

**To:** Distribution List

**Subject:** March 2025 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The March 2025 summary includes the (15) 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-14519 Mar. 13, 2025	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation Circular: Additions to MSRP F, Sensors, S-6101A –Detector Validation Table.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This implementation circular is being released to the industry for revisions to the AAR’s Manual of Standards &amp; Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section F – Sensors / S-6101A: Detector Validation Table / Acoustic Bearing Detectors.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> AAR’s Equipment Health Monitoring Committee (EHMC) voted to progress the standard to implementation following the action of the Wheels, Axles, Bearings &amp; Lubrication Committee (WABL). The implemented standard is attached to this circular as reference.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section F. In the interim be sure to update your copy of Section F with the revised S-6101A Standard.</p>

<p>CPC-1429 Mar. 19, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> AAR M-1002 Current B-2 Forms.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> As requested by the AAR Tank Car Committee, the attached documents to this CPC contain the updated B2 forms used for facility audits.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Immediately by the BOE auditors</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Tank Car</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Information only</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The revised B-2's show the M-1002/M-1003 certified tank car facilities what the BOE auditors will audit them against.</p>
<p>C-14524 Mar. 26, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-II Locomotive Electronics and Train Consist System Architecture, Standard S-9101.V1.3.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> S-9101.V1.3 specifies an industry-standard architecture that defines the conventions for integrating electrical and electromechanical devices on board new road locomotives. This standard applies to all new road locomotives ordered after January 1, 2012. It also provides guidance for retrofitting older locomotives.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> S-9101.V1.3 was Adopted in 2012 and revised in 2025 and is attached to this circular in PDF format. S-9101.V1.3 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP Section K-II Locomotive Electronics and Train Consist System Architecture.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> If Section K is a required publication for your location, be sure to download and insert the attachment to this circular into your copy of the Section K-II.</p>
<p>C-14529 Mar. 28, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section S-III, Coupler and Yoke Details, Standards S-107, S-154, and S-164, regarding MSRP references, coupler butt dimensions, and tolerances for E67DE, SBE67DE, and SE67DE couplers.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The purpose of this circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section S-III, Standards: S-107: Coupler, E Type, E67DE S-154: Coupler, E Type, Top and Bottom Shelf, SE67DE S-164: Coupler, E Type, Bottom Shelf, SBE67DE</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Standards S-107, 154, and 164 are now implemented and effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section S-III.</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-III is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the attachments and update your copy.</p>

Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period from Date of Circular		
<p>C-14518 Mar. 13, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments: Revisions to MSRP F, Sensors, S-6102, Wayside Passing Data Format   Wheel Profile Detector Readings.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Equipment Health Monitoring Committee (EHMC) is releasing this circular to solicit comments on the proposed modifications to the subject section within AAR's Manual of Standards &amp; Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section F – Sensors. The proposed modifications to this standard are specific to: Section 2.4.5 WPD Detector Readings – Extension of Readings.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The comment period will remain open for thirty (30) days from the date of the issuance of this circular. All written comments received will be considered by EHMC prior to final action on the proposed additions.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Written comments are being made under the provisions of AAR MSRP S-050.</p>
<p>C-14520 Mar. 14, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comments – Revision to MSRP Section N, Specification M-951, Portable Bridge Plates for Multi-Level Auto Rack Cars.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee has proposed revisions to Specification M-951, Section 6.0 Markings. The entire revision proposal is contained in this circular.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> 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 revisions.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Autoracks</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The complete specification is attached for review. Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments accordingly.</p>
<p>C-14521 Mar. 14, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comments – Revision to MSRP Section N, Specification M-950, Universal Wide-Body Tri-Level Fully-Enclosed Auto Rack Car (Low Deck).</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee has proposed revisions to Specification M-950, 9.5 Stenciling: Stenciling shall be in accord with the MSRP Section C, Standard S-910, latest edition. The revision is editorial to reflect the change from Section L to Section C S-910.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> 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 revisions.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Autoracks</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The M-950 specification is attached for review. Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments accordingly.</p>

