

**OEM Audit Questionnaires Received
for the
Mercedes Benz Service Information Website**

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OEM Audit Questionnaire

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General Instructions

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1.2	Did the website allow you to search the OEM website by various topics including but not limited to model, model year, key words or phrases, etc.?	yes	2	
1.3	Did the website provide accessibility using common, readily available software and shall not require the use of proprietary software, hardware, viewers, or browsers?	yes	4	

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1.3a	Did the OEM website provide hyperlinks to any plug-ins, viewers or browsers (e.g., Adobe Acrobat or Netscape) needed to access the OEM website?	yes	4	
1.4	Did you have any difficulty connecting to the website?	no	5	
1.5	Were you able to navigate the website without returning to the OEM service information home page or a search engine in order to access a different portion of the site?	yes	3	Some what difficult. It required extensive use to get familiar with it.
1.6	If you were a first time user, does the website involve a waiting period for registration to receive a password, PIN code, or some other approval (such as PayPal)?	no	4	They make it easy to pay and log on.

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about ease of use, accessibility, and website navigation.

It is clear that to be able to service Mercedes Benz access to the Web site is a must. I am very familiar with the product, working on Mercedes for over 35 years and it is still difficult to navigate through the system.

For a person that is not very familiar with the product I feel it would be very difficult to obtain information in a timely mater.

The surge engines are very poor in my opinion, almost useless.

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2.1	Are there descriptions of all the OBD monitors and their operation?	Yes	For the ones that I needed information on, I was able to retrieve the needed material. Although difficult.

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2.1a	Did any of these monitor descriptions lack sufficient information? If so, please explain in the "Notes" column.	no	
2.2	Were you able to find a description of all parameters (strategies) being monitored? Parameters can refer either to PID descriptions or the general monitoring strategies of the ECU.	Yes	
2.3	Was there a list of Diagnostic Trouble Codes relating to these monitors?	Yes	
2.3a	Did you find the list sufficient to assist in the diagnosis and/or repair of the vehicle? If your answer is "No" please explain in the "Notes" column.	Yes	

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2.4	Were you able to determine the enable criteria for each monitor?	Yes	Difficult to find at times.
2.5	Are the sequence, execution frequency, and duration of the monitor explained?	Yes	
2.6	Were you able to find the malfunction thresholds for the monitor?	Yes	

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Every time we had to find the information required, we did find it. My only concern is that it is difficult to find it quickly. (With in reason).

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3.1	Does the website provide information necessary to interpret "mode 6" data available in generic scan tool modes?	NA	Did not have to use that mode

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3.1a	If so, was this information useful? Please use the "Notes" column to identify why or why not.		
3.2	Does the website provide sufficient diagnostic and repair information for any and all DTCs encountered?	Yes	
3.3	Are descriptions of OEM-specific DTCs (i.e., P1XXX codes) available?	Yes	
3.4	Are technical service bulletins readily available?	Yes	

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3.5	Are trouble shooting guides or trouble shooting information available? For example, code charts, diagnostic and repair information, or fault finding logic.	Yes	
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD Repair.</p> <p>The diagnostic information that we needed was always available,</p>			

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Segment 4: Reprogramming and Reinitialization Information

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available advanced repair and diagnostic capabilities such as reprogramming (installing new or updated software during replacement of programmable modules such as PCMs or updating software or parameters within the software of in-service programmable modules) and reinitialization (reinitialization within the regulation would relate to units such as instrument panels, body control units, anti-theft immobilizers, etc which would directly affect the ability of the vehicle to start/run within the original design parameters.) Questions in this segment are intended to provide insight into the availability of the information, equipment, and tools needed to perform these services.

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Reprogramming (This is also referred to as "Flashing" or software update.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.1	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reprogramming?	Yes	
4.2	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reprogramming?		Some of the early model information is available. I was not able to get any information on how to perform SCN coding. In fact it forced us to send a client to the dealer for that procedure.

