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Subject: March 2018 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The April 2018 summary includes the (29) 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-13088 April 6, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of New Specification in MSRP, Section M locomotives and locomotive interchange equipment, specification M-1005 locomotive electronics safety assessments and analyses.</p> <p>Summary: Specification M-1005 will be mandatory for all locomotives that implement changes or updates to safety critical systems after October 9, 2017 or are built new after October 9, 2017.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Specification M-1005 is attached and is implemented effective immediately. The specification will be incorporated in the next issues of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section M.</p>	<p>Car Type: Locomotives</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section M is a required publication for your location be sure to update it with the revised M-1005 specification.</p>
C-13091 April 11, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specification M-201,</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p>

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	<p>Castings Steel, Regarding Flawed Tensile Specimen Procedures.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section S, Specification M-201, Castings Steel.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Specification M-201 is now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section S is a required publication for your location, be sure to update Specification M-201 in your manual.</p>
<p>C-13093 April , 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revision to MSRP Section C - Part II Design, Fabrication, and Construction of Freight Cars, Specification M-1001 Chapter 6 General Design and Test Requirements – Tank Cars. Additional design guidance for tank car sill reinforcing pads.</p> <p>Summary: this circular letter is to notify the industry of editorial revisions to Section C- Part II Design, Fabrication, and Construction of Freight Cars, Specification M-1001 Chapter 6 General Design and Test Requirements – Tank Cars, paragraph 6.1.2.7.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revised Chapter 6, attached, is now implemented and effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices Section C – Part II.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank cars</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes, for design</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section C is a required publication for your location, be sure to update it with the revised Chapter 6.</p>
<p>C-13094 April 13, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of New Figure 21-E – Section 6 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved new Figure 21-E - Bridge Erection Boat (bed), M30—Flatcar, Chain Tie-Down - Section 6 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Implementation of this new figure is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13095 April 13, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Archival of Figure 34-B– Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the archival, due to non-use, of Figure 34-B – coils of wire, 48 in. diameter or less—bulkhead flatcars, with sloped floors and steel side rails extending 8 in. above car deck - Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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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C-13096 April 13, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of Archival of Figure 117-B– Section 3 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the archival, due to non-use, of Figure 117-B – pipe, pressure, reinforced concrete, 10 ft. 4 in. to 11 ft. 6 in. diameter, inclusive, nominal 16 ft. or 20 ft. lengths—flatcars, 48 ft. or longer, with constant tensioning devices - Section 3 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13097 April 13, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 55 – Section 3 of the 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 - Wrecked Car Bodies—Flatcars or Gondolas, Section 3 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13099 April 18, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 112-A– Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: 16-D nails were specified in Item B, as well as being “equally spaced across the length of the bearing pieces.” And, “8 on layers extending above top of bulkhead” was deleted from the No. of Pcs for Item J.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision 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 Gondolas</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-13100 April 18, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 154-B– Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR)</p> <p>Summary: AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved 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 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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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<p>C-13101 April 18, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to General Rule 19– Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to General Rule 19- Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for General Rule 19 in your copy Section 1.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13102 April 18, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 120 and 121 – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to Figures 120 - pipe, conduit, or tubing, steel, 1/2 IN. TO 9 IN. O.D., 10 FT TO 45 FT LONG, BUNDLED—bulkhead flatcars, with cushioning devices and 121 - pipe, steel, bundled threaded or not, uncoated and varnish coated, 1/2 in. to 10 in., nominal diameter, inclusive, minimum length 38-ft flatcars 48 ft. or over, equipped with permanent end bulkheads and permanent steel side stakes, Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 120 and 121 in your copy Section 2</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13103 April 18, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 19– Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to Figure 19- Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 19 in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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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C-13104 April 18, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 43-H and 43-I— Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to Figures 43-H - ingots, aluminum, 52 in. wide and over, lengthwise—bulkhead flatcars and 43-i- ingots, aluminum, 53 in. wide and over—bulkhead flatcars, Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 43-H and 43-I in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13105 April 18, 2018	<p>Subject: Correction - Implementation of Revisions to Figure 119— Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: This is a correction to C-13103. The previous circular letter referenced Figure 19. The correct figure is 119, Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 119 in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13106 April 27, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 244, 260, 263 and 267— 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 244, 260, 263 and 267- Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules. For these figures, Item W DOES NOT need to be increased with load weight as stated in Note 3 (Note 5 in 263).</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 244, 260, 263 and 267 in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13107 April 27, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of Online Library for AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manuals (OTLR)</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the creation of an online library for the Open Top Loading Rules Manuals. Access to the library is free to the public.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The library may be accessed by clicking https://my.aar.org/otlr.</p>

