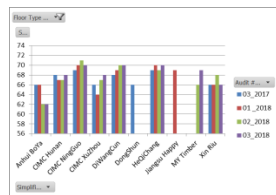


The IICL and its members are currently working on a number of projects to improve the education of personnel involved with container operations. New online training modules and hands-on training sessions are being enhanced. There are a number of initiatives related to container flooring that are being worked on, including reviews of new designs.

Did you know that the IICL performs routine audits at floor factories? Overall grade and individual scores are assessed. Audits are performed at plywood, bamboo and OSB factories. This is only one of the steps taken by our members to assure quality.



## Ready for a Quiz?

What “IICL” stands for?

Where is the IICL headquarter located?

Why the majority of containers are painted with light gray color inside?

What is function of the small plate (custom’s catch) welded to the door?



We are happy that you knew all the answers! Just in case you will find them on the next column.

*What procedure is critical for a good inspection?*  
Routine! Always follow the same routine when inspecting equipment, this will reduce the chances that you miss or skip any component.

Have a technical question about the IICL container inspection and repair standards? Send your inquiry to [Technical@iicl.org](mailto:Technical@iicl.org)

The next surveyors’ examination is now planned for April 2019. Registrations are open on our site.

Any suggestion on topics you would like to hear from the IICL on future newsletters? Send your recommendation to [Technical@iicl.org](mailto:Technical@iicl.org)

Have you recently visited the IICL web page [www.iicl.org](http://www.iicl.org) and checked out the “Technical corner” section where all Technical Bulletins are posted? There are two ways to get there.



By the way, we are working to upgrade our site, coming up this year.

## Quiz answered.

- Institute of International Container Lessors
- Washington DC, USA.
- To help to keep the interior as bright as possible and assist loading & unloading operations specially during winter time when sunlight is restricted.
- To prevent the left door from opening without having the right door opened first.



## Floor Quality

**Major floor manufacturers have agreed with the IICL request to start stamping floor board edges based on the strength the boards were built to withstand.**

The industry uses container floor boards for different purposes therefore floor boards are manufactured with different properties and different costs.

Starting 15 January 2019, twenty major floor manufacturers agreed to, in add the information (T 7, T6 and T 5) on the edge of the floor boards that shows the strength for which the boards were built.

**T 7** - Only floor boards manufactured to pass ISO\*\* floor strength test at 7.2 tons and above

**T 6** - Only floor boards manufactured to pass ISO floor strength test at between 6.0 and 7.2 tons

**T 5** - Only floor boards manufactured to pass ISO floor strength test at between 5.0 and 6.0 tons

\*\* ISO floor test 14:96-1 Sixth Edition 2013-07-01 – 6.9 Test No. 8

Once these boards start reaching the market it is expected that this new identification will assist all stakeholders to identify the boards being used for the different applications based on the customer requirements.



## Education and certification

The IICL has published on its website the schedule for dry van container and reefer courses for 2019.

Within the next weeks the IICL will be launching an online training module for dry van containers to assist individuals that will take the IICL inspector certification exam and others that want to learn more about container inspection and repair.



## Training Courses

We have seen an increased interest from companies for our new training courses. Beside the courses being published on our website we are also conducting private training for companies upon request. Education is never too much or too late.

Starting in 2018 the completed training courses are now posted on our website. The name of the instructors, participants, depots and companies supporting the event are shown together with photos of the group in action.

[https://www.iicl.org/education/IICL\\_Courses.cfm](https://www.iicl.org/education/IICL_Courses.cfm)

## Work in progress



The IICL through the Technology Committee is working on revising and updating the Cleaning manual. An updated manual is expected to be released in 2019.

## Equipment Recovery Module

The



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launched the 1<sup>st</sup> global equipment recovery database available in the industry for equipment owned by leasing companies. The application allows traders, operators, and equipment holders to search a single database for equipment under recovery status or reported as stolen. Go to [www.iicl.org](http://www.iicl.org) and find out more and how to use the application to search.

## Our New Logo



The “C” has been reconfigured to represent both the “Container” and “Chassis” leasing companies that make up the IICL’s membership.

## Making Inspections easier

The IICL launched new inspection tools to facilitate roof measurements. Roof measurement inspection kits are now available on our store <https://forms.iicl.org/store/>



Thanks for reading .Wishing you a great 2019.