



# Memorandum

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**Federal Railroad  
Administration**

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Subject: Errors in U.S. DOT Safety Appliances Standards Booklet,  
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To: Regional Administrators, Deputy Regional Administrators,  
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There are two textual errors in the September 1977 reprint of the Safety Appliances and Power Brake Requirements (orange) Booklet. The first is in the "Note" to 231.1 on page 9, lines 12 through 23. The correct text should read as follows, with the portions associated with the error underlined:

Note: After December 31, 1976, cars of this type built on or before April 1, 1966 or under construction prior to that date and placed in service before October 1, 1966 must be equipped as nearly as possible with the same complement of safety appliances, depending upon type, as specified in 231.27 for box and other house cars without roof hatches, or in 231.28 for box and other house cars with roof hatches . Cars built after April 1, 1966 or under construction prior thereto and placed in service after October 1, 1966, must be equipped, depending upon type as specified in 231.27 for box and other house cars without roof hatches, or in 231.28 for box and other house cars with roof hatches.

The second textual error involves the omission of two lines after line 12, page 64 in 231.30 (a-) (2). The two lines omitted should read as follows:

...1977, seventy percent (70 percent) by October 1, 1978 and all such locomotives by October 1, 1979.

Please be governed accordingly.

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