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SUBJECT: Components Included in the  
Quality Assurance Certification Program

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(c-7332)

TO: Members and Private Car Owners

Gentlemen:

The Mechanical Division of the Association of American Railroads herein provides additional details on the progression of the Quality Assurance Program. Implementation of the program was originally announced in circular letter c-7081 dated September 10, 1985, and further explained in circular letter c-7149 dated November 10, 1986.

Recognizing that proper lubricants are essential to the performance of the journal roller bearing and since revised Specification M-942 as published in circular letter c-7321 now has been approved, the Mechanical Division announces its intention to include those manufacturers of journal roller bearing grease in the Specification M-1003 Quality Assurance Program. Coincidentally, manufacturers of lined journal bearings are to be brought under the terms of the program. These two additions complete the planned coverage of freight car bearings.

We are projecting publication of schedule requirements for commencement of procedures for certifying manufacturers of both roller bearing grease and lined journal bearings by March 1, 1989. Comments on the reasonability of the March 1st date received before January 10, 1989, will be considered, prior to issuance of an invitation to manufacturers requesting submissions of intent to apply for Quality Assurance Certification.

For your convenience, an updated listing of all components within each grouping presently included in the Quality Assurance Program is attached.

Sincerely,

Leavitt A. Peterson

Attachment

M-1003 COMPONENT LISTING

GROUP A-1

New Journal Roller Bearings  
New Lined Journal Bearings\*  
Journal Roller Bearing Grease\*

GROUP A-2

Reconditioned Journal Roller Bearings

GROUP B-1

New Truck Side Frames  
New Truck Bolsters  
New Couplers  
New Yokes  
New Knuckles  
New Truck Springs

GROUP B-2

Reconditioned Couplers  
Reconditioned Yokes  
Reconditioned Knuckles

GROUP C-1

New Center Plates  
New Draft Gears  
New Cushioning Devices

GROUP C-2

Reconditioned Draft Gears  
Reconditioned Cushioning Devices

GROUP D-1

New Wheels  
New Axles

GROUP D-2

Secondhand Wheels  
Secondhand Axles

Note: Includes shops with status  
codes: 1, 3, 5, 6, 6A, 7, 7A, 8A, 9

\*Effectivity Date Pending