

THE BEST PRACTICES GUIDELINES FOR ESTIMATING THE BODY MATERIAL COSTS

The Canadian Collision Industry Forum Parts & Material Committee has produced a set of working guidelines to determine body material costs, with the input of our industry partners.

This was put together for the benefit of the vehicle owner in the spirit of good faith business practice and mutual respect.

CCIF suggests that all responsible collision repair centres and Insurers recognize these common sense guidelines.

At the initial inspection the repairer and insurance company representative should...

1. List what body materials will be required during the repair.
2. Agree on what body materials will be used during the remove/replace or repair.
3. Refer to the body materials listed below.
4. Determine the quantity and the suggested amount of material per hour.
5. Calculate the suggested cost per labour hour.
6. Negotiate the dollar cost of the body material to be charged out.

The Repairer should...

- 1 Document any changes that may affect the body material charge-out costs as they occur in the repair process.
- 2 Obtain materials price list from local jobber.

The Supplier should...

- 1 Provide the necessary information on what body materials are required for the body work portion of a repair.
- 2 Supply a detailed description of the amount of body materials to be used & costed.

The Repairer and Insurer together should...

- 1 List as line items on the estimate/appraisal all body materials necessary to return the vehicle to pre-accident condition, whether or not included, or recognized on the information provider's system.
- 2 Produce a final estimate/final invoice/appraisal which is a true reflection of the repair costs.



BODY WORK MATERIALS

Some body work may require more or different materials than those included in the Body Work Cost Charts. The following listing of materials and suggested costs are provided as a guideline for itemizing the costs for specific body work materials. Additional costs should be added only when the body work requires materials not included in the body work cost charts. Include costs only for the amount of additional materials needed for the specific job

Description	Quantity	Suggested Cost
Adhesion Promoter, Flex Repair	Aerosol	Local
Body Solder	Lb.	Local
Brazing Rod	Lb.	Local
Brazing Rod, Flux Coated	Lb.	Local
Caulking	1 Ft.	Local
Cut-off-wheel - 3"	Each	Local
DA Adhesive	Aerosol	Local
Door Skin Bond Kit	Each	Local
Dust Mask	Each	Local
Emblem Adhesive	5 oz	Local
Fiberglass Cloth	8 Sq. Ft.	Local
File Board Paper - #150	Each	Local
File Board Paper - #100	Each	Local
Gravel Guard	Qt.	Local
Grinding Disc - #50 - 7"	Each	Local
Hood Fitter Kit	6 oz	Local
Joint & Seam Sealer	Cartridge	Local
Plastic Adhesive, Rigid	10 oz Kit	Local
Plastic Filler, Rigid	10 oz Kit	Local
Plastic Flex Putty	Tube	Local
Polyester Glazing Putty	20 oz	Local
Pop Rivets	Each	Local
Rags - Cleaning/Wiping	2 Lb. Bag	Local
Sandblasting Sand	100 Lb. #2	Local
Sanding Disc - #80 DA 6"	Each	Local
Sanding Disc - #120 DA 6"	Each	Local
Sanding Disc - #150 DA 6"	Each	Local
Sanding Disc - #36 8" Dust Free	Each	Local
Sanding Disc - #36 DA 8"	Each	Local
Sanding Disc - #40 DA 8"	Each	Local
Sanding Disc - #80 DA 8"	Each	Local
Sanding Disc - #40 8" Dust Free	Each	Local
Sanding Disc - #80 8" Dust Free	Each	Local
Sandpaper - #100 Long Dust Fr.	Each	Local
Sandpaper - #36 Long Dust Fr.	Each	Local
Sandpaper - #80 Long Dust Fr.	Each	Local
SMC Adhesive	1 Qt.	Local
Trim Adhesive, Aerosol	24 oz	Local
Tow-Side Moulding Tape	Ft.	Local
Undercoating	Qt.	Local
Undercoating Aerosol	24 oz	Local
Vinyl Top Dressing	½ Gallon	Local
Vinyl Trim Adhesive	Qt.	Local
Weatherstrip Adhesive	5 oz tube	Local
Weld Wire, MIG	Lb. (.023)	Local
Weld-Thru Primer	16 oz	Local