



Notice to All Accredited Repair Shops

Estimate Advisor Rules Update – Raw Substrate Prep

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As shared during the [September 2026 Technical Committee meeting](#), MPI has created two new Estimate Advisor (EA) rules that will take effect on October 30, 2026.

These rules will support the proper application of the Raw Substrate Prep allowance by prompting users when the allowance requires supporting information to comply with the [Refinish Allowances](#) Estimating Standard (ES). The prompts will help improve estimate accuracy and reduce denials.

The Refinish Allowances ES has been updated to reference the [DEG Bumper Condition Report](#). The report provides repair shops and MPI staff an additional resource to reference when applying the Raw Substrate Prep allowance.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact partners@mpi.mb.ca.