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	<p>The individual rules and figures will be updated weekly as changes occur.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this library is effective immediately. Carriers and suppliers are asked to direct customers, shippers and all concerned railroad and industry personnel to the site for updates to the Open Top Loading Rules.</p>	
<p>C-13112 April 30, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 128 and 128-A – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to Figures 128 - pipe, steel, uncoated, 5 in. to 20 in. O.D., 25 ft. to 48 ft. long—bulkhead flatcars, with cushioning devices and 128-a - pipe, steel, bare, coated, 6 5/8 in. to 14 in. O.D., 43 ft. long and over—bulkhead flatcars, with cushioning devices, Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 128 and 128-A in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13113 April 30, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 31-A, 37, 54-B, 58-A, 58-B, 58-C, 101-A, 102-A and 113– Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to Figures 31-A, 37, 54-B, 58-A, 58-B, 58-C, 101-A, 102-A and 113- Section 5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 31-A, 37, 54-B, 58-A, 58-B, 58-C, 101-A, 102-A and 113 in your copy Section 5.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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>
Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular		
<p>C-13089 April 6, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Proposed New Recommended Practice RP-2018, Handholds, Steps, and Ladders for Interior Access.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this circular letter is to solicit comments for proposed new Recommended Practice RP-2018, Handholds, Steps, and Ladders for Interior Access. If approved, RP-2018 will be included</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possibly</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The application of handholds, steps, ladders, etc. to the interior of freight cars is not required by any AAR standards or FRA regulations. RP-2018 is proposed not to</p>

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	<p>in MSRP Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details. A copy of the proposed publication is attached to this circular.</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 the Safety Appliance Task Force and Equipment Engineering Committee prior to taking action.</p>	<p>require interior safety appliances, but to provide guidance when interior safety appliances are applied.</p>
<p>C-13090 April 9, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section S-II, Truck Details and Casting Codes, Standard S-392, Update to Code Sheets and Drawings.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section SII, Standard S-392, regarding updates to Pennsy, Columbus Castings (Buckeye), and NACO (National) code sheets and drawings.</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 CSTCC prior to taking action.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee (CSTCC) is proposing updates to the Pennsy, Columbus Castings, and ABC-NACO code sheets. These updates change the title to reflect Amsted Rail as the design owner and update code sheets accordingly. All truck drawings for Sections 4.0, 6.0 and 7.0 have been revised and updated and are included in the proposed changes. There are no costs associated with implementation of these updates. This update is one in a series of updates to S-392. Future updates will address other sections and new manufacturers.</p>
<p>C-13092 April 11, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation for Comments – Revision to MSRP Section N, Specification M-992, Designated Satellite Shop Repair for Multi-Level Auto Rack Cars.</p> <p>Summary: The Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee has proposed revisions to MSRP Section N, Specification M-992 contained within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the SEFCC prior to final action on the proposed revision.</p>	<p>Car Type: Auto racks</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review the proposed changes and provide any comments you have within the 30 day requested comment period.</p>
<p>C-13098 April 17, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to AAR Intermodal Interchange Rules, Section L, Rule 156, and Appendix A, Destroyed, Badly Damaged, or Stolen Units, Depreciated Value Table Update and Billing Procedures Revisions.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for proposed revisions to AAR Intermodal Interchange Rules, Section L, Rule 156, and Appendix A, Destroyed, Badly Damaged, or Stolen Units, update to the Depreciated Value Table and revisions to the billing procedures.</p>	<p>Car Type: Intermodal</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The update to the Depreciated Value Table includes Chassis, Steel Container, Aluminum Container, and Trailer, with the Asset Life and Residual Value depicted in the table. The revisions to the Appendix A billing procedures include additions of vendor office, and an editorial revision to the required billing information.</p>

