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Subject: November 2024 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The November 2024 summary includes the (32) 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.

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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-14453 Nov. 6,	Subject: Implementation of new Figures 21-H, 55-C, 91-B and Appendix A – Section 6 of the AAR Open Top Loading	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas
2024	Rules Manual (OTLR).	Car Owner: No
	Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted additions contained within	Repair Shop: No
	this circular to Figures 21-H, 55-C, 91-B and Appendix A to Section 6 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).	Comments: Carriers are asked to ensure that copies of this circular letter are distributed to all
	Implementation Date: The implementation of these new additions to Section 6 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR manual. Insert the attachments to this circular for Figures 21-H, 55-C, 91-B and Appendix A in your copy of Section 6.	concerned shippers and railroad personnel for their attention and guidance.

C-14454 Nov. 7, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to General Rules 3, 21, 28, and 30 – Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR). Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions contained within this circular to Section 1 OTLR manual for General Rules 3, 21, 28, and 30. Implementation Date: The implementation of these revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. Insert the attachments to 	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No 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
	this circular for General Rules 3, 21, 28, and 30 in your copy of Section 1.	guidance.
C-14455 Nov. 7, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Figures 55 and 55-A – Section 3 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR). Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved noted revisions contained within this circular to Section 3 OTLR manual for Figures 55 and 55-A. Implementation Date: The implementation of these revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. Insert the attachments to this circular for Figures 55 and 55-A in your copy of Section 3. 	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No 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.
C-14456 Nov. 7, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Appendix D and Appendix F – Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR). Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions contained within this circular to Section 1 OTLR manual for Appendix D and Appendix F. Implementation Date: The implementation of these revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. Insert the attachments to this circular attachments for Appendix D and Appendix F in your copy of Section 1. 	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No 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.

C-14458 Nov. 12,	Subject: Revisions to the Office Manual Price Matrix, Rule 73 Job Codes, Additional Hatch Cover Locations.	Car Type: Hopper Cars
2024	 Summary: The Car Repair Billing Committee meeting, the committee advanced a proposal to update the AAR Office Manual Price Matrix to increase the allowed amount of reportable hatch covers for single units from 4 locations to 7 locations. Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Office Manual. 	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific affected job codes.
C-14459 Nov. 13, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Figures 14-B, 105-C, 109 and 120 – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR). Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions within this circular to Section 2 OTLR manual for Figures 14-B, 105-C, 109 and 120. Implementation Date: The implementation of these revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. Insert this circular attachments for Figures 14-B, 105-C, 109 and 120 in your copy of Section 2. 	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No 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.
C-14460 Nov. 13, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Figures 124-B, 124-C, 129 and 267 – Section 2 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR). Summary: The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions within this circular to Section 2 OTLR manual for Figures 124-B, 124-C, 129 and 267. 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 Figures 124-B, 124-C, 129 and 267 in your copy of Section 2. 	Car Type: Open Top Gondolas Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No 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.

C-14461 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual Rules 1, 3 and 4, 4-Pressure Testing. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, advanced a proposal by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 1, 3 and 4 related to 4-pressure testing, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review these changes for compliance when performing SCABT's.
C-14462 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual Rule 3.E. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 3.E.22, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review the qualifier revisions noted within this circular.
C-14463 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual Rule 3.F. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, advanced a proposal by the Car Repair Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 3.F, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review the job code revisions noted within this circular.
C-14464 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual Rules 4 and 8. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Car Repair Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 4 and 8 to include items that were inadvertently left out of prior revisions, was reviewed, and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review the job code revisions noted within this circular.

C-14465	Subject: Revisions to Field Manual Rule 5.B.	Car Type: Freight
Nov. 18, 2024	 Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 5.B, to revise the Correct Repair Chart for End Hoses for clarification, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review the correct repair chart for the end brake hoses.
C-14466 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual Rule 5.B, Hose Height on Rotary Couplers. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 5, to clarify usage of hose height adjustments on cars with rotary couplers, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review the hose height adjustment on cars with rotary couplers contained within this circular.
C-14467 Nov. 18, 2024	Subject:Revisions to Field Manual Rule 9.Summary:The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Brake Systems Committee to editorially revise Field Manual Rule 9, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.Implementation Date:This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual.	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review the job code editorial changes contained within this circular.
C-14468 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rules 16, 17, 18. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee, advanced a proposal by the Coupling Systems and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 16, 17 and 18, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review these rule revisions contained within this circular.

C-14469	Subject: Revisions to Field Manual Rule 13 and Rule 83.	Car Type: Freight
Nov. 18, 2024	 Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Brake Systems Committee to revise Field Manual Rules 13 and 83, to clarify use of Why Made Code 1N versus Why Made Code 01, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review these editorial revisions to these rules.
C-14470 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 16.E. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Coupling Systems and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 16.E, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review these editorial revisions to this FM rule.
C-14471 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 16.E. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Coupling Systems and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 16.E to improve understanding of differences between cracks and hot tears, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review these crack clarifications to FM Rule 16.
C-14472 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 17.B Correct Repair Chart. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Coupling Systems and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 17.B, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review these editorial revisions to this FM rule.