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.3	If reprogramming is performed using a J2534 device was the software available to communicate between the device and the PC?	NA	
4.4	Is the information to select the proper calibration for the vehicle available?		
4.5	Is the vehicle calibration available?		
4.6	Have you performed reprogramming services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	Yes	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.7	If applicable, were you able to perform a successful update/reprogram?	No	No information on SCN coding to initialize control units.
Reinitialization (This refers to the ability to restart a vehicle after the completion of an emissions-related repair.)			
4.8	Does this OEM require initialization or reinitialization when the ECU is replaced? If no, skip to Segment 5. For the purposes of this audit, initialization or reinitialization refers to the need to reset a vehicle's security systems by means of an ignition key or access code to allow a vehicle to be restarted after the completion of emissions-related repairs.	Yes	Older vehicles not requiring SCN coding is not a problem to version code.
4.9	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reinitialization?	no	The web site directs you to a site to apply for a permit of some sort. We did not get a respond from them.
4.10	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reinitialization?	No	Not for the late models 2004 and newer.

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4.11	Have you performed reinitialization services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	Yes	
Answer the following two questions, 4.12 and 4.13, only if you are performing an audit of the Honda/Acura, VW/Audi, Mitsubishi, Chrysler, and Land Rover websites.			
4.12	EPA regulations allow for OEMs to offer an alternative method of reinitialization with prior approval. These companies have received approval to lease their OEM-specific scan tool to the aftermarket to perform this service. Are you able to find information about alternate methods and links to the source of that method?	no	
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?	no	
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?	na	

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4.13b	If not, please explain in the "Notes" column.		Was not able to get any information on SCN coding and flashing using after market tools.
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about reprogramming and reinitialization information.</p> <p>Although most repairs that fall under SCN coding are perform under warranty, we where not able to find that information to be able to perform the repairs on cars involved in accidents or water damage not cover under factory warranty.</p>			
<p>Segment 5: Structure and Cost of OEM Websites</p> <p>EPA regulations require that OEM websites be available for short-term, mid-term and long-term access for set fees. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into how the OEMs have structured their sites and the fees associated with accessing these sites.</p> <p>For Questions 5.1 to 5.6, enter a Yes or No response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. For the remaining Questions 5.7 to 5.12 select the best answer from the list provided. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).</p>			

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5.1	Does the website have short-term, mid-term, and long-term access to service information?	yes	
5.2	Were you able to access the entire site?	yes	To the best of my knowledge
5.2a	Please identify areas that you could not access for the initial fee (such as reprogramming information) in the "Notes" column.		Training and parts information
5.3	Although downloading information is not explicitly required by EPA regulations, did the website allow you to save and store any information to your computer?	Yes	Some information can be printed or stored on the computer for review.

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.3a	If so, please identify the information or documents that were downloadable in the "Notes" column.	Yes	Bulletins, electrical diagrams, diagnostic procedures to name a few.
5.4	Were you able to print the information from the website?	yes	Some of it is not printer friendly. Requires to be copied or manipulated in order to get a decent print.
5.5	Audi, Porsche, and Volkswagen websites require the purchase of individual documents to access repair information. For the purposes of this evaluation, how many individual documents would you have had to purchase to acquire all of the information you needed to perform the repair?	NA	
5.5a	What would have been the total cost of those documents? Please identify in the "Notes" column.		

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5.5b	What emissions repair were you trying to do? Please identify in the "Notes" column.		
5.5c	Some manufacturer websites require the purchase of individual documents for downloading before they can be fully viewed. In some cases, only the table of contents is available for viewing before the purchase is made. Did you purchase documents that did not contain the information you were seeking? If yes, then please identify the document and the cost of that document in the "Notes" column.	na	
5.6	Have you purchased service information, training materials, TSBs, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. from the website?	No	We always have purchased all material through our dealership.
5.6a	If so, indicate in the "Notes" column the number and description of materials purchased.	yes	All material needed and available is purchased and updated on a yearly basis.

