

Background

When specially-cut recycled (LK) parts are being used for a repair, additional labour may be required to drill out welds and separate the replacement part from the inner structure and/or other parts. This is referred to as trim time, because it reflects the labour hours required to separate the usable part and trim it to the required shape and size.

Rules

1. The cost associated with Trim Time must not exceed the Realized Part Savings (RPS) provided by the associated LK part.
2. A maximum of 25% of the replacement parts R&R time may be applied as trim time.
3. Trim Time may only be requested when a recycled part type has been used in the repair process. Trim time may not be used for price matching purposes or applied to any other part type, regardless of Parts Autonomy privileges.

The calculation above is the maximum allowed; however, repair facilities may choose to charge less time.

Examples

A repair shop has begun repairs on an MPI written estimate that requires the replacement of the left quarter panel. The shop has located a suitable recycled quarter panel so they decide to add both the recycled part and the associated trim time to the supplement. The shop makes note of the panel R&R time listed at 18.0 hours in Mitchell Estimating, selects the **Trim Time** Long Expansion entry, inputs 4.5 hours (18×0.25) of trim time and then submits the supplement for approval.

Best Practices

Add a new **Trim Time** entry for each applicable recycled part and identify the parts with the provided explanation line. This will make the request easier to process during the supplement review.

Reference

See [MPI Parts Business Rules](#), section 2.1, for maximum pricing for recycled parts.

Procedure

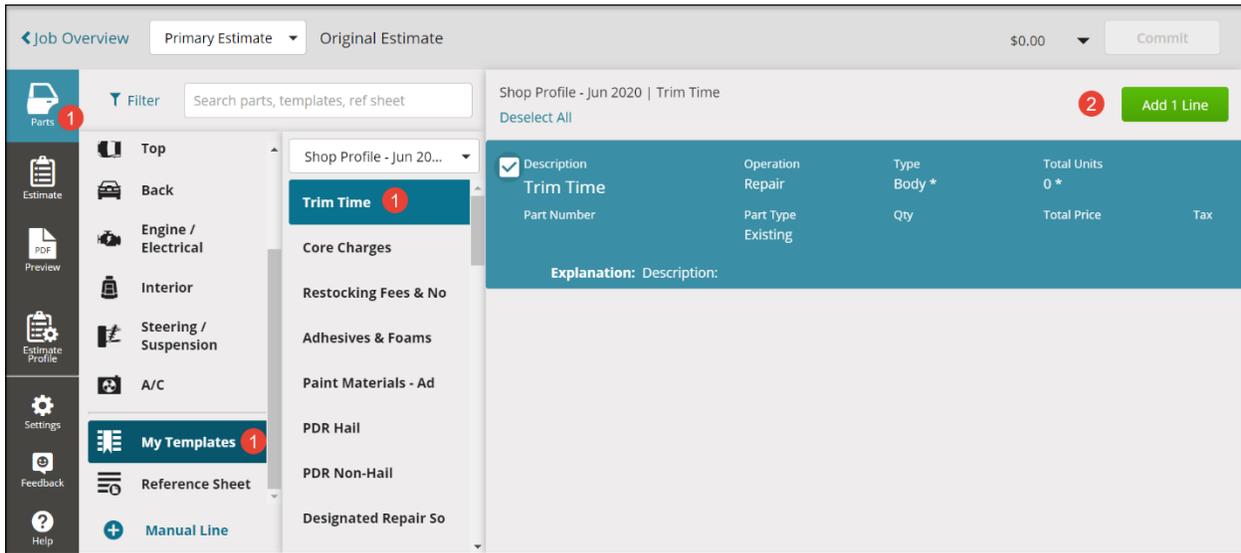
Mitchell Cloud Estimating (MCE)

Follow the steps below to add a trim time to the estimate.

1. Apply a 25% calculation to the R&R time of the recycled cut part only.

Begin in Mitchell Cloud Estimating.

1. From the **Parts** tab, select the **Trim Time** category in **My Templates**.
2. Select **Trim Time** and click **Add Line**.

