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ETI Position Statement: Pre- and Post-Repair System Scanning

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Equipment and Tool Institute (ETI) released their position statement today on Pre- and Post-Repair System scanning. Per their statement, ETI agrees with the stance that many vehicle makers have taken with requiring a pre- and post-repair system scanning as part of the collision repair process. Let's see what ETI have to say.



The Equipment and Tool Institute (ETI) fully agrees with the process of the pre- and post- systems scan position many in the industry are taking.

The electronic safety systems on today's vehicles are very important for occupant safety and must be checked after a repair for proper functionality. The pre-scan is now necessary for the repair facility to be able to help scope and estimate the repair processes required for a safe and complete repair.

This is an important concern for collision repair providers as the vast majority are not OEM dealership facilities. The need for affordable access to the tools that are essential to perform safe, complete and accurate repairs is extremely important. It is unlikely most shops will be able to justify the purchase cost of multiple OEM scan tools for this procedure since independent body shops work on a great variety of OEM's vehicles. Thus, the importance of having accurate, timely and affordable OEM scan tool data provided to the aftermarket to ensure our members have the information necessary to fully emulate the factory tool functions.

While we understand that many of the manufactures do not know the capabilities of all the aftermarket scan tools, we know that many of the higher quality aftermarket tools provide the needed and necessary functions to complete a pre- and post scan properly for a majority of the vehicles they currently service.

Data for the development of aftermarket scan tools is provided directly to scan tool manufacturers as agreed by previous contracts in the US so as to be able to fully emulate the factory tool. Many OEM's provide this information in an affordable, accurate and timely manner. Yet some OEM's are less forthcoming and either restrict access to important data or price it at unaffordable levels. These access issue continue to plague the industry.

ETI has no concern with repairers utilizing OEM tools when they are available and endorses their use in situations where they may be needed e.g. vehicles in their early years of service, where coverage may not be implemented in the current aftermarket tool release.

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Founded in 1947, the Equipment and Tool Institute is a trade association of automotive tool and equipment manufacturers and technical information providers. ETI's mission is to: Advance the vehicle service industry by providing technical data and open dialog between the manufacturers of transportation products, government regulators and the providers of tools, equipment and service information.

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[I-CAR Best Practice: Collision Repair Diagnostics Definitions \(/collision-repair-news/i-car-best-practice-collision-repair-diagnostics-definitions.html\)](#)

[When Is a Scan Tool Required? \(/collision-repair-news/when-is-a-scan-tool-required.html\)](#)

[FCA Releases Scan Tool Position Statement \(/collision-repair-news/fca-releases-scan-tool-position-statement.html\)](#)

[General Motors Position Statement - Pre- and Post-Repair System Scanning \(/collision-repair-news/general-motors-position-statement-pre-and-post-repair-system-scanning.html\)](#)

[Honda/Acura Position Statement - Pre- and Post-Repair System Scanning \(/collision-repair-news/honda-acura-position-statement-pre-and-post-repair-system-scanning.html\)](#)

[INFINITI Position Statement - Pre- and Post-Repair System Scanning \(https://rts.i-car.com/images/pdf/oem-info/infiniti/position-statements/25484.pdf\)](https://rts.i-car.com/images/pdf/oem-info/infiniti/position-statements/25484.pdf)

[Mercedes-Benz Position Statement - Pre- and Post-Repair System Scanning \(/collision-repair-news/mercedes-benz-position-statement-diagnostic-repairs-following-a-collision.html\)](#)


[Nissan Position Statement - Pre- and Post-Repair System Scanning \(/collision-repair-news/nissan-position-statement-pre-and-post-repair-system-scanning.html\)](#)

[Toyota/Lexus/Scion Position Statement - Pre- and Post-Repair System Scanning \(/collision-repair-news/toyota-lexus-scion-position-statement-pre-and-post-repair-system-scanning.html\)](#)

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