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ASTM consensus has not yet been obtained on this information letter. An appropriate ASTM ballot will be issued in order to achieve such consensus.

TO: L-33 Mailing List

SUBJECT: Revision of the L-33 Test Procedure

This information letter addresses specific test axle build-up and testing procedures pertaining to quality, consistency, and performance as part of the ongoing effort by the panel to ensure continual improvement of the L-33 test.

The L-33 test procedure (ASTM STP 512A) was approved by letter ballot on February 22, 2002. It incorporates changes made to the test procedure as a result of the L-33 Lab Visitation Task Force, Raters Task Force and L-33 Procedure Task Force. Some specific changes are:

- Eliminates the use of the ultrasonic cleaner
- Eliminates the use of the manila cover gasket, only allows the Teflon cover gasket for testing
- Adds rating clarifications to supplement CRC Manual 21
- Implements the use of a blowgun and filter to dry parts
- Implements time restrictions on specific operations in the test procedure

This revised L-33 Test Procedure has been marked as Version 20020301 and can be downloaded from the following site:

ftp://tmc.astm.cmri.cmu.edu/docs/gears/l33/procedure_and_ils/Procedure_Version_20020301.pdf

The effective date is February 22, 2002.

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