



April 17, 2026

Dear commercial collision repair facilities,

As you're 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 Repair Program Participants, 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.

- **New combined rate (single-stage): \$142.44**
(\$133.60 Feather, Prime and Block labour rate + \$8.84 materials allowance)
- **New combined rate (two stage): \$152.11**
(\$143.27 Feather, Prime and Block labour rate + \$8.84 materials allowance)

This modified labour rate 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. Repair facilities will need to re-apply the estimate profile to receive the new rates for vehicle repairs in progress.
- new estimates written April 27, 2026, or later. For estimates written April 27, 2026, or after, selecting the applicable estimate profile will apply the new rates to the estimate.

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.

We're currently preparing new template lines in Mitchell Cloud Estimating. This new billable item is expected to 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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