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Subject: November 2017 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The November 2017 summary includes the (48) 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-12981 Nov. 1, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section D, Trucks and Truck Details, Standards S-306 and S-307, Regarding Hadfield Manganese Steel for Vertical and Horizontal Bowl Liners.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section D, Standards S-306 and S-307, regarding chemistry and hardness requirements for Hadfield manganese steel for vertical and horizontal bowl liners.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Standards S-306 and S-307 are now implemented and effective immediately. These modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section D.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section D is a required publication for your location, be sure to update your manual with the new S-306, and S-307 Standards.</p>
C-12982 Nov. 2, 2017	<p>Subject: Cancellation of C-12982: Implementation of revisions to MSRP Section F, Sensors, Standard S-920, AAR Component Identification Bar Code Standard.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p>

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	<p>Summary: Circular Letter C-12982 was initially issued on November 2, 2017 on behalf of the Wheels, Axles, Bearings and Lubrication Committee for a revision to S-920 for manufacturers and wheel shops to track the tread contour applied by encoding AAR contour in CEPM Element ID C119.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The circular is being cancelled, as it has been determined that not all comments received under Circular C-12928 had been addressed, and edits are pending. The effective date for tracking the tread contour has not been finalized.</p>	<p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: If Section F is a required publication for your facility, be sure to continue to be governed by the previous/current version of S-920.</p>
C-12984 Nov. 2, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of revisions to MSRP Section I, Standard M-931, Trailers for Intermodal Service.</p> <p>Summary: MSRP, Section I, Intermodal Equipment Manual, Standard M-931 - Trailers for Intermodal Service, Standard S-931 is now approved.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revised standard M-931 is now implemented and effective immediately. A copy of the standard is attached to this Circular Letter.</p>	<p>Car Type: Intermodal</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The revised M-931 standard will be included in the next issue of MSRP Section I. In the interim insert this circular in your copy of MSRP Section I.</p>
C-12985 Nov. 6, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Requirement for One Time Upgrade of DB-10, DB-20, and DB-20L Vibration Protection Kit.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this circular letter is to notify the industry that the BSC is implementing the requirement to upgrade unequipped DB-10, DB-20, and DB-20L valves using the attached General Letter contained within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The vibration protection will be required for the above valves completing COT&S after January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Shops need to acquire the latest maintenance instructions, NYR-42909 and NYR-33215, and appropriate upgrade kits.</p>
C-12989 Nov. 7, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section C Part II, Specification M-1001, Design, Fabrication, and Construction of Freight Cars, Chapter 4 – Design (Live load diagrams, Jacking), and Chapter 6 - General Design And Test Requirements—Tank Cars (Jacking)</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this circular letter is to notify the industry of implementation of revisions to MSRP Section C Part II, Specification M-1001 Design, Fabrication, and Construction of Freight Cars, Chapter 4 – Design, and Chapter 6 - General Design And Test Requirements—Tank Cars.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revised Specification M-1001 Chapters 2 and 6, attached, are now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Car Type: Tank Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section C Part II.</p>

