

Western Coast Insurance Services – Material Damage Bulletin

Bulletin: Labor Rate Increase

July 1, 2026

Effective July 1, 2026, the following Material and Labor rates will apply to any vehicle with a **car in date** for repairs on or after July 1, 2026. The change is an increase of labor rates only. The changes are not retroactive for any work in progress that started or with a car in date prior to July 1, 2026.

The rates listed in the table below applies to all BC Accredited Repair Facilities. To qualify for top rates shops must be accredited by one or more of the following: the ARA CCRP, a recognized OEM accreditation program or hold I-Car Gold training status.

To qualify for the structural aluminum rate, the repair shop must have the appropriate training and an Aluminum Repair Certification.

Rates for shops that meet the BC Accredited Repair Facility requirements:

Labor Type	Prior Labor Rates	New labor Rates	Current Material Rates	Total Rates
Body	\$89.46	\$91.25	\$7.13	\$98.38
Paint	\$89.46	\$91.25	\$62.01	\$153.26
Frame	\$102.27	\$104.32	\$7.13	\$111.45
Mechanical	\$115.05	\$117.35	\$7.13	\$124.48

All other repair shops that do not meet BC Accredited requirements:

Labor Type	Current Labor Rates	New Material Rates	Old Material Rates	Total Rates
All types*	\$84.99	\$7.13	\$7.05	\$92.12
Refinish	\$84.99	\$62.01	\$60.11	\$147.00

*All types include body, frame, and mechanical operations.

Aluminum Rate:

The Aluminum rate of \$109.50 for Accredited and \$101.99 for Non-Accredited shops will apply providing the repair shop has the required recognized training, clean room, and all the Aluminum repair equipment required to complete these repair types.

Wheel Alignment Sublet Charges:

Effective July 1, 2025, any vehicle that requires a two or four-wheel alignment, the new sublet rate will be \$147.00 for four-wheel and \$106.00 for two-wheel alignments. Before and after print outs of the alignment specs must be submitted with all invoices for payment to the handling insurance adjuster.

Shops that have in-house wheel alignment systems can charge out the hourly equivalent for these operations based on the sublet amounts noted above.

De-Nib & Finesse:

At this time De-Nib & Finesse to remove impurities in the vehicles painted surfaces will not be a chargeable item to WCIS on estimates. Collision repair facilities paint area, booth, filtration systems and environments must be maintained and serviced on a regular basis to avoid such contaminants being introduced onto painted surfaces as noted on the claim estimate.

The policy for "Luxury" paint will continue to apply to those vehicles that meet the criteria for condition, make and model.

ATS Charges:

ATS or the daily courtesy vehicle charges do not apply on WCIS claims and should not be noted on the estimate. Any ATS or rental charges are to be approved by the handling adjuster and billed directly to the insurance company. The ATS and rental charges are subject to limitations as noted on the customers policy.

Feather, Prime & Block:

WCIS does not recognize this repair operation and time entered for this operation will not be considered or approved on estimates when requested.