

**To:** Distribution List

**Subject:** January 2025 AAR Circular Letter Summary

The January 2025 summary includes the (5) 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
<b>Implemented Changes, Effective the Date of Circular</b>		
C-14500 Jan. 9, 2025	<p><b>Subject:</b> Implementation of Revisions to MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specification M-214, Side Frames and Bolsters, Used and Reconditioned – Classification and Repair Procedure, regarding Increased Component Life (ICL) and other requirements.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section S, Casting Details, Specification M-214, Side Frames and Bolsters, Used and Reconditioned – Classification and Repair Procedure.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Revised M-214, attached to this circular and is now implemented and effective immediately.</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> This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section S.</p>

<p>C-14501 Jan. 13, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Creation of S-6101A and Revisions to MSRP F, Sensors, S-6101 –Detector Calibration &amp; Validation Requirements / Detector Validation Table.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The new document is assigned as S-6101A Detector Validation Table and the initial version (as attached to this circular) contains the following information: Acoustic Bearing Detector (ABD), and Wheel Impact Load Detector (WILD).</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Modifications of S-6101A will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section F.</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> If Section F is a required publication for your location, be sure to download a copy and update your copy.</p>
<p>C-14502 Jan. 22, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Revisions to MSRP Section S, Casting Details, Specification M-214, Side Frames and Bolsters, Used and Reconditioned – Classification and Repair Procedure, regarding Increased Component Life (ICL)</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This circular letter is to notify the industry of revisions to Section S, CASTING DETAILS, Specification M-214, Side Frames and Bolsters, Used and Reconditioned – Classification and Repair Procedure.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Revised M-214, attached to this circular and is now implemented and effective immediately.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> No</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Only if certified to recondition side frames and bolsters</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> If Section S is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the revised M-214 and replace it in your copy of Section S.</p>
<p>C-14503 Jan. 27, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> AAR Field Manual Appendix D Update - January 1, 2025.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Appendix D of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) Field Manual has been updated and is now available on the Railinc website.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Appendix D is maintained and quarterly updated by the Railway Supply Institute (RSI) Appendix D Task Force.</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> All questions regarding the use of or information in the Appendix D document or the included tables should be directed to <a href="mailto:info@rsiweb.org">info@rsiweb.org</a>.</p>

<p>C-14504 Jan. 29, 2025</p>	<p><b>Subject:</b> Editorial Revisions to MSRP Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-2044, Safety Appliance Requirements for Freight Cars, Update to Appendix H1.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> This circular letter is to notify the industry of editorial revisions to MSRP Section C, Car Construction Fundamentals and Details, Standard S-2044, Safety Appliance Requirements for Freight Cars.</p> <p><b>Implementation Date:</b> Revised Standard S-2044 is now implemented and effective immediately. This modification will be incorporated in the next issue of the Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices, Section C.</p>	<p><b>Car Type:</b> Freight</p> <p><b>Car Owner:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Repair Shop:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> If Section C is a required publication for your location, be sure to download the attachment to this circular and update your manual.</p>
<b>Changes Pending 30-Day (Generally) Comment Period from Date of Circular</b>		
<b>General Information for the Industry</b>		