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Subject: May 2020 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The May 2020 summary includes the (34) 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-13560 May 1, 2020	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 3.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 3, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the July 2020 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these implemented changes to the SCAB test reporting requirements.</p>



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<p>C-13561 May 1, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 5.E.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Rule 5.E.20, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the July 2020 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should note the job code revision.</p>
<p>C-13562 May 1, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 5.E and Rule 6.A.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Rule 5.E and Rule 6.A, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the July 2020 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review the changes to replacing the end of car air brake hoses.</p>
<p>C-13563 May 1, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 10.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 10, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the July 2020 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review the editorial change to brake rod supports.</p>
<p>C-13564 May 1, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 16.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the CSTC Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 16 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the July 2020 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review the editorial change to gage requirements.</p>



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<p>C-13565 May 4, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 18.E and Appendix A, Anti-creep.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal by the CSTC Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 18.E.5 and Appendix A to provide clarity and a primary anti-creep figure, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13566 May 4, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 21, Draft Gears.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Rule 21.B, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13567 May 4, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 22.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the CSTC Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 22 was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13568 May 4, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 41.A.1, Wheels.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 41.A.1.o and insert two new figures, was reviewed and approved. The revision is to provide clarity. The entire text of the addition is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13569 May 4, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 41.A.E, Maanshan Wheels.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p>

	<p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 41.E.7.f to correctly align with Rule 41.A.1.x, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13570 May 4, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 47 and 48.</p> <p>Summary: the Arbitration and Rules Committee multiple proposals by the CSTC Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 47 and 48 were reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revisions is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13571 May 4, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 47, 48 and 90.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the CSTC Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 47, 48 and 90 for Increased Component Life, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13572 May 4, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 16, 17 and 18.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the CSTC Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 16, 17 and 18, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>



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<p>C-13573 May 4, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 23.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the CSTC Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 23 based on feedback received on crack criteria to better reflect observed conditions, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13574 May 4, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 59.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 59 to move A.1.m to A.1.h and insert a new cracked cross key image, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13575 May 7, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field and Office Manual, Rule 91.5.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal to revise Field and Office Manual Rule 91.5 for clarification on the intent of the rule, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13576 May 7, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field and Office Manuals, Rule 107.B.2.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal to revise Field and Office Manual Rule 107.B.2, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the July 2020 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>

<p>C-13578 May 8, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 89, Conditions Governing Delivery and Acceptance.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 89, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the July 2020 update to the Field Manual and released in the Railinc DDCT System by July 1, 2020.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner:</p> <p>Repair Shop:</p> <p>Comments: Both shops and car owners should review this Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13579 May 8, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field and Office Manuals, Appendix B.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the SEFC Committee to revise Field & Office Manuals Appendix B, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the July 2020 update to the Field Manual and Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Office and Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13580 May 20, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 64.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Rule 64, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the July 2020 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
<p>C-13581 May 8, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 61, Body Side Bearings.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 61, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the July 2020 update to the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops should review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>



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<p>C-13583 May 13, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Editorial Revisions to Figure 88-B – Section 6 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions within this circular to Section 6 OTLR manual for Figure 88-B.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of these revisions are effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. In the interim, insert the circular attachment for Figure 88-B in your Section 6 copy.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top/RR's</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-13584 May 13, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to General Rules 5, 19, 21 and Glossary – Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions within this circular to Section 1 OTLR manual for General Rules 5, 19, 21 and Glossary.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of these revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. In the interim, insert the circular attachments for General Rules 5, 19, 21 and Glossary in your Section 1 copy.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top/RR's</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-13585 May 13, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to MSRP Section B, Freight Car Draft Components, Specification M-921B.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter notifies the industry of revisions to MSRP Section B, Freight Car Draft Components, Specification M-921B Cushioning Devices, End-of-Car that are noted within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: M-921B is now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section B is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the revises M-921B and update your copy.</p>



