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Subject: February 2018 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The February 2018 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-13066 Feb. 8, 2018	<p>Subject: Correction to Office Manual Price Matrices Retroactive to February 1, 2018.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to authorize counter billing related to incorrect wheel set prices as described in C-13062. The affected wheel set job codes were 3328, 3329, 3333, 3334, 3336, 3337, 3338, 3339, 3341, and 3342.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The pricing has been corrected in the January 26, 2018 release of the Price Master.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possibly</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possibly</p> <p>Comments: All parties involved in the issuance or receipt of erroneous charges incurred between January 17, 2018 and January 31, 2018 are given the authority to counter bill in accordance with AAR Office Manual rule 112.D.2.</p>
C-13068 Feb. 12, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section H-II, Roller Bearing Manual, S-721, Brinelling Description.</p> <p>Summary: this circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section H-II, Roller Bearing Manual, S-721, updating the brinelling description to remove the</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p>

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	<p>requirement to de-cage the inner rings that are associated with unacceptable outer rings as a result of 10 or more brinells.</p> <p>Implementation Date: S-721 is now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p>Comments: This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section H-II.</p>
C-13069 Feb. 12, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of New Figure 36-B—Section 6 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved new Figure 36-B - Shelters, 10,000 LB or less—flatcars, with chain tie-down - Section 6 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this new figure to Section 6 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 36-B in your copy Section 6.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13070 Feb. 12, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 26 – 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 26 - poles, round stock, 89 FT flatcars, equipped with cushioned underframe, six pair of steel side stakes/bunks, web strap and winches - 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 26 in your copy Section 5.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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-13072 Feb. 12, 2018	<p>Subject: Implementation of New Figure 48-I— Section 6 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved new Figure 48-I - concrete mixer, trailer mounted, with pneumatic tires, 11,580 lb. or less, flatcars, chain tie down - Section 6 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this new figure to Section 6 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manual. In the interim, please insert the circular attachment for Figure 48-I in your copy Section 6.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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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Changes Pending 30-Day Comment Period from Date of Circular		
C-13064 Feb. 2, 2018	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments – New Specification M-1005 locomotive electronics safety assessments and analyses for MSRP Section M, locomotives and locomotive interchange equipment.</p> <p>Summary: Specification M-1005 was developed by the AAR Subpart E Task Force, established by the Locomotive Committee, with the goal of providing a comprehensive response and standard protocol to demonstrate compliance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 229, Subpart E – Locomotive Electronics. Specification M-1005 defines a methodology and the responsibilities for both railroads and suppliers to comply with the regulatory requirements</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of issuance of this Circular will be considered by the Locomotive Committee prior to final action on implementation.</p>	<p>Car Type: Locomotives</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Specification M-1005 will be mandatory for all locomotives that are ordered after the specification is implemented. Upon implementation, M-1005 will be added to the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section M, locomotives and locomotive interchange equipment.</p>
C-13065 Feb. 5, 2018	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section G-II, Wheel and Axle Manual, S-659, Wheel Storage, and RP-632, 2 Ton Limit for Wheel Mounting.</p> <p>Summary: this circular letter is to solicit comments for proposed revisions to MSRP Section G-II, Wheel and Axle Manual, S-659, and RP-632, revision to wheel storage, and revision of the 2 ton limit for wheel mounting when using computer controlled wheel press recorders.</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the WABL Committee prior to final 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: No</p> <p>Comments: The proposed revisions do not have costs associated with implementation.</p>
C-13067 Feb. 9, 2018	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specification M-201, Castings Steel, Regarding Flawed Tensile Specimen Procedures.</p> <p>Summary: This circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section S, Specification M-201, Castings Steel, regarding procedures to document and retest flawed tensile specimens.</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 prior to taking action.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee is proposing changes to paragraph 7.2.3 to require documenting flawed tensile test specimens and procedures to handle retests.</p>

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<p>C-13071 Feb. 12, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments to Require Pipe With Couplings, Sleeves, or Thread Protectors to be Staggered – 100 Series Figures - Section 2 AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The OTLRC requests comments from the industry regarding requiring all pipe with couplings, sleeves, or thread protectors to be staggered to avoid contact and maintain even load as in Note 3 of Figure 136 (attached to this circular).</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments received within 30 days from the date of this Circular Letter will be considered by the OTLR Committee prior to any action on the implementation of these changes to these figures in Section 2 of the Open Top Loading Rules Manual.</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</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>
General Information for the Industry		
<p>C-13073 Feb. 20, 2018</p>	<p>Subject: Update - Registrations Are Open for AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance Training Classes: Basic & Advanced Auditor Training and Root Cause Analysis.</p> <p>Summary: The Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee has scheduled the following Quality Assurance Training classes. Interested parties are encouraged to enroll promptly as classes tend to fill quickly and acceptance is based on a first-come first-served basis.</p> <p>Implementation Date: See circular for registration details.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Optional</p> <p>Repair Shop: Optional</p> <p>Comments: The cost for the Basic & Advanced Auditor Training classes are \$1,076 and for the Root Cause Analysis classes are \$760. The listed course dates and locations are included within this circular.</p>