



China's Collision Repair Industry

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Introduction



- Largest new car market in 2009 and on track to repeat that in 2010
- Size of vehicle parc between 33 million and 40 million – 400 million by 2040 ???
- What's in the vehicle parc?
 - ◆ Electric bikes and scooters
 - ◆ Motorcycles
 - ◆ Farm trucks
 - ◆ Three wheelers

Methodology



- Partnered with IBIS
- Extensive preparation – meetings and questions
- March 15, 2010 – April 27, 2010
- Six cities, majority of interviews/meetings in and around Beijing
- Twenty plus face to face interviews – formal & informal
- Three automotive industry trade shows



Methodology (continued)

- Four automotive related factories, including a new car assembly plant
- Four dealerships with body shops
- Attended and presented at the Global Automotive Symposium in Beijing







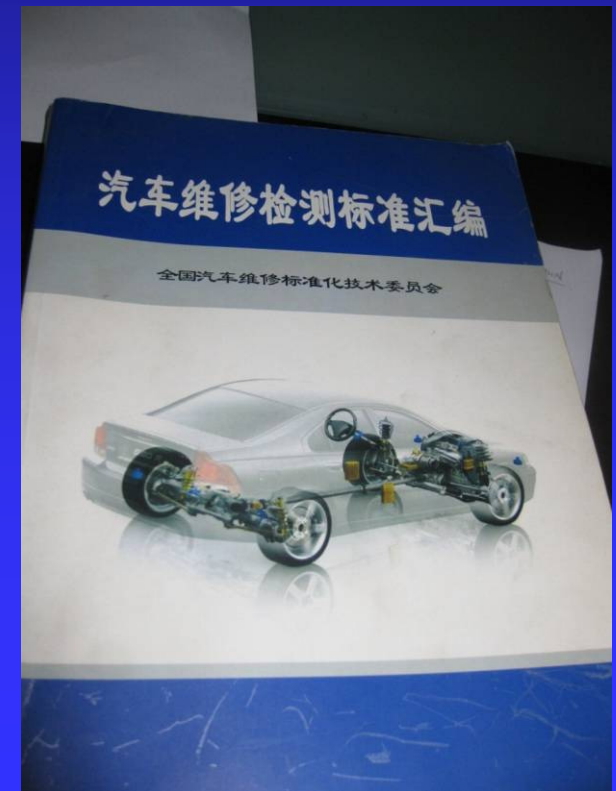
Repairers

- China Automotive Maintenance and Repair Trade Association – both mechanical and collision; state and provincial
 - ◆ 300,000 repairers in China
 - ◆ ~ 100,000 – 130,000 collision
 - ◆ remainder mechanical



Repairers (continued)

- Dealerships and body shops can be part or wholly government owned
- Government Regulations for
 - collision shops
 - mechanical repair shops





Multi Shop Operations

■ 4S Dealers

- ◆ New car sales
- ◆ Spare parts sales
- ◆ Service
- ◆ Survey

■ Have leverage over insurers

■ Few, if any non – dealer multi shop operations





Insurance

- Top 3 insurers government owned ~ 61%
- 3rd party insurance is compulsory – no foreign insurer can sell it – and is sold when a car is bought usually at the new car dealership
- Liberty Mutual is one of four foreign insurers dealing with car insurance. They sell only 1st party coverage and partner with a private Chinese company.



Claims

- Mainly light hits
- No concept of total – almost everything is repaired
- Frequency – once every 12 – 18 months
- Police must write a report at the sight of the accident
- An entire day could be spent on negotiating a claim



Information Providers

- Two companies exist
- Antiquated systems
- Insurers would like to push usage
- Nowhere near widespread acceptance/usage



Technician Training

- Strong theoretical training, not enough hands on before entering workforce



Conclusions

- Eventually, then there are enough cars on the road, they will be forced to readjust focus towards after sales repairs – both collision and mechanical
- Entry regulations not monitored over time
- Impossible for association to be advocate on behalf of repairer
- Independents have an up hill battle
- Collision repair landscape will change over the next 10 years. What will it look like?