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5.7	<p>Does your shop specialize in vehicle repairs from specific OEMs?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asian 2. European 3. Domestic 4. We specialize in vehicles from a single OEM, ___MBZ___. Please list that OEM. 5. We service vehicles from all OEMs and do not specialize in any specific OEMs or group of OEMs. 	Yes	Only Mercedes Benz
5.8	<p>What is your primary source for electronic service information?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aftermarket (e.g., ALLDATA, Mitchell1, etc.) 2. OEM Websites 3. Other, please list in the "Notes" column. 	2	
5.9	<p>How much do you spend for an annual subscription to your primary source listed above?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$0 - \$500 2. \$500 - \$1,000 3. \$1,000 - \$2,000 4. Over \$2,000 	3	

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If you use an aftermarket service provider as your primary source of service information, please respond to Questions 5.10 to 5.12.			
5.10	<p>What is the primary reason for selecting the primary source listed in question 5.8?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completeness for the brands I service 2. Experience/Familiarity with the product 3. Available off-line 4. Common organization of information for all manufacturers 5. Price 6. Other, please list in the "Notes" column. 	1	
5.11	<p>Approximately how many times do you access an OEM website?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Never 2. 1 to 5 times monthly 3. 5 to 10 times monthly 4. 10 to 20 times monthly 5. Over 20 times monthly 	4	

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6.1	Does the website contain information describing how to use the website? Possible sources of such information could be tutorials, "help" links, or lists of "frequently asked questions" (FAQ).	yes	
6.1a	If so, is the information relevant, useful, and readily accessible? Please identify where the information is located in the "Notes" column.	yes	
6.2	The "contact us" link is required to allow users to report problems, omissions or errors with the website, not to assist in vehicle trouble shooting or technical assistance. Does the website provide a "contact us" link for questions and/or reporting of problems, omissions or errors?	yes	We have not used this feature
6.2a	Have you attempted to use the "contact us" link?	no	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.2b	Have you received the desired information or answer to your question within 48 hours?	na	
6.3	Is training information available on the website?	no	There is training information available, but not to independents. Dealer personal only.
6.3a	Are lists and sources (contacts or ordering information) identified for training information which is not Internet capable?		We did not find any training information that we where allowed to use.
6.4	Is information available on the website listing available factory tools and ordering information?	yes	

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6.5	Did you attempt to find information which was unavailable on the website?	yes	Information was not available in many instances. WE just don't know if it was not there or we did not find it.
6.5a	If so, please identify in the "Notes" column what information you were seeking, how you conducted your search, and results (or lack thereof) you experienced.		
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.		

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about the website or suggestions for improvement.

This web site would greatly improve by providing better ways to surge for topics. The surge engines are practically worthless.

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1.2	Did the website allow you to search the OEM website by various topics including but not limited to model, model year, key words or phrases, etc.?	yes	1	Not very user friendly, will confuse new users.
1.3	Did the website provide accessibility using common, readily available software and shall not require the use of proprietary software, hardware, viewers, or browsers?	yes	1	Required installation of a program called whip, I have never seen or used this program before this audit.

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2.1a	Did any of these monitor descriptions lack sufficient information? If so, please explain in the "Notes" column.	yes	All are extremely vague in wording
2.2	Were you able to find a description of all parameters (strategies) being monitored? Parameters can refer either to PID descriptions or the general monitoring strategies of the ECU.	yes	
2.3	Was there a list of Diagnostic Trouble Codes relating to these monitors?	yes	
2.3a	Did you find the list sufficient to assist in the diagnosis and/or repair of the vehicle? If your answer is "No" please explain in the "Notes" column.	yes	Wording is vague, serch for obd 2 monitors returned zero results

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2.5	Are the sequence, execution frequency, and duration of the monitor explained?	yes	
2.6	Were you able to find the malfunction thresholds for the monitor?	yes	

