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**Circular Letter**

**Subject: Implementation to Archive Figure 51, Section 2, AAR OPEN TOP LOADING RULES MANUAL (OTLR)**

**To: MEMBERS AND PRIVATE CAR OWNERS**

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In accordance with the requirements of AAR Standard S-050, the OTLR Committee has approved the archiving of Figure 51 from Section 2.

The OTLRC has determined that Figure 51 utilizes 4x6 hardwood clamping pieces nailed to stub stakes placed into the stake pockets of the railcar. It was first issued in 02/60 and a safer method has been developed for girders, Figure 55-A.

Figure 51, Section 2, GIRDERS, VERTICAL-FLATCARS OR GONDOLAS will be archived into the AAR Open Top Loading Rule Manual Section 4 2016 Revision.

Section 4 addresses the Archiving of Rules and Figures from Sections 1 through 7. Figures in this New Section 4 have been withdrawn by the Open Top Loading Rules Committee from their original Section for various reasons, such as unsafe loading method, no longer applicable due to car structure, etc. These archived figures are no longer intended for publication unless re-instated by the Open Top Loading Rules Committee.

These changes are effective immediately and will be included in the next edition of the AAR's OTLR Manuals. In the interim, please print or copy for your records until the new Section 4 is published. 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.

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ON BEHALF OF THE OPEN TOP LOADING RULES COMMITTEE

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