Scanning Compensation Position Statement for Collision Repairs

On behalf of the combined efforts from Industry Associations, collision repair professionals, scan tool providers and various subject matter experts, the Automotive Service Associated (ASA), the Society of Collision Repair Specialist (SCRS) and the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers (AASP) acknowledges the act of scanning* a vehicle using a qualified scan tool** as a necessary and not-included operation that is legitimately expressed on a repair order with either a fixed cost, in labor hours and/or set dollar amount***

All other procedures necessary to correctly and safely identify and address a vehicle's electronic system faults or Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC)s are considered **additional operations and not included in the scanning operation.** This includes but is not limited to:
- Prepping the vehicle for a scan
- Researching, Verifying and Documenting Manufacturers' Data
- Vehicle Diagnostics
- Systems Programming
- Systems Initialization
- ADAS Calibrations
- Test driving

Definitions

*Scanning - A mechanical operation to connect a qualified diagnostic scan tool into an OBD-II port or other communication ports in order to retrieve all Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC)s using the most current, available OEM information to ensure a proper and safe repair.

**Qualified Scan Tools – A device approved by the vehicle's manufacturer (OEM) to provide a repair technician access to the status of the vehicle's sub-systems. OEM approved scan tools are specific to each OEM and have the complete suite of capabilities as determined by their service engineering groups.
These devices are:
- Used to query, display and document all vehicles' control system networks (through Security Gateways if applicable)
- Capable of identifying all equipped Electronic Control Units (ECUs)
- Capable of identifying all DTCs
- Capable of generating a report.

Scan tools are manufactured in a variety of hardware and software configurations, including PC/Laptop based software application tools connected with a vehicle's communication interface, to handheld (embedded) tools with built in interfaces and software.

***Labor Hours | Dollar Amounts – A reasonable and necessary amount that may vary depending on year/make/model and scan tool used.

Qualified Scanning Personnel should be familiar with:

- Scan tool operation
- Vehicle specific set-up operations
- Adding battery support
- Researching vehicle manufacturer repair procedures
- Diagnostic Code Interpretation

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