Write it Right Committee

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There are two types of written damage estimates: "Visible Damage Estimate" and "Comprehensive Damage Estimate".

A Visible Damage Estimate is prepared when a vehicle is drivable. In this case the shop will prepare an estimate without disassembly.

Characteristics of the Visible Damage Estimate:

- Damage that can be identified without disassembly
- May not be a complete estimate
- May not be able to commit to a specific delivery date

The Visible Damage Estimate may be all that is needed to fully identify the required repair process when all the damage is minor (i.e. dings, scratches, hail, etc).

A Comprehensive Damage Estimate is written after a vehicle has been disassembled.

Characteristics of a Comprehensive Damage Estimate:

- Vehicle is disassembled to identify possible hidden damage
- Provides a more complete estimate of repair costs
- Allows for a more accurate projection of a completion date

While disassembly allows for a more accurate estimate of the repair costs, this process does not guarantee the Identification of all damage.

We encourage you to discuss the estimating and repair process with us.