

## Background

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Parts Autonomy allows qualified repair shops to make part type selections, regardless of lowest cost pricing, as best suited to each repair scenario, while maintaining the required Realized Part Savings (RPS) for MPI.

Parts Autonomy applies only to parts with published pricing in the MPI approved estimating software and as defined in the MPI Parts Business Rules.

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MPI confirms the accuracy of all part types through post-payment auditing and in-progress claim reviews.

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## Rules

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1. Shops must:
  - Use up to date MPI-approved alternate part-sourcing software.
  - Follow all applicable Estimating Standards.
2. Parts without published OE pricing, or as listed below, are excluded from Parts Autonomy privileges. Shops must source the lowest cost option for any parts that are excluded from Parts Autonomy.
  - [Accessories & Special Order parts](#)
  - Additional costs such as; [shipping](#), [core charge](#), [restocking](#), [non-returnable parts](#), etc.
  - [Tires](#)
  - [Glass](#)
3. Parts Autonomy privileges do not extend to making repair vs replace decisions. Parts deemed repairable by MPI must be repaired.

## Examples

A repair shop has just calculated their completed Direct Repair estimate which includes a replacement bumper cover. The shop notes that the OEM cover they selected has been replaced by an AM part by the Mitchell Alternate Parts Program (MAPP). The repair shop knows they can use their Parts Autonomy privileges and select either of the available part types. However, in order to improve their parts savings, they have decided to proceed with the AM part that was populated by MAPP.

The same estimate includes replacement of the driveshaft. The part number and price are not listed in Mitchell Estimating and so, the driveshaft is considered excluded from Parts Autonomy. The repair shop has selected the correct long expansion entry for their estimate. During the part sourcing they have determined that the most cost effective part option available is a remanufactured driveshaft. The shop then inputs the correct price and submits the estimate to MPI for approval.

## Best Practices

Realized Part Savings is calculated by comparing the actual price charged on the estimate to the published OEM MSRP in Mitchell Estimating. Always select the correct part application from Mitchell to ensure correct savings calculations.

## Reference

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See [MPI Parts Business Rules](#), section 2.1 and 2.3, for maximum pricing by part type, quality requirements, and warranty information related to Parts Autonomy.

## Revision History

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- July 2021 - Updated formatting and added new standard sections (background, examples, best practices).