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Sequence IIIG Information Letter 13-1  
Sequence No. 37  
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*ASTM consensus has not been obtained on this information letter. An appropriate ASTM ballot will be issued in order to achieve such consensus.*

TO: Sequence III Mailing List  
SUBJECT: Correct Rating Workshop Designation

During the January 31, 2013 Sequence III Surveillance Panel Conference call, the panel agreed to update the references to the ASTM Light Duty Rating workshop. Sections 12.4.3.4, 12.4.3.5 and 12.4.3.7 have been updated accordingly and are attached.

The attached changes to Test Method D 7320 are effective January 31, 2013.

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Attachments

c: [ftp://ftp.astmtmc.cmu.edu/docs/gas/sequenceiii/procedure\\_and\\_ils/IIIG/IL13-1.pdf](ftp://ftp.astmtmc.cmu.edu/docs/gas/sequenceiii/procedure_and_ils/IIIG/IL13-1.pdf)

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### **Modifies Test Method D7320-12**

as amended by Information Letters 11-4, 11-5 and 12-1

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12.4.3.4 All raters of Sequence IIIG engine pistons shall attend an ASTM Light Duty Deposit Rating Workshop every 12 months  $\pm$  30 days and produce data that meet the TMC definition of Blue, Red, or White for piston deposits. If a rater is unable to meet this requirement, the rater can continue to rate Sequence IIIG pistons after the completion of the workshop for a grace period of 45 days and can follow the procedure described in 12.4.3.5 to generate data that meet the TMC definitions of Blue, Red, or White.

12.4.3.5 A rater who is unable to meet the requirement in 12.4.3.4 can schedule a visit to the TMC to generate data on ASTM Light Duty Deposit Rating Workshop pistons and receive an assessment of rating performance compared to data collected at recent workshops. Visits to the TMC will be scheduled based on availability of parts.

12.4.3.7 A second attempt to generate rating data at the TMC is permitted only after the rater receives training from an experienced industry rater. The experienced industry rater shall verify to the TMC, in writing, that the rater training has taken place. No more than two attempts are permitted between ASTM Light Duty Deposit Rating Workshops.