



Johnson Auto Body Publishes Post-Collision Vehicle Alignment Guide

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Johnson Auto Body has published new consumer information addressing a common point of confusion in collision repair: the difference between noticing a change in how a vehicle drives after an accident and determining whether its wheel alignment or related components require attention.

The August 19 addition is now available through Johnson Auto Body's collision repair resource. It was developed to give vehicle owners a clearer explanation of why alignment may appear in post-collision repair documentation and what information technicians use when evaluating the vehicle.

The new material focuses specifically on a gap not previously addressed in the company's broader collision-repair information. It explains the relationship among driver observations, alignment measurements, and vehicle-specific repair procedures without asking consumers to diagnose steering or suspension conditions themselves.

Wheel alignment refers to the positioning of a vehicle's wheels according to specified alignment angles. Measuring those angles allows technicians to compare the vehicle's recorded condition with specifications applicable to its make, model, and configuration.

After an accident, drivers sometimes report changes in steering-wheel position, vehicle tracking, or general handling. Those observations can be documented as part of the vehicle's post-collision condition. The newly published information explains that the next step is evaluation rather than assuming a particular cause from the symptom.

That distinction is particularly relevant because alignment is connected with multiple vehicle systems and components. Depending on the vehicle and the area affected by the collision, technicians may need to consider wheel condition, steering or suspension components, alignment measurements, and manufacturer repair information when developing a repair plan.

The location of the collision can provide additional context. An impact involving a wheel or nearby area can present different evaluation considerations from damage limited to an exterior panel elsewhere on the vehicle. What procedures apply depends on the conditions documented for the individual vehicle.

Johnson Auto Body's new information also explains why measuring alignment and correcting alignment are not the same operation. Measurement produces data about wheel position. That information can then be considered with inspection findings before technicians determine whether an adjustment, component repair, or another procedure applies.

This distinction can affect repair sequences. When a steering, suspension, wheel, or related component requires repair, applicable procedures may need to be completed before final alignment measurements or adjustments are made.

Vehicle manufacturer information provides another part of that process. Steering and suspension designs vary across vehicles, and OEM procedures can contain model-specific information concerning inspection, measurements, component removal and installation, and replacement.

I-CAR Repairability Technical Support provides an independent industry resource for collision repair professionals researching OEM procedures and vehicle-specific repairability information.

Johnson Auto Body references I-CAR for independent technical context. The consumer information published by Johnson Auto Body was developed separately and is not an I-CAR publication or endorsement.

The August update also gives consumers context for why alignment-related information may appear at

different stages of collision repair. Some conditions can be documented when the vehicle is initially inspected, while measurements and component-specific findings may be recorded as repair planning progresses.

The new material does not establish an alignment procedure based solely on the severity of visible body damage. Instead, it explains how measurements, inspection findings, and applicable vehicle information contribute to determining what procedures are appropriate.

By concentrating on alignment rather than repeating the company's broader explanation of collision repair, the August 19 publication gives vehicle owners a more specific reference for interpreting terminology that may appear in an estimate or repair plan.

The alignment information is available directly through Johnson Auto Body's collision repair page. Consumers can also review the company's auto body repair information for additional information about exterior collision repairs.

About Johnson Auto Body

Johnson Auto Body serves Knightdale, North Carolina, and surrounding Wake County communities from its facility at 821 H and R Dr, Knightdale, NC 27545. The company provides collision repair, auto body repair, collision estimates, repair planning, refinishing, and related vehicle restoration services.

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