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3.1a	If so, was this information useful? Please use the "Notes" column to identify why or why not.	yes	
3.2	Does the website provide sufficient diagnostic and repair information for any and all DTCs encountered?	yes	All very vague
3.3	Are descriptions of OEM-specific DTCs (i.e., P1XXX codes) available?	yes	
3.4	Are technical service bulletins readily available?	yes	

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4.1	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reprogramming?	yes	
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4.7	If applicable, were you able to perform a successful update/reprogram?	yes	
Reinitialization (This refers to the ability to restart a vehicle after the completion of an emissions-related repair.)			
4.8	Does this OEM require initialization or reinitialization when the ECU is replaced? If no, skip to Segment 5. For the purposes of this audit, initialization or reinitialization refers to the need to reset a vehicle's security systems by means of an ignition key or access code to allow a vehicle to be restarted after the completion of emissions-related repairs.	yes	
4.9	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reinitialization?	yes	
4.10	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reinitialization?	yes	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.11	Have you performed reinitialization services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	yes	
Answer the following two questions, 4.12 and 4.13, only if you are performing an audit of the Honda/Acura, VW/Audi, Mitsubishi, Chrysler, and Land Rover websites.			
4.12	EPA regulations allow for OEMs to offer an alternative method of reinitialization with prior approval. These companies have received approval to lease their OEM-specific scan tool to the aftermarket to perform this service. Are you able to find information about alternate methods and links to the source of that method?	yes	
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?	yes	
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?	yes	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.13b	If not, please explain in the "Notes" column.	yes	
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about reprogramming and reinitialization information.</p>			
<p>Segment 5: Structure and Cost of OEM Websites EPA regulations require that OEM websites be available for short-term, mid-term and long-term access for set fees. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into how the OEMs have structured their sites and the fees associated with accessing these sites.</p> <p>For Questions 5.1 to 5.6, enter a Yes or No response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. For the remaining Questions 5.7 to 5.12 select the best answer from the list provided. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).</p>			

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.1	Does the website have short-term, mid-term, and long-term access to service information?	yes	
5.2	Were you able to access the entire site?	yes	There was a parts section that was not open with my log-in
5.2a	Please identify areas that you could not access for the initial fee (such as reprogramming information) in the "Notes" column.	yes	Parts and scn coding data
5.3	Although downloading information is not explicitly required by EPA regulations, did the website allow you to save and store any information to your computer?	yes	Some but not all was allowed

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.3a	If so, please identify the information or documents that were downloadable in the "Notes" column.	yes	PDF files were permitted, all others were not
5.4	Were you able to print the information from the website?	yes	
5.5	Audi, Porsche, and Volkswagen websites require the purchase of individual documents to access repair information. For the purposes of this evaluation, how many individual documents would you have had to purchase to acquire all of the information you needed to perform the repair?	yes	All were available
5.5a	What would have been the total cost of those documents? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	yes	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.5b	What emissions repair were you trying to do? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	yes	scn coding when replacing engine modules
5.5c	Some manufacturer websites require the purchase of individual documents for downloading before they can be fully viewed. In some cases, only the table of contents is available for viewing before the purchase is made. Did you purchase documents that did not contain the information you were seeking? If yes, then please identify the document and the cost of that document in the "Notes" column.	yes	
5.6	Have you purchased service information, training materials, TSBs, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. from the website?	yes	
5.6a	If so, indicate in the "Notes" column the number and description of materials purchased.	yes	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (select from the list or insert NA)	Notes
5.7	<p>Does your shop specialize in vehicle repairs from specific OEMs?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asian 2. European 3. Domestic 4. We specialize in vehicles from a single OEM, _____. Please list that OEM. 5. We service vehicles from all OEMs and do not specialize in any specific OEMs or group of OEMs. 	1	
5.8	<p>What is your primary source for electronic service information?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aftermarket (e.g., ALLDATA, Mitchell1, etc.) 2. OEM Websites 3. Other, please list in the "Notes" column. 	1	Factory repair programs
5.9	<p>How much do you spend for an annual subscription to your primary source listed above?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$0 - \$500 2. \$500 - \$1,000 3. \$1,000 - \$2,000 4. Over \$2,000 	1	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
If you use an aftermarket service provider as your primary source of service information, please respond to Questions 5.10 to 5.12.			
5.10	<p>What is the primary reason for selecting the primary source listed in question 5.8?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completeness for the brands I service 2. Experience/Familiarity with the product 3. Available off-line 4. Common organization of information for all manufacturers 5. Price 6. Other, please list in the "Notes" column. 	1	
5.11	<p>Approximately how many times do you access an OEM website?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Never 2. 1 to 5 times monthly 3. 5 to 10 times monthly 4. 10 to 20 times monthly 5. Over 20 times monthly 	1	