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	<p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the Intermodal Committee prior to taking action on the revisions which are the subject of the comments.</p>	
C-13109 April 30, 2018	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments Regarding the Removal of Tables 17.9 and 17.10 from Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The OTLRC requests comments from the industry regarding the removal of Table 17.9 AAR Approved High-Strength Type 1 Regular-Duty Package Bands and Table 17.10 - AAR Approved IRS/USLM Banding Manufacturers for AAR approved Unit Strap Lifting Method (USLM, formerly IRS) Banding Manufacturers.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days from the date of this Circular Letter will be considered by the OTLR Committee prior to any action on the implementation of this change to Section 1 of the Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Loading Rules</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-13110 April 30, 2018	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments: Proposal to Revise Figures 244, 247, 263, 267, 280, and 285 – Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) requests comments from the industry regarding the proposal to revise Figures 244, 247, 263, 267, 280, and 285 in Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days from the date of this Circular Letter will be considered by the OTLR Committee prior to any action on the implementation of Figure 244, 247, 263, 267 and 280 - Section 2 of the Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Loading Rules</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-13111 April 30, 2018	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments: Proposal to Revise or Archive Figure 124 – Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) requests comments from the industry regarding the proposal to revise or archive Figure 124 - pipe, steel, 26 IN. O.D. OR less, uniform or mixed lengths and diameters—gondolas (must have 4 ft. void at each end on material loaded above car ends at origin), Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days from the date of this Circular Letter will be considered by the OTLR Committee prior to any action</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Loading Rules</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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	on the implementation of Figure 124 in Section 2 of the Open Top Loading Rules Manual.	
C-13114 April 30, 2018	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments Regarding Loading Mixed Widths and Lengths of Steel Plate, Figures 14 and 14-A - Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The OTLRC requests comments from the industry regarding changes to Figures 14 and 14-A. The committee would like the industry to provide information regarding standard loading/stacking configurations for mixed widths and lengths of plate. Examples of methods or best practices might include loading wider plate on bottom, longer plate on top, bridging, overlapping, pyramiding, elevating load/layers, etc.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days from the date of this Circular Letter will be considered by the OTLR Committee prior to any action on the implementation of these changes to these figures in Section 2 of the Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Loading Rules</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>
General Information for the Industry		
C-13086 April 4, 2018	<p>Subject: Update - Registrations Are Open for AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance Training Classes: Basic & Advanced Auditor Training and Root Cause Analysis.</p> <p>Summary: The Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee has scheduled Quality Assurance Training classes.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The cost for the Basic & Advanced Auditor Training classes are \$1,076 and for the Root Cause Analysis classes are \$760.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: If Interested</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties are encouraged to enroll promptly as classes tend to fill quickly and acceptance is based on a first-come first-served basis.</p>
C-13087 April 4, 2018	<p>Subject: Save the Date - Announcing the 2019 AAR Quality Assurance Auditor and Industry Conference.</p> <p>Summary: The Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) is pleased to announce that the 31st Annual AAR Quality Assurance Auditor and Industry Conference will be held the week of January 21, 2019 in New Orleans, Louisiana.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All participants are invited to attend the first 2 days of the conference, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the workshops on Thursday.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: If Interested</p> <p>Repair Shop: If Interested</p> <p>Comments: The remaining days are private, and are set aside for AAR Auditor specific training and evaluations, and a closed QAC meeting. The schedule contained within this circular summarizes which days of the conference are open to the industry and which days are closed sessions.</p>
CPC-1331 April 11, 2018	<p>Subject: This Circular is to communicate two approved actions from the Tank Car Committee regarding the Umler system.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p>

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	<p>Summary: First, the Committee agreed to issue the general notification herein that reminds each Tank Car Owner to accurately register all tank car equipment to the approved operating design for each applicable data element. Additional details on this matter can be found in the latest version of the Umler Data Specification manual (https://www.railinc.com/rportal/umlerreferences).</p> <p>The importance of this Owner responsibility cannot be overstressed by AAR since the Umler system is the official source for accepting railcars in Interchange Service per Rules 90 and 93.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Comments received on Proposal 1 will be considered by the Tank Car Committee prior to taking final action.</p>	<p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this CPC for the second section regarding industry comments.</p>