

Body Repair News



Applies To: All Models January 2014

Acura-Approved Collision Repair Tools Now Available

OVERVIEW

The Acura Special Tools Group is pleased to announce that approved collision repair tools and equipment are now available to independent and dealer-owned collision repair shops through the Acura Tool and Equipment Program. This includes tools and equipment necessary for complete and safe body repairs on all steel panels and structural parts used in Acura vehicles, such as the ultra-high-strength 1,500 MPa boron steel used in many of our current and late model vehicles.

Before adding equipment to the programs, the Special Tools Group:

- Carefully reviews the specifications for each tool and piece of equipment.
- · Tests and evaluates the equipment on our vehicles to confirm that it performs as advertised.
- Confirms that each tool will do its part to return vehicles to factory specifications when properly used.

Tools and equipment are added to the programs only if they pass our testing and evaluation process. New tools may be evaluated and added to the program in the future, so check the online catalog for updates.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

A number of collision repair tools, equipment, and accessories are available through the program at competitive prices. These include "must have" tools required for proper high-strength and ultra-high-strength steel repairs, such as:

- Inverter-type resistance spot welders
- High tensile strength (145 ksi) welding wire.
- Benches, measuring systems, etc.



Car-O-Liner Benches and Measuring Systems



ProSpot i5 SMART Spot Welder



Bosch DS980J Solid Welding Wire

Tools are also available that every shop should have to help achieve proper and consistent repairs, including:

- Spot weld drills designed for working with ultra-high-strength steel parts
- · Belt sanders to grind out hard-to-reach spot welds



Blue-Point® AT615 Belt Sander Kit



Blair Enforcer™ Spot Weld Drill Kit

ACCESSING THE TOOL AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

Independent collision repair shops can access the Acura Tool and Equipment Program free of charge through the ServiceExpress website https://techinfo.acura.com.

There are two ways visit the Tool and Equipment Program website:



Tool and Equipment Website Access #1:

- 1. Click on "Collision Repair Information and Industry Position Statements".
- 2. Click on "Acura" at the bottom of the page.
- Body Repair News and industry position statements are also located on this page for your convenience.

Tool and Equipment Website Access #2: In the blue column under "USA RESOURCES", locate the "Tool & Equipment Programs – Online Catalogs" and click on "Acura".

The Tool and Equipment Program is also available via telephone: 1-866-346-8858 Monday through Friday from 7:30am - 7:00pm Central Time.