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6.1	Does the website contain information describing how to use the website? Possible sources of such information could be tutorials, "help" links, or lists of "frequently asked questions" (FAQ).	yes	
6.1a	If so, is the information relevant, useful, and readily accessible? Please identify where the information is located in the "Notes" column.	yes	Under the help section
6.2	The "contact us" link is required to allow users to report problems, omissions or errors with the website, not to assist in vehicle trouble shooting or technical assistance. Does the website provide a "contact us" link for questions and/or reporting of problems, omissions or errors?	yes	
6.2a	Have you attempted to use the "contact us" link?	yes	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.2b	Have you received the desired information or answer to your question within 48 hours?	yes	
6.3	Is training information available on the website?	yes	
6.3a	Are lists and sources (contacts or ordering information) identified for training information which is not Internet capable?	yes	
6.4	Is information available on the website listing available factory tools and ordering information?	yes	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.5	Did you attempt to find information which was unavailable on the website?	yes	
6.5a	If so, please identify in the "Notes" column what information you were seeking, how you conducted your search, and results (or lack thereof) you experienced.	yes	
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	yes	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

In the space below, please provide any general comments about the website or suggestions for improvement.

OEM Audit Questionnaire

Name	Mercedes_Auditor 9
OEM Website Audited	startekinfo
Date Audit Completed	3-9-06
Browser and Version Used	
Operating System and Version Used	xp home

General Instructions

This questionnaire was designed by the OEM Website Audit Steering Committee in order to seek an assessment of the data elements and information that OEMs are required to include on their websites with respect to OBD systems and emission-related repairs.

The questions have been organized into six separate segments, and each one is preceded by introductory text that explains the intent of the questions within that segment. Prior to providing your responses for the questions within a particular segment, please read the instructions specific to that segment.

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You have been requested to provide your browser and operating system above since this may be helpful to the Steering Committee in evaluating the audit results in the context of potential problems associated with the incompatibility of certain browsers or operating systems. In order to reduce the likelihood that problems encountered during your audit of the OEM website are due to your browser, the Steering Committee recommends that Internet Explorer be used when evaluating the OEM website.

The public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. To comment on this collection contact the Director, Collection Strategies Division (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence. Do not send the completed survey to this address.

Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire

Segment 1: Ease of Use, Accessibility, and Website Navigation

EPA regulations require that OEMs launch websites that meet certain use and accessibility and navigation requirements. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into your experiences with searching, navigating, and accessing the information that you need.

For Segment 1 enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. Also, for Segment 1, answer the questions in an additional "Response" column by inserting a ranking between 1 (poor) and 5 (excellent). You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Response (1-5 ranking, or NA)	Notes
1.1	Does the website provide users with a description of the minimum computer hardware and software needed by the user to access that OEM's information (e.g., computer processor speed and operating system software)? This description or a link to it should appear when users first log on to the home page of the OEM's website.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text"/>	
1.2	Did the website allow you to search the OEM website by various topics including but not limited to model, model year, key words or phrases, etc.?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text"/>	
1.3	Did the website provide accessibility using common, readily available software and shall not require the use of proprietary software, hardware, viewers, or browsers?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text"/>	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Response (1-5 ranking, or NA)	Notes
1.3a	Did the OEM website provide hyperlinks to any plug-ins, viewers or browsers (e.g., Adobe Acrobat or Netscape) needed to access the OEM website?	Yes <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
1.4	Did you have any difficulty connecting to the website?	No <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
1.5	Were you able to navigate the website without returning to the OEM service information home page or a search engine in order to access a different portion of the site?	Yes <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
1.6	If you were a first time user, does the website involve a waiting period for registration to receive a password, PIN code, or some other approval (such as PayPal)?	No <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

In the space below, please provide any general comments about ease of use, accessibility, and website navigation.