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<p>C-13587 May 19, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Figures 54 and 54-B from Section 5, and General Rule 12 from Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the following revisions to Figures 54 and 54-B from Section 5, and General Rule 12 from Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules (OTLR) Manual, which are detailed within this circular.</p> <p>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 Figures 54 and 54-B from Section 5, and General Rule 12 from Section 1.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top/RR's</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-13588 May 21, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Revisions to Figures 13, 113 and 116 from Section 5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the following revisions to Figures 13, 113 and 116 from Section 5 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules (OTLR) Manual, which are detailed within this circular.</p> <p>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 Figures 13, 113 and 116 from Section 5.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top/RR's</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>CPC-1367 May 27, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Impacts related to AAR M-1003 QAP requirements for M-1002/M-1003 Certified Tank Car Facility Certification due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Summary: The focus of this circular is on the potential impact COVID-19 restrictions have on facilities to receive services by the subcontractor or employees not located at the facility being audited. The list of subcontractor services is listed within this CPC.</p> <p>Implementation Date: For information concerning the M-1003 specific portion of the facility audit process please refer to circular C-13591</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Tank car facilities should refer to this circular to note the areas AAR auditors will grant relief due to the Corona virus lockdown the industry has faced.</p>



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<p>C-13591 May 26, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Temporary Extension of Specific AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance Requirements Due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Summary: At the request of the industry, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) is granting a temporary extension of specific M-1003 Quality Assurance requirements due to COVID-19 restrictions on travel, and health concerns.</p> <p>Implementation Date: For facilities that have Tank Car Activity codes please reference CPC-1367.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The AAR QAC's decision to provide M-1003 certified facilities with temporary extensions of the specific requirements with the items listed: Training, Internal Audits, Calibration, and Audit Findings.</p>
<p>C-13592 May 28, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 150, 420, 421, 422, 460, 461, and 462 from 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 the following revisions to Figures 150, 420, 421, 422, 460, 461, and 462 from Section 3 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules (OTLR) Manual that are identified within this circular.</p> <p>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 Figures 150, 420, 421, 422, 460, 461, and 462 from Section 3.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top/RR's</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>Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular</p>		
<p>C-13577 May 8, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 9.</p> <p>Summary: Field Manual Rule 9, Breaks and Brake Parts has been revised and approved by the Arbitration and Rules Committee and is attached to this circular for industry comments.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2020.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should provide comments within the 30-day requested time period.</p>



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<p>C-13586 May 15, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field and Office Manuals, Rule 59, Component Tracking.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee reviewed and approved a proposal to revise Field and Office Manuals Rule 59 to support the addition of cushion units to the AAR Component Registry. The entire text of the revision and the proposed timeline are identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2020.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The effects end-of-car cushion unit replacements and transfers.</p>
<p>C-13589 May 21, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments: Revisions to MSRP Section F, Sensors, Standard S-920 AAR Component Identification Bar Code Standard, and MSRP Section B, Freight Car Draft Components, Cushioning Devices Spec.M-921B-C-D-E-F. Addition of Component Tracking for Cushioning Devices.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to MSRP Section F, SENSORS, Standard S-920 AAR Component Identification Bar Code Standard, and MSRP Section B, Freight Car Draft Components, all cushioning devices specifications noted within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Submit comments or questions to Jon Hannafious, Senior Manager, Equipment Engineering Committee at TTCL, at eec@aar.com.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Cushioning device manufacturers and reconditioner’s will be required to add approved AAR bar code labels to their product by January 1, 2021. Early compliance is encouraged as component registration, association, and field registration will be available by October 1, 2020.</p>
<p>C-13590 May 22, 2020</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field and Office Manuals Rule 125, Early Warning.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this revision is to support the rewrite of the Early Warning System, scheduled for implementation on January 1, 2021. The rewrite will provide enhanced functionality and a more streamlined process.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2021.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The proposed changes are identified in the attached “Circular Attachment Proposed Rule 125.pdf”.</p>



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General Information for the Industry		
C-13582 May 8, 2020	<p>Subject: Updated Schedule for 2020 AAR M-1003 Basic Auditor, Advanced Auditor and Root Cause Analysis Training Classes.</p> <p>Summary: The Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has rescheduled some 2020 Basic Auditor, Advanced Auditor and Root Cause Analysis Training classes, and has moved other classes to a Webinar-based training format.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Use the applicable link in this circular for class registrations including reservations. If the link does not direct you to the event, then copy link and paste into your browser:</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: Questions should be directed to either Don Guillen or Mark Rusovick with the AAR Quality Assurance Committee at QA@aar.com.</p>