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**Subject:** June 2024 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The June 2024 summary includes the (17) 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, specification, 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
<b>Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of Circular</b>		
C-14376 <b>May 30</b> , 2024	<b>Subject:</b> Implementation of a new Figure 200-D – Section 6 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).  <b>Summary:</b> The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Figure 200-D to Section 6 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).  <b>Implementation Date:</b> The implementation of this new addition 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 200-D in your copy of Section 6.	<b>Car Type:</b> Open Top Gondolas  <b>Car Owner:</b> No  <b>Repair Shop:</b> No  <b>Comments:</b> 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-14377  <b>May 30</b>,                  2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation of two new Figures 840 and 840-A – Section 7 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Figures 840 and 840-A to Section 7 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The implementation of this new additions to Section 7 is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR manual. Insert the circular attachment for Figures 840 and 840-A in your copy of Section 7.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Open Top Gondolas</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> 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-14378                  June 3,                  2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 4.E.27.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Revised Field Manual Rule 4.E.27, was reviewed and approved. This change was also included in the informational circular C-14343 with 4-pressure clarifications published on May 6, 2024.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> This change will be included in the July 1, 2024 updates to 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> Effective July 1, 2025, all single car air brake tests must be performed using a 4-pressure test device. Control valve set Car not equipped with 4-pressure test capability, must be equipped prior to performing a single car test.</p>
<p>C-14379                  June 3,                  2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Revisions to Field Manual, Rule 5.B Correct Repair Chart for End Hoses.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Revised Field Manual Rule 5.B Correct Repair Chart for End Hoses was reviewed and approved. The revision is being made to provide clarification related to S-4032 and the increased usage of 33" end hoses. The entire text of the revision is identified within this circular.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> This change will be included in the July 1, 2024 updates to 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> Nothing additional.</p>

<p>C-14384 June 18, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation of Revisions to General Rule 37 and Appendix F – Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Section 1 OTLR manual for General Rule 37 and Appendix F.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The implementation of these revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. In the interim, insert the circular attachments for General Rule 37 and Appendix F into your copy of Section 1.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Open Top Gondolas</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> 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-14385 June 18, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation of Revisions to General Rule 21: Chain, Binders, and Assemblies – Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Section 1 OTLR manual for General Rule 21: Chain, Binders, and Assemblies.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The implementation of these revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. In the interim, insert the circular attachment for General Rule 21 in your copy of Section 1.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Open Top Gondolas</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> 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-14386 June 18, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation of Revisions to General Rules 1, 11, 19, and 20 – Section 1 of the AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual (OTLR).</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The AAR's Open Top Loading Rules Committee (OTLRC) has approved the noted revisions to Section 1 OTLR manual for General Rules 1, 11, 19, and 20.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> The implementation of these revisions is effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the OTLR manual. In the interim, insert the circular attachments for General Rules 1, 11, 19, and 20 in your copy of Section 1.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Open Top Gondolas</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> 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-14388 June 24, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP). Section K-I Railway Electronics Architecture and Concepts of Operations. Standard S-9080.V5.0.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Standard S-9080.V5.0 was Adopted in 2020 and Last Revised in 2024 and is attached to this Circular in PDF format. S-9080.V5.0 will be incorporated into the next issue of the MSRP Section K-I Railway Electronics Architecture and Concepts of Operations.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> If Section K-I is a required publication for your location, insert the circular attachment in your copy of the MSRP Section K-I, Standard S-9080.V5.0.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> N/A</p>
<p>C-14389 June 24, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-VI Railway Data Management and Communications, Standard S-9501.V4.0.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> S-9501.V4.0 - Positive Train Control Data Model Definition is to establish a common data format between the various railroad databases to facilitate the conversation of track data for use by positive train control applications.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> If Section K-I is a required publication for your location, insert the circular attachment in your copy of the MSRP Section K-VI, Standard S-9501.V4.0.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> N/A</p>
<p>C-14390 June 24, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> AAR Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (MSRP), Section K-VI Railway Data Management and Communications, Standard S-9501 Appendix A.V1.0</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> S-9501 Appendix A V1.0 - Positive Train Control Data Model Definition - Data Model Bundle is external content to the requirements of AAR Standard S-9501, "Positive Train Control Data Model Definition". Appendix A is a multi-page document consisting of four Entity Relationship (ER) Diagrams that illustrate how the PTC concepts, entities and attributes relate to each other.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> If Section K-I is a required publication for your location, insert the circular attachment in your copy of the MSRP Section K-VI, Standard S-9501 Appendix A V1.0.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Railroads</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> N/A</p>

Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period from Date of Circular		
<p>C-14375  <b>May 30,</b>                      2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments – Electric Vehicles Batteries for Auto Parts Shipments (DP&amp;FC).</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The purpose of this circular letter is a request for information on electric vehicle batteries for auto parts (boxcar or intermodal) shipments from the electric vehicle battery industry.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments relevant to the request for information received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be reviewed by the Damage Prevention and Freight Claim Committee &amp; TAG.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Box or Intermodal</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Submit comments or questions to Kelsey Even, Damage Prevention and Freight Claim Committee Manager, at MxV Rail via email at <a href="mailto:dpls@aar.com">dpls@aar.com</a>.</p>
<p>C-14382                      June 10,                      2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> The Positive Train Control Interoperability Committee (PTCIC) of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) is publishing Draft S-9506.V1.0 ITC Data Exchange Business Processes for review and comment.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This document captures the business processes for exchanging PTC data between roads. This process will ensure the continued interoperability at interconnections, interlockings, rail crossings at grade, and locations where the role of operations and maintenance are split between railroads requiring coordination to maintain the relevance of PTC track data.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> In order to provide time for review and comments, this document will have a 15-day comment period. The time will begin with the posted date.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The purpose of the ITC Data Exchange Business Process is to facilitate the exchange of data between roads, specifically data that a railroad needs from another in order to produce and maintain interoperable track data files.</p>
<p>C-14392                      June 25,                      2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Solicitation of Comments for Revisions to MSRP Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-2060, Design Requirements for Rigid Open-Top Freight Car Covers, implementation of new standard.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This circular letter is to solicit comments for revisions proposed to Section C by addition of new Standard S-2060, Design Requirements for Rigid Open-Top Freight Car Covers. The standard defines the minimum requirements for rigid covers applied to open-top freight cars by a new car builder or as a retrofit. A draft of the standard is attached to this circular.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> All comments relevant to the proposed revisions received within 30 days of the issuance of this circular will be considered by the Equipment Engineering Committee.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Open Top Gondolas</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> Interested parties should review this proposed new standard and comment accordingly.</p>

General Information for the Industry		
<p>C-14380 June 4, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective July 1, 2024.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Car Repair Facility Labor Rate, effective July 1, 2024 is \$166.52, an increase of \$4.85 (or 3.0%) from the labor rate estimated on April 1, 2024.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> This will be reflected in the July 1, 2024 release of the AAR Office Manual.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> AAR (US) Labor Rate</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Possibly</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The increase is from general wage increases for most railroads.</p>
<p>C-14381 June 4, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Informational Circular, Canadian Car Repair Facility Labor Rate – Effective July 1, 2024.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The Canadian Car Repair Billing Labor Rate calculation for July 1, 2024 is \$242.60 CAD (Two hundred and forty-two Canadian dollars and sixty cents), an increase of fifty-one cents from the calculation for April 1. The currency conversion factor used to calculate the Health &amp; Welfare portions of the July 1 Canadian Labor Rate is 1.3679. This caused the increase in the Canadian Labor Rate.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> This will be reflected in the July 1, 2024 release of the AAR Office Manual.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> AAR (CA) Labor Rate</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Possibly</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> No</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> For comparison purposes, this converts to about \$177.35 in U.S. dollars. The currency conversion factor used to calculate the Health &amp; Welfare portions of the April 1 Canadian Labor Rate is 1.3478.</p>
<p>C-14387 June 20, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Reminder for NARMO 2024 - August 12-15, 2024 in Nashville, TN.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The 38th North American Rail Mechanical Operations (NARMO) Seminar will be held August 12-15, 2024 in Nashville, TN.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> See this circular for registration information and cost.</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> N/A</p>
<p>C-14393 June 26, 2024</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Fall 2024 AAR Technical Committee Meetings.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> AAR meetings that have been planned for the second half of 2024 are listed within this circular.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Refer to meeting locations and dates contained within this circular</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Industry News</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Possible</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Possible</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> N/A</p>