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Subject: January 2023 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The January 2023 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom DeLafosse at 630.512.7595 or tom.delafosse@salcoproducts.com.

Circular No.	Subject and Summary	Impact Statement
Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of Circular		
C-14097 Jan. 3, 2023	<p>Subject: Implementation Circular: MSRP Section F, Sensors, Standard S-920, Component Identification Bar Code Standards / Appendix D - Coupler Body Data Glossary</p> <p>Summary: This implementation circular is being released to the industry for revisions to the AAR's Manual of Standards & Recommended Practices (MSRP) Section F - Sensors / Standard S-920 / Appendix D - Coupler Body Data Glossary.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Modifications will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section F.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: Yes</p> <p>Comments: If Section F is a required publication for your facility be sure to replace the current copy of Standard S-920 with the version attached to this circular.</p>

<p>C-14099 Jan. 4, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to General Rules 19, 21 and 30 – 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 to Section 1 OTLR manual for General Rules 19, 21 and 30.</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 General Rules 19, 21 and 30 in your Section 1 copy if this is a required publication for your location.</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>
<p>C-14100 Jan. 6, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Notice of implementation to edit the figures by adding the minimum product length in Figures 129 and 129-A – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) requested comments from the industry via circular C-14063, to add minimum product length in Figures 129 and 129-A – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR). The comments from the industry have been considered and the committee has approved to implement the noted figures with the revisions noted 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 AAR's OTLR Manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 129 and 129-A from Section 2.</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>
<p>C-14102 Jan. 6, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Implementation of Revisions to Figure 124-B: PIPE, STEEL, 26 IN. OD OR LESS, MAXIMUM 48 FT MIXED DIAMETERS, SECURED WITH NON-METALLIC STRAPPING— 52-FT GONDOLAS – Section 2 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 revision to Section 2 OTLR manual for Figure 124-B.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The implementation of this revision is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figure 124-B in your Section 2 copy.</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>

<p>C-14106 Jan. 27, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Office Manual Rule 107, Freight Car Index Factor.</p> <p>Summary: The AAR Car Repair Billing Committee has approved the 2022 Freight Car Index Factor of 201 to be used in 2023. This number is unchanged from the 2018 through 2021 Freight Car Index Factor.</p> <p>Implementation Date: The new Freight Car Index Factor is published in Rule 107 of the Office Manual and is effective January 1, 2023.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: Possibly</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: The Freight Car Index Factor is based on the Freight Car Producer Price Index from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.</p>
<p>Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period from Date of Circular</p>		
<p>C-14101 Jan. 6, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments to archive Figure 126: PIPE, STEEL AND WROUGHT IRON, 26 IN. O.D. OR LESS—GONDOLAS – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this circular letter is to solicit comments to archive Figure 126: PIPE, STEEL AND WROUGHT IRON, 26 IN. O.D. OR LESS—GONDOLAS – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p>Implementation Date: All comments, relevant to this figure, received within 30 days from the date of this Circular Letter will be considered by the OTLR Committee prior to any action</p>	<p>Car Type: Open Top Gondolas</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Railroads 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-14105 Jan. 25, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section B, Freight Car Draft Components, Specifications M-901E and M-901G Draft Gear Requirements, regarding extending the limits of travel.</p> <p>Summary: The purpose of this circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions to the following in MSRP Section B:</p> <p>Specification M-901E - Draft Gears with a Minimum Capacity of 36,000 ft·lb at a Reaction of 500,000 lb. Specification M-901G - Draft Gear, Rated by Impact Testing.</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 EEC.</p>	<p>Car Type: Freight</p> <p>Car Owner: No</p> <p>Repair Shop: No</p> <p>Comments: Submit comments to Jon Hannafious, Director of Technical Standards, at MxV Rail via email at EEC@aar.com.</p>

General Information for the Industry		
<p>C-14098 Jan. 3, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: AAR 2023 Quality Assurance Auditor & Industry Conference Update.</p> <p>Summary: This circular issues the final conference agenda for the attendees.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Immediate</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possibly</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possibly</p> <p>Comments: Refer to the attachments to this circular for the full conference agenda.</p>
<p>C-14103 Jan. 6, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: 2023 AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance Auditor Training Class Schedule.</p> <p>Summary: The Association of American Railroads (AAR) Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has finalized the noted schedule within this circular for the 2023 AAR M-1003 Quality Assurance Training classes.</p> <p>Implementation Date: Questions should be directed to either Don Guillen or Mark Rusovick with the AAR Quality Assurance Committee at QA@aar.com.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: MxV Rail is looking forward to offering a full schedule of in person training classes throughout the year.</p>
<p>C-14104 Jan. 25, 2023</p>	<p>Subject: Spring 2023 AAR Technical Committee Meetings.</p> <p>Summary: AAR meetings that have been planned for the first half of 2023 are listed within this circular. AAR Meeting Announcements can also be found online on the MxV Rail Technical Services web page: http://www.aar.com/standards/AARMeetingAnnouncements.html</p> <p>Implementation Date: Industry Information.</p>	<p>Car Type: Industry Information</p> <p>Car Owner: Possible</p> <p>Repair Shop: Possible</p> <p>Comments: Review this listing and contact the noted representative if you have interest in attending.</p>