

Parts Autonomy

Rules

Parts Autonomy allows the repair shop to make part type selections, regardless of lowest cost pricing, as best suited to each individual shop's business needs.

[MPI Parts Business Rules](#) for pricing and quality must be adhered to.

Additionally shops must:

- Use up to date MPI-approved alternate part-sourcing software.
- Follow applicable Estimating Standards.
- Provide a Final Repair Account (FRA) which accurately lists all work completed and correctly indicates actual part type usage.

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

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

All MPI Parts Business Rules such as [Shipping/Freight Charges](#), [Restocking Fees and Non-Returnable Parts](#), and [Betterment/Depreciation](#) still apply regardless of Parts Autonomy privileges and may be reviewed for in process claims or during post claim audits.

Parts Autonomy must not impact the decision of whether a part should be repaired or replaced.

Excluded from Parts Autonomy

Parts without published OE pricing, or as identified below, are excluded from Parts Autonomy privileges.

- Accessories & Special Order parts
- Powertrain & Drivetrain parts (with unpublished prices)
- Tires
- Glass

Repair shops are required to select the lowest cost available option in these instances.

Repair shops are further required to note the claim with an explanation line if they did not select lowest cost qualified part option. The following reasons may be added to the explanation line:

Reason	Used when
Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part cannot be located locally or part is backordered.
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part does not meet the MPI requirements of fit, form or finish. Supplier cannot meet MPI warranty requirements.

Best Practices

Add additional explanation lines and submit photos, and/or notes, to better explain the non-lowest cost selection.

VCF / Non-Accredited

Non-accredited shops do not qualify for Parts Autonomy privileges. All part selections will be decided by MPI. If a part type change is required, non-accredited shops must submit a C77 form to MPI.

Procedure

Follow the steps below when requesting an excluded part that is not the lowest cost option.

Begin with the estimate open in Mitchell Estimating.

1. Highlight the applicable part line item on the estimate.
2. Right click to add an explanation line.
3. In the explanation line, enter the applicable reason for the part selection.

CEG Ref Sheet ATG **Long Exp** 1

Long Exp. Group: MPI Profile - EA Add Repair Line

Part Description	Price	Lab Unit
ENGINE	1.00	0.0
TRANSAXLE	1.00	0.0
TRANSFER CASE	1.00	0.0
TRANSMISSION	1.00	0.0
ELECTRIC MOTOR STARTER/GENERATOR	1.00	0.0
FRONT DRIVE SHAFT	1.00	0.0
REAR DRIVE SHAFT	1.00	0.0

Drivetrain/Powertrain 2

Estimate Assembly

No	Sup	Labor Type	Labor Op	Part Description	Part Type	Part Number	Price	CC	Tax	Labor Unit	CEG Unit
1		G	RR	W/Shield Glass	NW	73111-TK8-A31	705.98		✓	3.4	3.4
2				Availability - NAGS backordered, OE required							
3		M *	RR	REAR DRIVE SHAFT	NW	New	400.00*		✓	0.0*	
4				Quality - Alt supplier not matching ext'd warranty							
5			AC	Shop Materials			22.81*		✓	0.0	

Related Links

- [MPI Parts Business Rules](#)

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