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Subject: June 2025 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The June 2025 summary includes the (10) 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
Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of Circular		
C-14584 June 25, 2025	<p>Subject: Implementation: MSRP K-III – S-9203C AEI Site-to-Host Consist & Wayside Report Format.</p> <p>Summary: This circular is being released to the industry for revisions to the AAR's Manual of Standards & Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section K III – Wayside Electronics and Mobile Worker Communications Architecture.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section K-III. If this is a required publication for your location, be sure to update your standards reference library with the revised S-9203C, attached to this circular.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The AEI Committee approved these modifications and is issuing this circular to advise of the new implementation of standards.</p>

<p>C-14586 June 26, 2025</p>	<p>Subject: Implemented, AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section K-I Railway Electronics Systems Architecture and Concepts of Operations, Standard S-9008.V1.1.</p> <p>Summary: S-9008.V1.1 outlines enhancements to the management and exchange of the key material used for communication between a locomotive and the back office and the protection of key material used for communication between a locomotive and a WIU.</p> <p>Implementation Date: S-9008.V1.1 was Adopted in 2024 and revised in 2025 and is attached to this circular in PDF format. S-9008.V1.1 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP Section K-I Railway Electronics Systems Architecture and Concepts of Operations.</p>	<p>Car Type: Railroads</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Insert the Circular in your copy of the MSRP Section K-I.</p>
<p>C-14587 June 27, 2025</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section S-I, CASTING DETAILS, Specification M-212, Couplers and Yokes Secondhand Classification and Reconditioning, regarding updates to the scope and requirements including the addition of locomotive coupler and yokes.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section S-I, Casting Details, Specification M-212, Couplers and Yoke Secondhand Classification and Reconditioning.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Specification M-212 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-I.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: If Section S-I is a required publication for your facility, be sure to download the revised M-212 and update your copy.</p>
<p>Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period from Date of Circular</p>		
<p>C-14578 May 29, 2025</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section S-II, Truck Details and Casting Codes, Standard S-378, Side Frame, Cast Steel–Making and Mating, regarding button casting and removal.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section S-II, Standard S-378, Side Frame, Cast Steel–Making and Mating, regarding proper button casting and removal.</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.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Refer to this circular for the draft copy of S-378 and comment if applicable.</p>

General Information for the Industry		
C-14579 June 2, 2025	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective July 1, 2025.</p> <p>Summary: The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate effective July 1, 2025 is \$173.79 per hour, an increase of \$2.97 (or 1.74%) from the labor rate estimated on April 1, 2025.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This will be reflected in the July 1, 2025 release of the AAR Office Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The 1.74% increase is the result of national agreements between railroads that participate in nationwide collective bargaining and the BRC, IAM, and IBBM. That national agreement calls for a 4% general wage increase effective July 1, 2025.</p>
C-14580 June 2, 2025	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Canadian Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective July 1, 2025.</p> <p>Summary: The Canadian Car Repair Billing Labor Rate calculation for July 1, 2025 is \$254.39 CAD (Two hundred and fifty-four Canadian dollars and thirty-nine cents), an increase of one dollar and six cents from the calculation for April 1. For comparison purposes, this converts to about \$183.43 in U.S. dollars.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The change will be reflected in the July 1, 2025 release of the Canadian Price Master.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The currency conversion factor used to calculate the Health & Welfare portions of the July 1 Canadian Labor Rate is 1.3868. This along with updated wage increases from ratified labor negotiations, caused the increase in the Canadian Labor Rate.</p>
C-14581 June 5, 2025	<p>Subject: Remaining 2026 AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance Auditor Training Classes.</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) is reminding interested parties that the remaining AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance Training classes.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Interested parties should refer to this circular and register as soon as possible for any open dates you may be interested in</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: See circular for available classes dates and locations.</p>

C-14582 June 20, 2025	<p>Subject: Save the Date - Announcing the 2026 AAR's 38th Quality Assurance Industry Conference.</p> <p>Summary: The (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) is pleased to announce the 38th Annual AAR Quality Assurance Industry Conference, February 17-19, 2026, St. Petersburg, Florida.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Interested parties should refer to this circular for specific information.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: Annual QA Conference for continuing education credits.</p>
C-14583 June 20, 2025	<p>Subject: August 2025 Joint Technical Committee Meetings in Colorado Springs.</p> <p>Summary: AAR Fall Meeting announcement noted within this circular as well as the web link: https://cvent.me/5v5YeK.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Those who plan to attend must RSVP through the link on the website.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: The website will be maintained with regular updates.</p>
C-14585 June 26, 2025	<p>Subject: July 2025 Field and Office Manuals, Summary of Comments, and Implementation Details.</p> <p>Summary: In March and April 2025, several Circular Letters soliciting comments on the proposed rule changes were issued. Additionally, in May 2025, several letters were issued that advised of approved changes that would become effective on July 1, 2025. Shown within this circular is a recap of those letters seeking industry comments, an indication of comments received (if any), consideration and implementation details. Unless otherwise noted, the rule changes are for the Field Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The various proposals as issued in the listed circular letters, with the changes noted, stand approved and will be included in the July 2025 AAR Interchange Rule revisions.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possibly</p> <p>Repair Shop: Review required</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>