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C-12991 Nov. 7, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revised AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices Section L, Lettering and Marking of Cars.</p> <p>Summary: The AAR EEC announces a new edition of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section L, Lettering and Marking of Cars is now available.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The revised MSRP Section L is now available in both printed and download versions and can be purchased on-line at www.aarpublishations.com.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: The AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices Section L, Lettering and Marking of Cars, is now implemented effective immediately. If this is a required publication for your facility, be sure to purchase the new edition and update your master document list.</p>
C-12302 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 14-B– 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 Figure 14-B – Plate, Horizontal, Steel—Flatcars or Bulkhead Flatcars , Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 2 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 14-B in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top</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-12303 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Archival of Figures 43-J, 43-L and 43-M– 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 of figures 43-J, 43-L, and 43-M.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 2 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 43-J, 43-L and 43-M in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top</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-12304 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 115 – 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 Figure 115 - Mats, Bolted Hardwood, 8 FT Long or Over— Center A-Frame Flatcars, with Cable Tie-Downs - Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 5 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 115 in your copy Section 5.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top</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-12305 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 114 – 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 Figure 114 - Mats, Tilt-Up Hardwood, 8 FT Long or Over— Center A-Frame Flatcars, with Cable Tie-Downs - Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 5 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 114 in your copy Section 5.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top</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-12306 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 88-B and 88-F— Section 6 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to Figures 88-B, and 88-F - Section 6 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 5 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 88-B and 88-F in your copy Section 6.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top</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-12307 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 87— Section 6 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to Figure 87 - Section 6 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 5 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 87 in your copy Section 6.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top</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-12308 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 1-B – Section 6 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved revisions to Figure 1-B - Section 6 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 5 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 1-B in your copy Section 5.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top</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-12310 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 101-A – 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 Figure 101-A - Section 5 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 5 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 101-A in your copy Section 5.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top</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-12311 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figures 128 and 128-A – 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 128, and 128-A.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 2 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 128 and 128-A in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top</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-12312 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 40-A– 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 Figure 40-A – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 2 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 40-A in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top</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-12309 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 298 – 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 Figure 298 - Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 2 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 298 in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top</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-13014 Nov. 15, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 1, 36 and 41, MD Submission.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p>

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	<p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 1, 36 and 41, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular letter.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the January 2018 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Review these MD submission revisions.</p>
C-13015 Nov. 15, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 8, Slack Adjusters.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal to revise Rule 8, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular letter.</p> <p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the January 2018 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Slack adjuster changes do not apply to cars moving for dismantling.</p>
C-13016 Nov. 15, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 96.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Damaged and Defective Car Tracking TAG to revise Field Manual Rule 96 to add a new 96.C to align with Rule 108.7.c, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the addition is identified within this circular letter.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2018 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops are encouraged to review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
C-13017 Nov. 15, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 36.B Correct Repair Chart.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 36.B Correct Repair Chart Group B3 - Bearings with Tapered Rollers (Rotating End Cap), was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular letter.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2018 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops are encouraged to review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
C-13018 Nov. 15, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 4 and 80, Painting and Stenciling.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the EEC to revise Rules 4.B and 80.B, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular letter.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2018 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops are encouraged to review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>

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C-13019 Nov. 15, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Office Manual, Appendix B, Code of Rules Governing Procedures for the Operation and Billing of Maintenance Pools.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee to revise Office Manual Appendix B, General Rules 4 and 13 and Rule 4, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular letter.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2018 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops are encouraged to review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
C-13020 Nov. 15, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Field and Office Manuals, Appendix A, Obsolete.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal to revise Appendix A of the Field and Office Manuals to update the definition of Obsolete, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the addition is identified within this circular letter.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2018 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops are encouraged to review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
C-13021 Nov. 16, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 46, Truck System Performance.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the EEC to revise Rule 46, Figures H and B-1, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2018 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops are encouraged to review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
C-13022 Nov. 16, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 107.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal to revise Field Manual Rule 107 to include Office Manual Rule 107.A and 107.B, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: This revision will be included in the January 2018 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops are encouraged to review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
C-13023 Nov. 17, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Removal of Low Usage Job Codes.</p> <p>Summary: At the September 2017 meeting of the Arbitration and Rules Committee, the Car Repair Billing Committee recommended that certain job codes be deleted due to low usage, effective January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops are encouraged to review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>

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	<p>Implementation Date: These revisions will be included in the January 2018 release of the Field Manual.</p>	
C-13024 Nov. 17, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 21, Draft Gears.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 21, 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 January 2018 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops are encouraged to review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
C-13025 Nov. 17, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 112.D.2.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Car Repair Billing Committee to revise Office Manual Rule 112.D.2, 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 January 2018 release of the Field Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Shops are encouraged to review these Field Manual Rule changes.</p>
C-13026 Nov. 20, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to the 200 Series Figures – 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 the Figures 240, 244, 247, 260, 263, 267, 280, and 285 – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision to Section 2 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for the 200 series figures in your copy Section 2.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Loading (Railroads)</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-13027 Nov. 21, 2017	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section G-II, Wheel and Axle Manual, S-659, RP-632, RP-633, and RP-634, Wheel Storage, Magnetic Particle Solution, Alternate Journal Length Gauge, and Torque System Calibration.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section G-II, Wheel and Axle Manual, S-659, RP-632, RP-633, and RP-634, revision to wheel storage, revision to magnetic particle solution concentration, addition of an alternate journal length gauge for used axles, and revision of the calibration and verification requirements of automated torque systems.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section G-II.</p>

