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**To:** Distribution List

**Subject:** January 2020 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The January 2020 summary includes the (6) 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
<b>Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of Circular</b>		
C-13500 Jan. 1, 2020	<b>Subject:</b> January 2020 Field and Office Manuals, Summary of Comments and Implementation Details.  <b>Summary:</b> In October and November 2019, several Circular Letters soliciting comments to the proposed rule changes were issued. In addition, in November and December 2019 several letters were issued that advised of approved changes that would become effective on January 1, 2019.  <b>Implementation Date:</b> The various proposals as issued in this circular, with the changes noted, stand approved and have been included in the January 2020 AAR Interchange Rule books.	<b>Car Type:</b> Freight  <b>Car Owner:</b> Yes  <b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes  <b>Comments:</b> This circular contains a recap of those letters seeking industry comment, an indication of comments received (if any), consideration and implementation details.
C-13501 Jan. 10, 2020	<b>Subject:</b> Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section C, CAR Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-	<b>Car Type:</b> Freight  <b>Car Owner:</b> Yes

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	<p>2044 Safety Appliance Requirements for Freight Cars. Addition of two new appendices.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-2044 Safety Appliance Requirements for Freight Cars.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Revised Standard S-2044 is now implemented and is effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section C.</p>	<p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> If Section C is a required publication for your facility, be sure to download the revised S-2044 and update your copy.</p>
C-13503 Jan. 16, 2020	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation of Editorial Revisions to MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specification M-975, Span Bolster, Regarding Correction of an Equation and a Test Parameter.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This circular letter is to notify the industry of editorial revisions to MSRP S, Casting Details, Specification M-975, Span bolster, regarding editorial corrections to a force calculation and to impact testing temperature</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The revised Specification M-975 is 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> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> If Section S is a required publication for your facility, be sure to update your copy with the revised M-975 specification.</p>
C-13505 Jan. 29, 2020	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specifications M-214 and M-220, Regarding Inspection and Reconditioning of Side Frames and Bolsters for Interchange Service Past 52 Years from Date Cast.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section S, Casting Details, Specifications M-214 and M-220, regarding inspection and reconditioning of side frames and bolsters for use in interchange service past 52 years from date cast.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Revised Specifications M-214 and M-220, are attached to this circular, 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 S is a required publication for your facility, be sure to update it with the revised M-214 and M-220 Specifications.</p>
<b>Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular</b>		
C-13504 Jan. 17, 2020	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section L, Lettering and Marking of Cars, Standard S-910, Lettering and Marking of Cars, Complete revision of the Standard.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> this circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section L, Lettering and Marking of Cars, Standard S-910, Lettering and Marking of Cars. The</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p>

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	<p>Standard has been completely rewritten as indicated by change bars on every page of the document.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments, relevant to the proposed revisions, received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the Equipment Engineering Committee prior to taking action.</p>	<p><b>Comments:</b> Car builders are encouraged to review the entire Standard.</p>
<p>C-13506 Jan. 29, 2020</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to AAR Intermodal Interchange Rules, Section F, Section H, Section L, and Section M, Tires Slid Flat, and Repair Limit Increase.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This circular letter is to solicit comments for proposed revisions to AAR Intermodal Interchange Rules, Section F, Section H, Section L, and Section M, to clarify when repair or replacement of tires with flat spots is needed, and an increase of the repair limit from \$450 to \$750.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> 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>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Intermodal</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> No action required.</p>