



Association of American Railroads/TTCI
Damage Prevention and Loading Services

FAQ's: GIB 9

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The Product Performance Profile for Pneumatic Dunnage (PPPPD) was developed with input from the pneumatic dunnage bag manufacturers and provides an acceptable confidence level regarding the use of pneumatic dunnage bags for shippers, vendors and transportation carriers alike. The performance profile is a North American rail industry standard effective since July 1, 2005.

1. What's new in this revision to GIB 9?

This revision incorporates manufacturers' recommendations to encourage marking and labeling of AAR approved air bags. Beginning in 2020, all new verifications and reverifications will receive a unique company identifying number, to be printed on the label of each approved air bag.

2. How does a manufacturer get assigned an AAR number?

An AAR number will be randomly assigned to each customer participating in the program. If the manufacturer has an AAR assigned number through an existing program, that number will be used

3. How long does a manufacturer have to add their AAR assigned number to their product?

Manufacturers can start adding their assigned AAR number to their product when their product comes due for reverification.

4. Where will a manufacturer be able to see their assigned AAR number?

The number will be added next to the verified product description on the PPPPD listing.

5. Is the program mandatory?

Participation in the program is voluntary but when a new verification or reverification is updated on the PPPD verification list a unique AAR number will be assigned and shown on the verification list.

6. Does change to the valve placement or type of valve require reverification of an existing verification?

Yes, any change to the product, be it valve placement or valve type requires reverification testing.

7. Do samples have to meet the dimensions listed in GIB 9?

No, samples could be a different size as long as the tested bags are the largest size produced by the manufacturer.

8. What constitutes pre-conditioned or pre-tested bags?

Samples that have been tested for performance resulting in pre-stretched bags.

9. Can any manufacturer submit competitor's products for testing?

No, testing will only be done per the request of Shipper, Consignee, railroads or the dunnage manufacturer themselves.