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Evolve Collision Centers is publishing consumer guidance explaining why wheel alignment and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems calibration can appear as separate operations after collision repair. The October resource gives vehicle owners a simpler framework for understanding three procedures that may appear together on a repair plan: wheel alignment, diagnostic scanning, and ADAS calibration.

Modern vehicles can use cameras, radar units, steering-related sensors, and other electronics to support features such as lane assistance, adaptive cruise control, forward collision warnings, automatic emergency braking, and parking assistance. Following certain collision repairs, the mechanical condition of the vehicle and these electronic systems may need to be addressed at different stages.

Evolve Collision Centers provides scanning and calibration services when those technology-related procedures apply during collision repair.

Wheel alignment focuses on the geometric relationship among the vehicle's wheels and suspension-related settings. A collision involving a wheel, suspension component, steering-related part, or surrounding structure can lead technicians to evaluate whether applicable wheel angles remain within specification.

ADAS calibration serves a different purpose. It establishes specified references for applicable cameras, radar units, sensors, or related systems. Depending on the vehicle, these systems can use information associated with steering position, vehicle direction, or the physical relationship between an electronic component and the vehicle.

Diagnostic scanning is separate from both procedures. A scan communicates with electronic modules and can retrieve available information such as diagnostic trouble codes and system status. Calibration does not replace scanning, and scanning does not perform the same function as calibration.

This distinction can help drivers understand why several separate operations may appear on one collision repair estimate.

A front-corner impact provides a practical example. Visible damage may involve a bumper or fender while the collision also affects a wheel or surrounding suspension and steering components. Technicians can evaluate the physical damage and determine whether alignment measurement or additional mechanical work is appropriate rather than relying only on exterior appearance.

If the vehicle is also equipped with driver-assistance technology, applicable procedures may identify additional electronic operations. The absence of a dashboard warning does not independently determine whether those procedures apply because some requirements are associated with the repair performed rather than only with a warning indicator.

Repair sequence is therefore an important part of the October guidance.

When collision damage affects suspension, steering, structural areas, or component mounting locations, the applicable physical repairs need to be addressed before final mechanical and electronic procedures are treated as complete. Wheel alignment is not intended to compensate for a damaged suspension or steering component, just as electronic calibration cannot correct a damaged mounting location.

Evolve Collision Centers' collision repair services coordinate these different stages when an accident involves body damage alongside mechanical or technology-related work.

After applicable physical repairs are completed, wheel alignment may establish the required mechanical geometry. Manufacturer-specified diagnostic or ADAS procedures can then be addressed at the appropriate

point in the repair sequence. The specific operations depend on the vehicle and work involved.

Calibration itself can involve different methods. Some systems use a static procedure in which the stationary vehicle and specified equipment or targets are positioned according to the applicable process. Other systems use dynamic calibration involving operation of the vehicle under defined driving conditions. Some repair situations can involve more than one method.

The October guidance also explains that alignment can be one of several conditions addressed before calibration. Depending on the applicable procedure, factors such as tire pressure, steering position, vehicle loading, ride height, or other specified conditions may also be relevant.

For vehicle owners, repair documentation can make these distinctions easier to follow. Alignment records relate to wheel geometry. Diagnostic scanning records relate to communication with electronic modules. Calibration documentation relates to the applicable ADAS procedure. Keeping these records together can provide a clearer picture of the mechanical and electronic work completed during the repair.

Evolve Collision Centers also provides auto body repair services when collision damage involves exterior body components alongside mechanical or technology-related repairs.

The new consumer resource summarizes the process in three stages: first address applicable collision-related physical damage, then complete necessary mechanical or alignment work, and finally perform specified diagnostic or ADAS procedures at the appropriate stage. The sequence can vary according to the individual vehicle and repair.

The main takeaway for drivers is that wheel alignment and ADAS calibration are not duplicate services. Alignment addresses applicable mechanical geometry, while calibration establishes specified references for electronic driver-assistance components when required. Diagnostic scanning provides another, separate source of electronic system information.

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