

I am pleased to testify on behalf of the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers Pennsylvania, in support of the passage of the Right to Repair Legislation in the State of Pennsylvania. AASP PA has 1100 members that operate independent automotive repair facilities performing repairs to Pennsylvania consumers. The repair facilities also perform Pennsylvania Safety Inspection in all counties and Emission Inspection in the required Emission counties. They also perform the necessary repairs that are required to bring vehicle in compliance for the inspection programs. The independent automotive repair shops are vital to Pennsylvania consumers. In today's economic climate some dealerships have closed. The Pennsylvania consumer may need to choose a local independent repair shop, that will keep their vehicles safe, reliable and in Emission compliance. Information, tools and training are vital to these repairs.

Today's automobiles are equipped with many systems that are controlled with several computers and modules. Many of the systems, tire pressure monitor, safety restraints and emissions are federally mandated, while some are conveniences options. All technicians' must have access to repair information diagnostic tools and the training to repair all of these systems in today's complex vehicles. As the vehicles continue to be even more advance and complex the repairs and consumers need to have assurance that in the future the information will continue to be available. The Pennsylvania consumer should be able to choose who will repair their vehicles.

Pennsylvania is not alone in seeking the "Right to Repair" legislation. New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Oregon's Independent Aftermarket have introduced similar bills in their states. All aftermarket service provider associations have been seeking this legislation. In September 2002 ASA signed a voluntary agreement with some manufacturers.

#### The agreement states:

The same service and training information related to vehicle repair will be made available to independent repair shops either via the Internet, or in the same manner and extent as it is made available to franchised dealerships and the same diagnostic tools

related to vehicle repair that are made available to the franchised dealers will be made available to the independent.

I have attached the voluntary agreement along with this testimony. There is also a more comprehensive agreement called Automotive Service Information Standards that has not yet been signed by all manufacturers.

Information and tools are not as difficult to access; there is also concern that the training that was addressed in the voluntary agreement has not been available. To ensure proper repairs, it is of the utmost importance that in the future, tools and information will continue to be available. Also on the information concern I have also included in the e-mail attachment of specific Requests for Information that were not resolved, which exhibit there are still gaps. We are seeking the repair information not the intellectual property.

We would like to see the "Right to Repair" legislation addressed in Pennsylvania. It will help support the concern that a consumer will have a competitive environment that promotes competition for Pennsylvania auto repair facilities. This is a global auto repair industry concern. The Canadian Government is involved in the same issues in Canada and the solution is working. Europe, there is similar legislation with full participation from all parties and that is also successful. I also hope that Pennsylvania will join this important effort that will help ensure the competitive future of the State's small repair businesses as well as provide for affordable and convenient repairs for car owners now and into the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Hopefully AASP can work together in Pennsylvania and resolve the issue.

Ron Turner

**AASP Mechanical Division Director** 







September 20, 2002

The Honorable Byron Dorgan
Chairman
Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce and Tourism
U.S. Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Dorgan:

As the Subcommittee requested, our associations have discussed the issues reviewed at the Subcommittee's July 30, 2002 hearing on Customer Choice in Automotive Repair Shops (S. 2617). We believe the following commitments by automakers will provide independent repairers the necessary service information and diagnostic tools to compete and serve consumers in the marketplace.

The members of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers listed below fully support the following:

Automobile manufacturers hereby commit to make available, by August 31, 2003, emission and non-emission-related service information, training information, and diagnostic tools in the same manner and to the same extent as specified by California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulations for emission-related systems and components. This means that 1) the same service and training information related to vehicle repair will be made available to independent repair shops either via the Internet, or in the same manner and extent as it is made available to franchised dealerships and 2) the same diagnostic tools related to vehicle repair that are made available to the franchised dealers will be made available to the independent repair shops. These will be made available at a reasonable price consistent with the guidelines provided in CARB regulations. The service and training information and manufacturer tools will be available to independent repair shops without the need for them to return to a franchised dealership (to the extent allowed by law).

This commitment will continue the viability of the automotive service industry and preclude the need for current legislation while we work on implementation. Moreover, successful implementation will eliminate the need for future state and federal legislation.

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Manufacturers recognize the value of third-party providers of tools, service and training information and are committed to making available to information providers and tool companies the service and training information, tools and tool information. The National Automotive Service Task Force will continue to provide a forum for industry and aftermarket to resolve service information issues. We ask that the Subcommittee and its staff periodically review the progress being made toward the objectives above.

We believe this continues a long tradition of the independent repairer's important position in the automotive industry. It also demonstrates our mutual commitment to fair and open competition in the auto service industry and to consumer choice in seeking these services. Please feel free to call on our organizations if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dan Frohlich Chairman

**Automotive Service Association** 



## **NASTF Information Requests**

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Tracking: 389	Status: Manufacturer C	Contacted						
State: NY	Name: Robert							
Category of Request: Reprogramming  Manufacturer: 2003 Jaguar XTYPE SAJEA51C72WC57847								
Inquiry								
Have you checked the OEM website?		Yes						
Description of Repair unable to perform								
Unable to purchase subscription for rep	rogramming.							
Description of Information not available								
Unable to purchase calibration subscrip am unable to purchase cal files when th not allow a product or term to be selected.	at link is selected in the diagno	sh program but stics tab it will						
Description of steps taken to obtain informa	tion (help/contact function or	website, websites, etc						
Called got put on hold.								
Other Comments or Concerns								
Notes								

Tracking: 392	Status: Manufacturer Contacted  Name: Gary		
State: NY			
Category of Request: Reprogramming	Manufacturer: 2005 Hyundai Elantra KMHDN46D35U975334		

Have you checked the **OEM** website?

