Collision Repairer Joint Position Statement on Official Collision Repair Standards

The undersigned organizations continue to be the leading voice of collision repair businesses and technicians across the United States, just as they have for decades. Representing their interests, we hereby recognize published repair procedures, as provided by the Automobile Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM), as the official industry recognized "Repair Standards" for collision repair. These standards, where they exist, shall be the basis for the establishment of training, testing, repair practices, and documentations.

Whereas, we acknowledge that OEM repair procedures are incomplete in comparison to the full scope of vehicles and repair operations which exist in the marketplace; the OEM published repair procedures shall serve as the baseline for industry repair standards, with the recognition that further development of procedures will be necessary in areas not covered by published procedures.

Therefore, we officially ask the Board of Directors for the Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair (I-CAR), to establish within their overall organizational structure, an industry council to identify gaps in existing OEM procedures and develop processes to close gaps, vet industry proposed alternatives, modifications, and additions to OEM repair procedures. The Council will include volunteer representatives serving at least ASA, SCRS AASP, and I-CAR.

The organizations supporting this resolution include, but are not limited to:

Alliance of Automotive Service Providers (AASP)

Assured Performance Network

Automotive Service Association (ASA)

Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS)

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