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	<p>Implementation Date: S-659, RP-632, RP-633, and RP-634 are now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	
<p>C-13028 Nov. 21, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation Effective Immediately: Revisions to Field Manual Rule 90, Extending the Life of Side Frames and Truck Bolsters to 52 Years.</p> <p>Summary: Circular Letter C-12968 was issued to solicit comments on revisions to Rule 90, extending the life of side frames and truck bolsters to 52 years.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The changes as identified in within this circular are being implemented immediately, and are effective with the date of this circular.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Car owners and repairs shops need to note these revisions to avoid taking side frames and bolsters out of service two years early.</p>
Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular		
<p>C-12986 Nov. 7, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation for Comment, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 41, Wheels.</p> <p>Summary: The proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 41 to move 41.A.2.g to 41.A.1.x, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the WABL and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should provide comments to AAR within the 30 day requested comment period.</p>
<p>C-12987 Nov. 7, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 23, Articulator Connectors.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the CSTCC to revise Rule 23 and Rule 75 for Articulated Connectors, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the addition is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the CSTCC and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should provide comments to AAR within the 30 day requested comment period.</p>
<p>C-12988 Nov. 7, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments on Proposed Changes to MSRP Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-2034, Car Builder Certification, Updated Requirements/Definitions for Car Builders, Subcontracting, Subassemblies, and Inspections.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this Circular Letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-2034, Car Builder Certification. The AAR Equipment Engineering Committee (EEC) has updated the standard for several reasons noted within this circular.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: A draft of proposed Standard S-2034 is attached to this circular. Interested parties should provide comments to AAR within the 30 day requested comment period.</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 EEC.</p>	
<p>C-12990 Nov. 7, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments on Proposed Changes to MSRP Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-213 Side Door and Door Frames, Boxcar – Plug Type, Updated Requirements.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this Circular Letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-213, Side Door and Door Frames, Boxcar – Plug Type. The Specification has been rewritten for the purpose of organizing the requirements into the sections shown in the table in this circular, as well as to add and modify certain requirements.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the EEC.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: A draft of proposed Standard S-213 is attached to this circular. Interested parties should provide comments to AAR within the 30 day requested comment period.</p>
<p>C-12992 Nov. 7, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Office Manual, Rule 107.G, Additions and Betterments.</p> <p>Summary: The proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 107.G Exhibit V, was reviewed and approved. These revisions include the addition of two new Additions & Betterments Exceptions for Automated Ballast Cars. The entire text of the revision is 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 January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: A draft of proposed Office Manual Rule 107.G is noted within this circular. Interested parties should provide comments to AAR within the 30 day requested comment period.</p>
<p>C-12994 Nov. 8, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation for Comment, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 44, Turned Wheel Job Codes.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the WABL Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 44 for turned wheels, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the WABL and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should provide comments to AAR within the 30 day requested comment period.</p>
<p>C-12995 Nov. 8, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 16, 17 and 18, Non-metallic Pins.</p> <p>Summary: the Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the CSTCC to revise Rules 16, 17 and 18 for Non-metallic Pins, and Office Manual Rule 88.C.3.c Minimum Mechanical Requirements</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p>