C-14473	Subject: Revisions to Field Manual Rule 18.B, Figure 18.10.	Car Type: Freight
Nov. 18, 2024	Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 18.B.13, Figure 18.10, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review these editorial
	Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual.	revisions to this FM rule.
C-14474 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual Rule 21.B, Correct Repair Chart Group S. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 21, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. The entire text of the revision is identified Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review these editorial revisions to FM Rule 21.
C-14475 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 22, Lever Eye Clearance. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Coupling Systems and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 22 to provide clarification around lever eye clearance, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review these editorial revisions to this FM Rule 22.
C-14476 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual Rule 70.B. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 70, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review these editorial revisions to this FM Rule 70.

C-14477 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field and Office Manuals, Various Rules Related to Tank Cars. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Equipment Engineering Committee and the Tank Car Committee to revise various Field and Office Manual Rules for general clean-up and to align with M-1002, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified 	Car Type: Tank Car Owner: Yes (for tank car owners) Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops certified to work on tank cars should refer to this circular for
	Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual.	the editorial revisions made to FM Rules 71, 76, 79, 88, 90, 96, and new OM Rule 88 C.1a (1).
C-14478 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 90.B.5 Truck Components. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Coupling Systems and Truck Castings Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 90 to provide clarification on age criteria for side frames and bolsters, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review these editorial revisions to this FM Rule 90.
C-14479 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Office Manual Rule 107.F. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee request for interpretation resulted in a proposal to revise Office Manual Rule 107.F.4, for clarification, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review the minor editorial revision to OM Rule 107.
C-14480 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Revisions to Field Manual, Appendix B, Chock Replacement Guidelines - <u>Revised Table</u>. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee to revise Field Manual Appendix B.B, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: This change will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Repair shops be sure to review the revisions to Appendix B table of Rule 70.

C-14482	Subject: Revisions to Field Manual Rule 59.	Car Type: Freight
Nov. 18, 2024	Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Equipment Engineering Committee to revise Field Manual Rule 59, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.	Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes
	Implementation Date: These changes will be included in the January 1, 2025 release of the Field Manual.	Comments: Repair shops be sure to review these revisions along with the table addition.
CPC-1427 Nov. 22, 2024	Subject: Recommended Railroad Operating Practices for Transportation of Hazardous Materials.	Car Type: Railroads Car Owner: No
	Summary: The AAR's Hazmat Committee reviewed OT-55-R Appendix 1 / Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) and High-Level Radioactive Waste (HLRW).	Repair Shop: No Comments: N/A
	Implementation Date: Interested parties should refer to this CPC to download the revised OT-55-R revision.	comments. N/A
	Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period fro	om Date of Circular
C-14457 Nov. 8, 2024	 Subject: Revision to MSRP Section N, Specification M-951, Portable Bridge Plates for Multi-Level Auto Rack Cars. Summary: Proposed revisions to Specification M-951, Appendix B, Offset from Center Portable Bridge Plates - Requirements. The Committee has changed the language in Section 2.1 and 3.1 to include both a 2" and 4" offset from center bridge plate. In addition, M-951, Section 8.5 was added to sunset the low-capacity bridge plate. Implementation Date: The complete specification is attached for review. All comments received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the SEFCC prior to final action on the proposed revisions. 	Car Type: Autoracks Car Owner: No Repair Shop: No Comments: Updated drawings in Fig. B.1 Top and Bottom Markings with 2- and 4-in. dimensions.
C-14481 Nov. 18, 2024	 Subject: Solicitation of Comments, Revisions to Field Manual, Appendix B, Chock Job Codes. Summary: The Arbitration and Rules Committee advanced a proposal by the Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee to revise Field Manual Appendix B chock Job Codes to align with chock sunset dates, was reviewed and approved. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular. Implementation Date: All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Arbitration and Rules Committee, with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2025. 	Car Type: Freight Car Owner: No Repair Shop: Yes Comments: Refer to this circular for the specific editorial details of these changes.

	General Information for the Industry		
C-14484	Subject: Car Repair Billing Data Exchange Schedule Effective	Car Type: Freight	
Nov. 27,	January 1, 2025.		
2024		Car Owner: Yes	
	Summary: The AAR Car Repair Billing committee has		
	implemented the proposal shared in AAR Circular Letter C-	Repair Shop: Possible	
	14341, issued on May 1, 2024, to modify the CRBDX Run		
	Dates for 2025 and onward as noted within this circular.	Comments: It is recommended	
		that this information be shared	
	Implementation Date: The enclosed schedule will also be	with all Car Repair Billing and IT	
	shared on the Railinc Car Repair Billing website after the	personnel in your company that	
	December 2024 CRBDX "Date Out" on December 5, 2024.	work with or are responsible for	
		Car Repair Invoices submitted to	
		and/or received from Railinc's	
		CRB Data Exchange.	