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NOTICE TO ALL REGISTERED ACCOUNT HOLDERS

Re: Honda Body Shop Certification Program

Honda Canada now has body shop certification program for Honda and Acura vehicles. The objective of this program is to provide certification to collision repair facilities that meet or exceed Honda's commitment to promote the correct, complete, and safe repair of Honda vehicles, and provide support to those collision repair businesses who have demonstrated a commitment to a high level of customer care and satisfaction.

- Body shops that wish to be certified need to be sponsored by a Honda dealer.
- A dealer can sponsor more than one body shop.

Minimum collision repair shop requirements:

- Be an I-Car Gold Class shop: I-Car gold class certification (if you are a Gold Class in progress shop, then full Gold Class must be completed within 12 months) for the facility and I-Car welding certificate for at least one technician performing structural welding.

Squeeze Type Resistant Spot Welder with the following requirements:

- Current: $\geq 10,500$ A
- Squeeze pressure: ≥ 3923 N (400 kgf, 882 lbf)
- Welding time: 1500ms

MAG welding requirements:

- Metal active gas welding where the shielding gas being used contains a mixture of **80% Argon (Ar) and 20% Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)**. It is considered active because the CO₂ undergoes a limited reaction with the molten weld pool.

Welding wire requirements:

- Applicable to the high-strength steel sheet with a tensile strength of 1000 MPa.
This welding wire is available from Honda/Acura dealers through their tools and equipment program.

MIG Brazing:

- MIG brazing where **100% Argon (Ar)** shielding gas is used. Argon is inert and does not react with the molten weld pool or brazing operation.
- **Mig brazing machine with pulse controller**
- Filler wire CuSi3 or ER CuSi-A. (**Commercially Available**)

Shield gas: **Argon gas (100%)**.

Computerized three-dimensional measuring system**Course requirements:**

- I-CAR course HON01E

We encourage all Manitoba Repair Shops that are working towards meeting the above listed Honda Canada's requirements to please notify Manitoba Public Insurance by contacting:

- The Quality Control Department at qualitycontrol@mpi.mb.ca

For tooling, equipment, training or other related general queries please contact:

- Manitoba Public Insurance Physical Damage Research & Training Department at PDT&RMailbox@mpi.mb.ca

If your Honda/Acura dealership is unable to answer your questions concerning the Honda Body Shop Collision program, please contact:

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APB & HONDA COLLISION ADVANTAGE PGM
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Direct Line: 905-888-4576

For Honda specific equipment requirements, please contact:

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Technical Tools Honda Canada Inc.
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I-Car Canada can be reached directly at **1-800-808-2920** for those interested in HON01E and for your outstanding requirements for Gold Class.

Sincerely,
Shayon Mitra
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