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	<p>Chart(5)(d), was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the addition is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the CSTCC and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Comments: Interested parties should provide comments to AAR within the 30 day requested comment period.</p>
<p>C-12996 Nov. 9, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation for Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 59 and 83, Cushion Unit Yokes.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Equipment Engineering Committee (EEC) to revise Rules 59 and 83, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Equipment Engineering and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should provide comments to AAR within the 30 day requested comment period.</p>
<p>C-12997 Nov. 9, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation for Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 3, Testing of Air Brakes.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the Brakes Systems Committee to reformat Rule 3, was reviewed and approved. The intent is not to change the meaning of the Rule, only to align with other Rules in the Field Manual. The entire text of the revision is identified with this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Brake Systems and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should provide comments to AAR within the 30 day requested comment period.</p>
<p>C-12998 Nov. 9, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 16, 17, 18, and 83.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee multiple proposals as advanced by the CSTCC to revise Rules 16, 17, 18 and 83, were reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revisions is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the CSTCC and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should provide comments to AAR within the 30 day requested comment period.</p>
<p>C-12300 Nov. 10, 2017</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation for Comments, Revisions to Field and Office Manuals, Appendix A.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee proposals to revise the Appendix A of the Field and Office Manuals to add the definition of Conform and AAR Certified Shop, were reviewed and approved.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p>

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	<p>The entire text of the additions 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 January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Comments: Interested parties should provide comments to AAR within the 30 day requested comment period.</p>
C-12301 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Solicitation for Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 5, 6 and 7.</p> <p>Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee a proposal as advanced by the BSC to reformat Rules 5, 6, and 7, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Brake Systems and Arbitration and Rules Committees, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should provide comments to AAR within the 30 day requested comment period.</p>
C-13029 Nov. 29, 2017	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section E, Brakes and Brake Equipment, S-486, Code of Air Brake System Tests for Fright Equipment – Single Car Test, Test Updates for Brake Cylinder Maintaining.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section E, S-486, Single Car Test, to incorporate the test necessary for evaluating cars equipped with valves with brake cylinder maintaining (BCM) technology.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the Brake Systems Committee prior to taking action on the revisions which are the subject of the comments.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Interested parties should review these proposed changes and provide comments if you disagree with the proposal within the requested 30 day comment period.</p>
General Information for the Industry		
C-12993 Nov. 8, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular: CRB DX Mandatory Reject for Duplicate Line Numbers.</p> <p>Summary: At the September 2017 meeting of the Car Repair Billing Committee, a proposal to revise the Car Repair Billing Procedures Manual was reviewed and approved. The goal of this revision is to implement a mandatory reject of Billing Repair Cards that contain duplicate line numbers.</p> <p>Implementation Date: As information, with the implementation of this vertical edit, the inbound file processing time will increase by approximately three times.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Important Note: It is recommended that this information be shared with all Car Repair Billing and IT personnel in your company that work with or are responsible for Car Repair Invoices submitted to and/or received from Railinc's Data Exchange</p>
C-12999 Nov. 10, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational: Reminder of June 1, 2018 deadline to equip all tank cars with Long Travel Constant Contact Side Bearings. Pending Release of Early Warning for tank cars not yet equipped.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information – Tank Cars</p> <p>Car Owner: Yes</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p>

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	<p>Summary: The purpose of this circular is to remind/notify the industry of: All tank cars must be equipped with long travel constant contact side bearings (LTCCSBs) by June 1, 2018, and the AAR is preparing an Early Warning, to be released in December 2017, which will include all tank cars not yet equipped with LTCCSBs.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Questions should be directed to Mr. Jon Hannafious, Senior Manager, Equipment Engineering Committee at TTCl via email at eec@aar.com.</p>	<p>Comments: An industry reminder was issued in May of 2014 by Circular C-12166, stating a deadline of January 1, 2016. A subsequent circular issued in June 2014 (C-12192) moved the date back to June 1, 2018. This latter date was included in the January 2016 version of the Field Manual, as a note was added to Rule 88.A.16.f.9 stating that "all tank cars must be equipped by June 1, 2018."</p>
C-13013 Nov. 15, 2017	<p>Subject: Informational Circular, SCT Copolymer 5635 Chocks.</p> <p>Summary: The Multi-Level Pooling Executive Committee (MPEC) unanimously approved that as of January 1, 2018 the purchase of new or reconditioned Copolymer 5635 Chocks and their clones of these model chocks will no longer be a pool billable expense.</p> <p>Implementation Date: January 1, 2018.</p>	<p>Car Type: Auto Racks</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: In addition, as of January 1, 2024 all Copolymer 5635 Chocks and their clones of these model chocks must be removed from all national reload pool assigned multi-levels.</p>