Segment 2: OBD System Monitors

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available information on OBD system monitors such as diagnostic trouble codes and enable criteria. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into the availability of this information on the sites.

For Segment 2, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.1	Are there descriptions of all the OBD monitors and their operation?	Yes	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.1a	Did any of these monitor descriptions lack sufficient information? If so, please explain in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="No"/>	
2.2	Were you able to find a description of all parameters (strategies) being monitored? Parameters can refer either to PID descriptions or the general monitoring strategies of the ECU.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
2.3	Was there a list of Diagnostic Trouble Codes relating to these monitors?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
2.3a	Did you find the list sufficient to assist in the diagnosis and/or repair of the vehicle? If your answer is "No" please explain in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.4	Were you able to determine the enable criteria for each monitor?	<input data-bbox="900 370 1045 418" type="text" value="Yes"/>	
2.5	Are the sequence, execution frequency, and duration of the monitor explained?	<input data-bbox="900 605 1045 654" type="text" value="Yes"/>	
2.6	Were you able to find the malfunction thresholds for the monitor?	<input data-bbox="900 841 1045 889" type="text" value="Yes"/>	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD System Monitors.

Segment 3: OBD Repair

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available basic service and repair information such as service manuals and TSBs. Some of the questions in this segment are intended to provide insight into the availability of standard service information.

In addition, EPA regulations require that OEMs make available information related to the functioning of the OBD system itself such as "mode 6 data" and multiplexing. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into the availability of this information on the sites.

For Segment 3, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.1	Does the website provide information necessary to interpret "mode 6" data available in generic scan tool modes?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.1a	If so, was this information useful? Please use the "Notes" column to identify why or why not.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
3.2	Does the website provide sufficient diagnostic and repair information for any and all DTCs encountered?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
3.3	Are descriptions of OEM-specific DTCs (i.e., P1XXX codes) available?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
3.4	Are technical service bulletins readily available?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.5	Are trouble shooting guides or trouble shooting information available? For example, code charts, diagnostic and repair information, or fault finding logic.	<input data-bbox="898 370 1045 418" type="text" value="Yes"/>	
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD Repair.</p>			

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Segment 4: Reprogramming and Reinitialization Information

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available advanced repair and diagnostic capabilities such as reprogramming (installing new or updated software during replacement of programmable modules such as PCMs or updating software or parameters within the software of in-service programmable modules) and reinitialization (reinitialization within the regulation would relate to units such as instrument panels, body control units, anti-theft immobilizers, etc. which would directly affect the ability of the vehicle to start/run within the original design parameters). Questions in this segment are intended to provide insight into the availability of the information, equipment, and tools needed to perform these services.

