



April 17, 2026

Dear commercial collision independent dealers, paint and body suppliers,

As you may be aware, we committed to reviewing paint and body material cost allowances on an annual basis. Effective April 27, 2026, we'll be increasing rates for paint and body materials for commercial collision independent and dealer paint and body repair facilities.

The updated rates are outlined below:

Item	Current rate	New rate (effective April 27)
Paint material (single-stage)	\$57.84	\$59.73
Paint material (two-stage)	\$94.42	\$97.51
Body material	\$8.74	\$8.84

The labour rate for the Feather, Prime and Block operation will also be adjusted to reflect the updated material allowance.

- **Commercial independent**
 - **New combined rate (single stage): \$124.64**
(\$115.80 Feather, Prime and Block labour rate + \$8.84 materials allowance)
 - **New combined rate (two-stage): \$134.31**
(\$125.47 Feather, Prime and Block labour rate + \$8.84 materials allowance)
- **Commercial dealership**
 - **New combined rate (single stage): \$127.66**
(\$118.82 Feather, Prime and Block labour rate + \$8.84 materials allowance)
 - **New combined rate (two-stage): \$137.33**
(\$128.49 Feather, Prime and Block labour rate + \$8.84 materials allowance)



These modified labour rates only applies to the Feather, Prime and Block allowance.

The new rates will apply to:

- vehicle repairs in progress with a car-in date of January 27, 2026, or after.
- new estimates written April 27, 2026, or later.

In determining the new rates, we collected market paint and material costs and calculated year-over-year cost changes to inform this year's adjustment.

New items coming later this spring

We're also pleased to share we're implementing two new items, including:

- a **new total loss handling fee**, and
- updates to the [parts and markup policy](#) to align with markup percentages on off-brand parts for dealership program facilities.

These new items will take effect **later this spring**, with additional details to be shared closer to launch.

If you have any questions, we're here to help. Please reach out [Kevin Walsh](#) or [Jonathon Stewart](#) directly.

Sincerely,

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