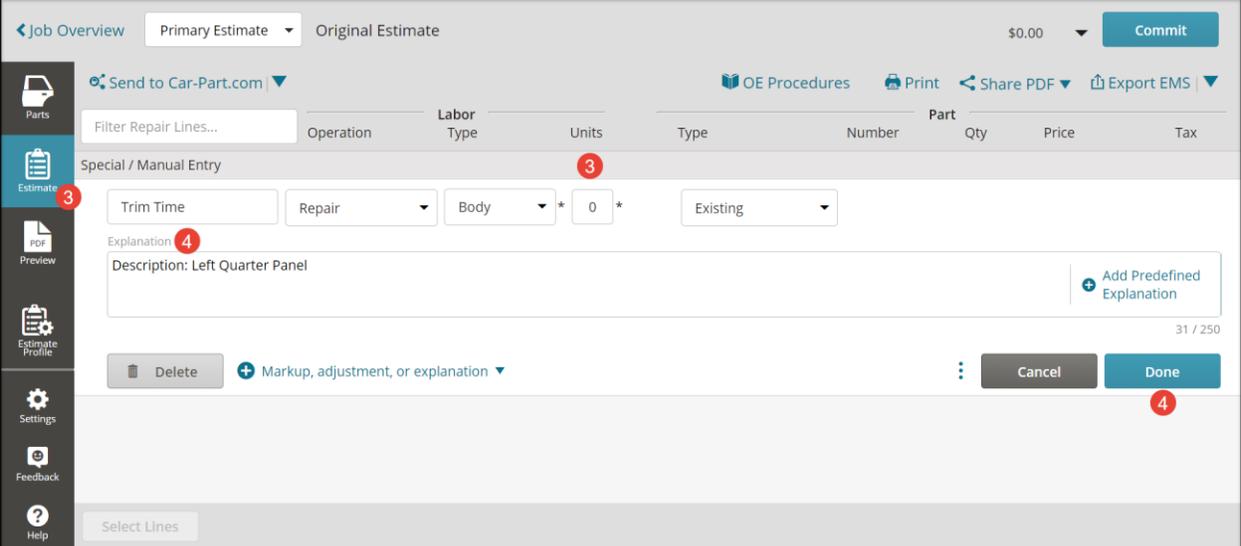


The screenshot shows the Mitchell Cloud Estimating (MCE) software interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Job Overview', 'Primary Estimate', and 'Original Estimate' tabs. A search bar is present with the text 'Search parts, templates, ref sheet'. On the right side of the top bar, there is a price of '\$0.00' and a 'Commit' button.

The main interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Sidebar:** Contains navigation icons for 'Parts' (with a red '1' badge), 'Estimate', 'Preview', 'Estimate Profile', 'Settings', 'Feedback', and 'Help'. Below these are category filters: 'Top', 'Back', 'Engine / Electrical', 'Interior', 'Steering / Suspension', 'A/C', 'My Templates' (with a red '1' badge), 'Reference Sheet', and 'Manual Line'.
- Center Panel:** A dropdown menu is open, showing 'Shop Profile - Jun 20...' and 'Trim Time' (with a red '1' badge). Below this are various repair categories: 'Core Charges', 'Restocking Fees & No', 'Adhesives & Foams', 'Paint Materials - Ad', 'PDR Hall', 'PDR Non-Hall', and 'Designated Repair So'.
- Right Panel:** Displays the 'Shop Profile - Jun 2020 | Trim Time' and a 'Deselect All' button. A table is shown with the following columns: 'Description', 'Operation', 'Type', 'Total Units', 'Part Number', 'Part Type', 'Qty', 'Total Price', and 'Tax'. The table contains one row for 'Trim Time' with 'Repair' as the operation and 'Body *' as the type. Below the table is an 'Explanation: Description:' field. A green 'Add 1 Line' button (with a red '2' badge) is located at the top right of this panel.

- From the **Estimate** tab, select the applicable line item and enter the calculated hours in the **Labor Unit** field.
- In the **Explanation** line provided, enter information regarding the part that requires trim time and click **Done**.



The screenshot shows the 'Estimate' tab in a software application. At the top, there are navigation options: '< Job Overview', 'Primary Estimate', and 'Original Estimate'. A price of '\$0.00' and a 'Commit' button are also visible. Below this is a toolbar with icons for 'Send to Car-Part.com', 'OE Procedures', 'Print', 'Share PDF', and 'Export EMS'. A search bar 'Filter Repair Lines...' is present. The main area is titled 'Special / Manual Entry' and contains a form with the following fields: 'Trim Time' (with a red circle '3' next to it), 'Operation' (dropdown menu set to 'Repair'), 'Labor Type' (dropdown menu set to 'Body'), 'Units' (input field with '0' and asterisks on either side), and 'Type' (dropdown menu set to 'Existing'). Below these fields is an 'Explanation' section with a red circle '4' next to the label, containing the text 'Description: Left Quarter Panel'. To the right of the explanation is an 'Add Predefined Explanation' button. At the bottom of the form are 'Delete', 'Markup, adjustment, or explanation', 'Cancel', and 'Done' buttons. The 'Done' button has a red circle '4' next to it. A sidebar on the left contains icons for 'Parts', 'Estimate', 'Preview', 'Estimate Profile', 'Settings', 'Feedback', and 'Help'. The bottom of the screen shows a 'Select Lines' button.

- Submit the supplement to MPI for review.

Revision History

- June 2021 - Updated formatting and added new standard sections (background, examples, best practices).
- September 2021 – Added Mitchell Cloud Estimating procedures and screenshots.