

**To:** Distribution List

**Subject:** February 2023 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The February 2023 summary includes the (3) 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](mailto:tom.delafosse@salcoproducts.com).

Circular No.	Subject and Summary	Impact Statement
<b>Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of Circular</b>		
C-14108 Feb. 23, 2023 <b><u>Mandatory Circular</u></b>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation Effective Immediately: CORRECTION to Field Manual Rule 88.A.15.f(7).</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This circular letter is to notify the industry that there was a misprint found on page 678 in Rule 88 of the January 2023 Field Manual. The corrected verbiage is identified within this circular.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> This circular is identified as mandatory in accordance with Field Manual Rule 1.5.b(11) and must be maintained until the next revision of the Field Manual.</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> This circular must be maintained until issuance of the July 1, 2023 updates.</p>

Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period from Date of Circular		
<p>C-14107 Feb. 24, 2023</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Proposed Revisions to MSRP, Section M - Locomotives and Locomotive Interchange Equipment: Standard S-5018 – Dynamic Braking Control.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> the Locomotive Committee a proposal from the Brake Systems Committee to revise S-5018 was approved. Clarifying language was applied to Section 3.0 Locomotive Response paragraph 3.4.2 The current text and the proposed revisions are noted within 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 Locomotive Committee and appropriate revisions, if any, will be made prior to implementation.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Locomotives</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Comments from interested parties are herewith solicited under the provisions of AAR Standard S-050. Please submit comments to Mike Fore, Director-Technical Services at AAR via email to <a href="mailto:mfore@aar.org">mfore@aar.org</a>.</p>
General Information for the Industry		
<p>C-14104 Feb. 21, 2023</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Spring 2023 AAR Technical Committee Meetings - Revised and Updated.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Equipment Engineering Committee will now meet in Pueblo, CO rather than in Cary, NC. The Car Repair Billing Committee will meet in Cary, NC. AAR Meeting Announcements can also be found online on the MxV Rail Technical Services web page: <a href="http://www.aar.com/standards/AARMeetingAnnouncements.html">http://www.aar.com/standards/AARMeetingAnnouncements.html</a></p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> AAR meetings that have been planned for the first half of 2023 are listed within this circular</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Industry Information</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Possible</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Possible</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Revised dates were made, interested parties should check any dates and locations you may have had plans to attend before making your arrangements.</p>