A.2.d: d. White reflective sheeting (to be replaced with FRA-224 sheeting.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of July 2017.</p>

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C-12868 May 8, 2017	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 75 Job Code 4455.</p> <p>Summary: At the April 2017 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Rule 75 Job Code 4455, was reviewed and approved. Job Code 4455 Rule 88 B.2 Inspection—Labor</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of July 2017.</p>
C-12869 May 8, 2017	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual Rule 63, Automatic Equipment Identification (AEI).</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Health Management Committee and the AEI Committee to revise Rule 63, was reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of July 2017.</p>
C-12870 May 9, 2017	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual Rule 50 and Field Manual Rules 46, 47, 48, 50, 67 and 75.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Office Manual, Rule 50 and Field Manual Rules 46, 47, 48, 50, 67 and 75, was reviewed and approved. The purpose of the proposal listed below is to eliminate much duplication of labor when replacing more than one car part related to truck suspension and stabilizing components, i.e. springs, snubbers, friction castings, and wear plates.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type:</p> <p>Car Owner:</p> <p>Repair Shop:</p> <p>Comments: See attached document "CRB-1657 Circular Attachment Access Spring Pocket Rule Changes.pdf" for proposed changes.</p> <p>All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of July 2017.</p>
C-12871 May 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 3, and New EHMS Alert for LORF-NCF.</p> <p>Summary: the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual, Rule 3 for Line of Road Failure-No Cause Found (LORF-NCF), was reviewed and approved. These revisions will replace the existing MA-146 for LORF-NCF, and include a new EHMS Alert.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The entire text of the revisions to the Field Manual are identified within this circular.</p> <p>All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules</p>

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	<p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to nfimple@aar.org within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	Committees, with a targeted implementation date of July 2017.
C-12872 May 11, 2017	<p>Subject: Solicitation of comments - Proposed addition of MSRP Section F. New Standard S-6103 - Wheel Profile Detector.</p> <p>Summary: This Circular Letter is intended to solicit comments regarding the establishment of a new standard proposed for Section F, Standard S-6103 - Wheel Profile Detector.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of issuance of this Circular will be considered by the EHMC prior to final action toward the adoption of the proposed standard.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner:</p> <p>Repair Shop:</p> <p>Comments: The Equipment Health Monitoring Committee has proposed the establishment of S-6103 Wheel Profile Detector to provide for wayside detection methods to be used for the purpose of producing accurate wheel dimension measurements suitable for identifying wheel removal candidates based on AAR Interchange Rules. A draft of the proposed standard is attached to this circular.</p>
C-12874 May 19, 2017	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 4, 83 and Appendix A.</p> <p>Summary: Update to component ID tags for Upgraded Service and Emergency Brake Valves.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments should be sent to the undersigned within 30 days of this letter for consideration.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Proposed Rule 4, 83 and Appendix A: see attached "0417 NB 5 Circular attachment Proposed Rule 4 Changes"</p>
C-12878 May 24, 2017	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section E, Brakes and Brake Equipment, Standards S-419 and S-4008, Slack Adjusters – Mechanical Double Acting, Slack Adjuster Protection.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for proposed revisions to MSRP Section E, Brakes and Brake Equipment, Standard S-419, "Slack Adjuster, Mechanical Double-Acting Automatic Tension", and S-4008, "Slack Adjuster, Mechanical Double-Acting Automatic Compression", to better protect the slack adjuster during other activities such as painting or sand blasting.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the Brake Systems Committee prior to taking action on the revisions which are the subject of the comments.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: In both S-419 and S-4008, paragraphs 3.12 and 3.13 were added under general information. These paragraphs formalize the already common practice of taking the necessary steps to protect the slack adjuster during activities that could affect the slack adjuster.</p>
General Information for the Industry		
C-12873 May 24, 2017	<p>Subject: Registration is now open for 2018 AAR Quality Assurance Auditor and Industry Conference.</p> <p>Summary: The Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) is pleased</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: If Interested</p> <p>Repair Shop: If Interested</p>

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	<p>to announce that the 30th Annual AAR Quality Assurance Auditor and Industry Conference will be held the week of January 22, 2018 in Fort Worth, Texas.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Attached to this circular is the QA Conference Flyer which includes online links to register for the conference and reserve your hotel room. Also attached is information on the conference sponsorship and exhibitor details.</p>	<p>Comments: Mark your calendar and plan to join us in Fort Worth, Texas for the 30th Annual AAR Quality Assurance Auditor and Industry Conference.</p>