<p>C-14522 Mar. 14, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation for Comments – Revision to MSRP Section N, Specification M-950A, Universal Wide-Body Bi-Level Fully-Enclosed Auto Rack Car.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee has proposed revisions to Specification M-950A, 9.5 Stenciling: Stenciling shall be in accord with the MSRP Section C, Standard S-910, latest edition. The revision is editorial to reflect the change from Section L to Section C S-910.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The complete specification is attached for review. 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 revisions.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Autoracks</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The M-950A specification is attached for review. Interested parties should review these proposed revisions and provide comments accordingly.</p>
<p>C-14523 Mar. 22, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Appendix B Billing Timelines.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Arbitration and Rules Committee, a proposal as advanced by the Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee to revise Field Manual Appendix B to shorten the billing timelines, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of July 1, 2025.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Possibly</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Possibly</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Proposed Field Manual Appendix B.E.20-21.</p>
<p>C-14525 Mar. 26, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Draft S-9420.V1.1 ITC Key Management Service, in support of AAR's MSRP - Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Positive Train Control Interoperability Committee of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is publishing DRAFT S-9420.V1.1 ITC Key Management Service for review and comment.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> In order to provide time for review and comments, this document will have a 15-day comment period. The time will begin March 26, 2025.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Interested parties should download and review the attachment to this circular and provide comments accordingly.</p>

<p>C-14526 Mar. 27, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Draft S-9416.V1.1 ITCSM Agent Requirements to Support PSA-2, in support of AAR's MSRP - Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Positive Train Control Interoperability Committee (PTCIC) of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is publishing DRAFT S-9416.V1.1 ITCSM Agent Requirements to Support PSA-2 for review and comment.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> In order to provide time for review and comments, this document will have a 15-day comment period. The time will begin March 27, 2025.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Interested parties should download and review the attachment to this circular and provide comments accordingly.</p>
<p>C-14527 Mar. 27, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Draft S-9008.V1.1 PTC Security Architecture 2 (PSA-2), in support of AAR's MSRP - Section K-I Railway Electronics Systems Architecture and Concept of Operations.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Positive Train Control Interoperability Committee (PTCIC) of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is publishing DRAFT S-9008.V1.1 PTC Security Architecture 2 (PSA-2) for review and comment.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> In order to provide time for review and comments, this document will have a 15-day comment period. The time will begin March 27, 2025.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Interested parties should download and review the attachment to this circular and provide comments accordingly.</p>
<p>C-14528 Mar. 27, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Draft S-9418.V1.1 PSA-2 Gateway Requirements, in support of AAR's MSRP - Section K-V Electronics Environmental Requirements and Systems Management</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Railway Electronics Standards Committee (RESC) of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is publishing DRAFT S-9418.V1.1 PSA-2 Gateway Requirements for review and comment.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> In order to provide time for review and comments, this document will have a 15-day comment period. The time will begin March 27, 2025.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Interested parties should download and review the attachment to this circular and provide comments accordingly.</p>
<p><b>General Information for the Industry</b></p>		
<p>C-14516 Mar. 12, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective April 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate effective April 1, 2025 is \$170.81, unchanged from the labor rate estimated on January 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> This will be reflected in the April 1, 2025 release of the AAR Office Manual.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Industry Information</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Possible</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> N/A</p>

<p>C-14517 Mar. 12, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Canadian Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective April 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Canadian Car Repair Billing Labor Rate calculation for April 1, 2025 is \$253.33 CAD (Two hundred and fifty-three Canadian dollars and thirty-three cents), an increase of four dollars and seventy-three cents from the calculation for January 1. For comparison purposes, this converts to about \$176.01 in U.S. dollars.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The change will be reflected in the April 1, 2025 release of the Canadian Price Master.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Industry Information</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Possible</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> N/A</p>
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