Yes

### Description of Repair unable to perform

Reprogram ECU

### Description of Information not available

Tried to reprogram ECU, using J2534. When unsucessful, contacted Drew Technologies with a Degug Log. Drew Tech came back saying that there were problems with communication that appear to be on the Hyundai's part, that ended the session with out sucessful reprogramming.

## Description of steps taken to obtain information (help/contact function on website, websites, etc.)

Drew Tech communicated technical deatils, and circumstances to Hyundai; however no solution, nor timing of any soution has been given.

#### **Other Comments or Concerns**

The Hyundai use of "ROM ID Error" to describe all apparent errors does not help any level of understanding or confidence that they want to identify issues relating to reprogramming

Tracking: 388	Status: Manufacturer Contacted			
State: TX	Name : Nate			
Computer etc.	Manufacturer: 2000 Mercedes Benz S430 WDBNG70J6YA086289			

Have you checked the OEM website?

### Description of Repair unable to perform

Unable to purchase parts.

### Description of Information not available

How to purchase theft related parts.

## Description of steps taken to obtain information (help/contact function on website, websites, etc.)

Recently I attempted to order a replacement ECM (engine control module) for 2000 Mercedes S430 vin WDBNG70J6YA086289. I presented the vehicle, the vehicle title, the vehicle registration, a copy of the owner driver license, a signed workorder authorizing me to perform repairs and order parts for the vehicle. The local Mercedes Benz dealer refused to sell the part, they stated that certain parts called TRP (theft related parts) have to be installed by a Mercedes Benz dealer. Please see Mercedes policy page at link below. http://stgarage.st2930.reallyfast.biz/image/MBTRP.PDF Another Mercedes Benz dealer said the part can be ordered, but the vehicle owner has to come to their dealership to order the part and pay for it in advance. And when the part is picked up, the vehicle has to be present at their dealership. It appears that Mercedes Benz has no consistent procedure for ordering TRP parts. One thing is for sure, this policy causes major inconveniences for Mercedes Benz vehicle owners. This policy goes against the spirit of making availability of tool, service information to the independent automotive service provider. My question is: can TRP parts be ordered by independent shops? If yes, how?

	Other	Comments or	Concerns
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Tracking: 378	Status: Manufacturer Responded - Action Pending			
State: NH	Name : Mike			
Category of Request: Reprogramming	Manufacturer: 2005 Hyundai Santa Fe KM8SC73EX65U876			

#### Have you checked the OEM website?

Yes

### Description of Repair unable to perform

Difficulty in interpetating the proper tool connectino via the vehicle connector.

### **Description of Information not available**

There is errors in the pin assignment numbers in the auxiliary power connector hook ups.

# Description of steps taken to obtain information (help/contact function on website, websites, etc.)

Contacted multiple references including Drew Tech and HMA service (800 number). HMA service told me to bring the vehicle to a dealer. Please reference HMA case # 4304550 take by Mike ID number 54272.

### Other Comments or Concerns

I will be sending an email with a attached PDF file I have composed to illustrate the problems with the connectors.

Also, I have another open NASTF SIR for Hyundai (ref # 360)posted on December 21 2010. I have not heard anything about this request. I have used the NASTF process a few times before and have been dissapointed with the outcome. I was gravely dissapointed with the outcome in a request against Nissan (#339). I had to get results through other means outside of NASTF because I had not heard a thing in over a month. Looks like the same is true for my Hyundai request (#360). I have not given up on the process but am quickly losing faith

Tracking: 360	Status: Manufacturer Responded - Action Pending
State: NH	Name: Mike
Category of Request: Electrical - Starting, Charging, Lighting, Air Bag (SRS), Safety	Manufacturer: 2011 Hyundai Sonata 5NPEC4AC9BH036014

Have you checked the **OEM** website?

Yes

### Description of Repair unable to perform

I need to replace the airbag module.

## Description of Information not available

I cannot access the airbag variant coding information.

# Description of steps taken to obtain information (help/contact function on website, websites, etc.)

I have viewed the OE service info, also contacted HMA via email with a response which said to take it to the dealer.

# Other Comments or Concerns

### **Back to Inquiry List**

Tracking: 369	Status: Manufacturer Contacted
State: MO	Name: Edward
Category of Request: OEM Special Tools Availability	Manufacturer: 2005 Honda Civic Hybrid

### Inquiry

Have you checked the **OEM** website?

Yes

#### Description of Repair unable to perform

Need to initialize a new PCM

### Description of Information not available

HIM Module Rental Unit.

### Description of steps taken to obtain information (help/contact function on website, websites, etc.)

After a week and a half of trying to get a rental HIM module and the initialization software, what I recieved was not a HIM module and there was no software with it. Honda's own information says that the software can be downloaded from your serviceexpress subscription from their website. That link does not exist. The online ordering form for the HIM module does not work. Contact form filled out...never answered. Called listed phone number for HELM and was told they just sell books...do not rent equipment. Was transferred to John Romano's voicemail for help...message left but never returned call. Called back again and left message with Bridgette Romano....said HIM Module rental would come with software and would have the salesman call me to place the order. No salesman ever called. Finally called HELM again with the part number for the HIM rental unit, ordered it and was told 7 - 10 days shipping!?!?!?! Paid extra for 2 day air, received 11 days after this ordeal started and what I received is NOT a HIM module (despite what the paperwork says) and has no software with it. I have had a customer in a loaner vehicle for 2 weeks now waiting for what should be a simple request. Either the people at Honda and HELM are completely incompetent or this is a coordinated effort to lock out the independent repairer!

## **NASTF OE Training Information Matrix**

#### February 2004

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