



CHARTER — TIRE ISSUES TASK FORCE

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1. Reasons for failure and billing process

- a) Research reasons for tire failures and identify responsible party (motor carrier or provider) for each reason. Include formal recommendations to AAR TAG for potential incorporation into Intermodal Interchange Rules, Section B and recommendation to IIEC for incorporation into UIIA.
- b) Also recommend a process for billing for tire repairs including a determination regarding whether the motor carrier should only be billed for the 32nds remaining on the tire at the time of the failure.

2. Quality of tires placed on equipment and proper maintenance

- a) Research field experiments utilizing only new bias tires and field experiments utilizing only radial tires (Pacer, UP, Norfolk, plus any others). Recommend a best practice based on the results of data gathered. Include research on weight ratings for tires used on intermodal units and make a recommendation
- b) Research the cost of flat repairs as compared to the cost of tire replacements. Make a recommendation for tire specifications and maintenance that will reduce the number of flat repairs required.