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Multi Level Pool Billing (MLPB)

Overview



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Goals

- Convert current paper based billing processes to one modeled on the electronic AAR Car Repair Billing (CRB) system.
- Present equipment level details for repair activities that link repair activities to standardized reporting codes.
- Standardize how data is reported, edited, and liabilities are calculated among the participants.

Data Exchange Benefits

- Improved Repair Quality Tracking
- Industry Level Analysis
 - Component and Equipment Level
 - Expense and Inventory
- Automate
 - GPI Split
 - Invoice Distribution
- Improved cash flow and repair billing traceability
- Repair billing administration and accounting efficiencies

Repair Eligibility

- Must be for equipment that is assigned to the National Pool.
- Repairs must be performed at an authorized Ramp.
 - Satellite Shop repairs are not qualified for Pool Billing.
- Only Bi-level, Articulated Bi-level, and Tri-level rack repairs are billable.
 - AutoMax cars are not Pool Billable.
- Repairs must be recorded by Job Code for any repair to a Rack in Pool service.

Job Codes

- The Special Equipment Freight Car Committee (SEFCC) has created 181 new Job Codes for MLPB.
- Job Codes will be listed in Appendix B of the AAR Interchange Rules.
- MLPB Job Codes cover the following categories:

- Pre-tripping
- Bridge Plate Support
- Chock Storage
- Chock Track
- Chocks
- Deck Plate
- Door Edge Protection
- Grating
- Hinged Decks
- Labor
- Ladder
- Lubrication
- Material
- Rack Structure
- Radial
- Rave
- Roof Sheet
- Scoring
- Sealsafe
- Side Screen
- Tire Guide
- Tri-fold
- Welding



Repair Collection, Submission, and Edits

- All repairs are collected and invoiced together by:
 - Pool Operator (Railroad) Repairing Party
 - Shipper (Car Manufacturer) Servicing Month
 - AAR Ramp Code
- Invoices can be submitted to the MLPB Data Exchange individually or as a collection.
 - No limit to how many submissions can be made.
- All submission are subject to the file level Edits found in Appendix C of the MLPB Procedures Manual.
- All repairs in a file must pass the Edits to be included in the Data Exchange.

Data Exchange Processing

- Railinc applies the GPI to all inbound invoices and creates a detailed record for each participant with their portion of the invoice.
- Railinc calculates any taxes applicable for Canadian and Mexico Pool Operators and applies it to the repair.
- Railinc collects all repairs and distributes them to the Pool Participants (Car Owners).

Data Exchange Deliverables

- Railinc creates the following outbound 500-byte files:
 - Accounts Receivable (by participant with GPI applied)
 - Accounts Payable
- Railinc creates the following summary PDF reports:
 - Accounts Receivable
 - Accounts Payable
 - Net Billing Summary

Railroad Clearinghouse (RCH)

- After the Data Exchange all account receivable and account payables are sent to RCH.
- RCH takes the amounts payable and receivable by each party and nets them to come up with a total net payable or total net receivable and publishes it in a detailed report.
- On the scheduled funds transfer date, payments are taken and received.

Data Exchange Calendar

- Invoice submissions are due by the “Date In” listed.
- The Data Exchange occurs on the “Production Date” listed.
- Payment for repairs are processed through the Railroad Clearinghouse (RCH) on the “Funds Transfer” date.

Month	GPI Publish	Date In	Production Date	Date Out	RCH Report	RCH Funds Transfer
May	9	13	14	14	16	22
June	11	13	14	14	18	19
July	10	12	15	15	17	23
August	9	13	14	14	16	22
September	11	13	16	16	18	23
October	9	11	15	15	17	24
November	11	13	14	14	18	20
December	10	12	13	13	17	19

FindUs.Rail Requirements

- All MLPB Parties need to be listed in FindUs.Rail.
- All MLPB notifications and reports are provided based on the following two categories.
 - Submitters - “MLPB - Invoicing Party/Pool Operator”
 - Receivers - “MLPB - Billed Party”

Resources

- Appendix B of the Interchange Rules
- Railinc.com
 - MLPB Procedures Manual
 - MLPB Job Code Master
 - MLPB Submission Overview Demo
 - MLPB Calendar
- MLPB Application
 - Monthly GPI view
- Questions should be directed to csc@railinc.com