

## Have you heard the news?

The DEG has now helped collision repair professionals around the county successfully process more than 3,400 database related inquiries!

What if someone told you there was a FREE service, founded by the AASP, ASA, and SCRS that could help you improve the efficiency and profitability of your business; would you use it?



Have you ever been writing a collision repair estimate and found a part shown in the illustration but there was no part price or labor allowance?

How about a labor operation that based on your experience and visual inspection of the repair just doesn't seem correct?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions you need to [check out the DEG](#).

The DEG is an absolutely free service for collision repair estimating system users focused on improving the accuracy of collision data.

## Sponsoring the DEG

The DEG offers its services to all segments of the collision industry at no cost. We are able to do this based on the funding received from the three major collision repair trade associations, AASP, ASA, and SCRS. In addition, the DEG relies on sponsorship and donations from individuals, groups, corporations and others.

For details regarding sponsorship opportunities, or to make a donation, visit the DEG website and view the [DEG Sponsorship page](#).

### FOUNDING ASSOCIATIONS:



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## Recently Resolved DEG Inquiries

### Example #1

#### Issue Summary

Remove and Replace pays 2.0 hours in the system. We've counted 70 spot welds and it's a high-strength steel part on top of another high-strength steel part. Even with our most experienced tech, this operation cannot be effectively performed in the time allowed by the system.

#### Resolution

After review, the following changes have been made:

1. The estimated work time applied to the Lower Support has been adjusted to 4.0 hours from 2.0 hours.
2. The estimated work time applied to the Overhaul radiator support operation has been adjusted to 8.5 hours from 7.0 hours.

### Example #2

#### Issue Summary

R&R rear body panel shows 4 hrs but becomes an included operation when replacing the Inner Rear Body Panel. However, the two panels are both welded and do not ship as an assembly. 4hrs is reasonable but should still be included even when replacing the inner panel. There is no reduction in number of procedures when replacing the outer panel in conjunction with the inner panel.

#### Resolution

Updated the database to show the #3 Outer Panel, located in the Rear Body & Floor Group, Rear Body Subgroup, not included with the #1 Inner Panel.

### Example #3

#### Issue Summary

We are replacing the convertible top. Given the amount of time and labor needed to perform this operation we think the 3.7 hours listed in the database should be increased.

#### Resolution

After review, the following changes have been made:

1. The estimated work time applied to the Outer Cover has been adjusted to 5.5 hours from 3.7 hours.