For Segment 4, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Reprogramming (This is also referred to as "Flashing" or software update.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.1	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reprogramming?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
4.2	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reprogramming?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.3	If reprogramming is performed using a J2534 device was the software available to communicate between the device and the PC?	Yes	
4.4	Is the information to select the proper calibration for the vehicle available?	Yes	
4.5	Is the vehicle calibration available?	Yes	
4.6	Have you performed reprogramming services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	No	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.7	If applicable, were you able to perform a successful update/reprogram?	NA	
Reinitialization (This refers to the ability to restart a vehicle after the completion of an emissions-related repair.)			
4.8	Does this OEM require initialization or reinitialization when the ECU is replaced? If no, skip to Segment 5. For the purposes of this audit, initialization or reinitialization refers to the need to reset a vehicle's security systems by means of an ignition key or access code to allow a vehicle to be restarted after the completion of emissions-related repairs.	Yes	
4.9	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reinitialization?	Yes	
4.10	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reinitialization?	Yes	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.11	Have you performed reinitialization services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
Answer the following two questions, 4.12 and 4.13, only if you are performing an audit of the Honda/Acura, VW/Audi, Mitsubishi, Chrysler, and Land Rover websites.			
4.12	EPA regulations allow for OEMs to offer an alternative method of reinitialization with prior approval. These companies have received approval to lease their OEM-specific scan tool to the aftermarket to perform this service. Are you able to find information about alternate methods and links to the source of that method?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.13b	If not, please explain in the "Notes" column.	<input data-bbox="898 363 1045 415" type="text"/>	
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about reprogramming and reinitialization information.</p>			
<p>Segment 5: Structure and Cost of OEM Websites EPA regulations require that OEM websites be available for short-term, mid-term and long-term access for set fees. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into how the OEMs have structured their sites and the fees associated with accessing these sites.</p> <p>For Questions 5.1 to 5.6, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. For the remaining Questions 5.7 to 5.12 select the best answer from the list provided. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).</p>			

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.1	Does the website have short-term, mid-term, and long-term access to service information?	Yes	
5.2	Were you able to access the entire site?	Yes	everything they have,it was great,there is so muck information.
5.2a	Please identify areas that you could not access for the initial fee (such as reprogramming information) in the "Notes" column.	NA	
5.3	Although downloading information is not explicitly required by EPA regulations, did the website allow you to save and store any information to your computer?	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.3a	If so, please identify the information or documents that were downloadable in the "Notes" column.	NA	
5.4	Were you able to print the information from the website?	Yes	
5.5	Audi, Porsche, and Volkswagen websites require the purchase of individual documents to access repair information. For the purposes of this evaluation, how many individual documents would you have had to purchase to acquire all of the information you needed to perform the repair?	NA	none,it was all there.
5.5a	What would have been the total cost of those documents? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.5b	What emissions repair were you trying to do? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NA	
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5.6	Have you purchased service information, training materials, TSBs, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. from the website?	No	
5.6a	If so, indicate in the "Notes" column the number and description of materials purchased.	NA	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (select from the list or insert NA)	Notes
5.7	<p>Does your shop specialize in vehicle repairs from specific OEMs?</p> <p>1. Asian</p> <p>2. European</p> <p>3. Domestic</p> <p>4. We specialize in vehicles from a single OEM, _____ . Please list that OEM.</p> <p>5. We service vehicles from all OEMs and do not specialize in any specific OEMs or group of OEMs.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2 European</div>	
5.8	<p>What is your primary source for electronic service information?</p> <p>1. Aftermarket (e.g., ALLDATA, Mitchell1, etc.)</p> <p>2. OEM Websites</p> <p>3. Other, please list in the "Notes" column.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Aftermarket</div>	
5.9	<p>How much do you spend for an annual subscription to your primary source listed above?</p> <p>1. \$0 - \$500</p> <p>2. \$500 - \$1,000</p> <p>3. \$1,000 - \$2,000</p> <p>4. Over \$2,000</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$1,000 - \$2,000</div>	

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If you use an aftermarket service provider as your primary source of service information, please respond to Questions 5.10 to 5.12.			
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5.11	<p>Approximately how many times do you access an OEM website?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Never 2. 1 to 5 times monthly 3. 5 to 10 times monthly 4. 10 to 20 times monthly 5. Over 20 times monthly 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Never</div>	

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6.1	Does the website contain information describing how to use the website? Possible sources of such information could be tutorials, "help" links, or lists of "frequently asked questions" (FAQ).	Yes	
6.1a	If so, is the information relevant, useful, and readily accessible? Please identify where the information is located in the "Notes" column.	Yes	
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6.2a	Have you attempted to use the "contact us" link?	No	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

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6.5	Did you attempt to find information which was unavailable on the website?	No	
6.5a	If so, please identify in the "Notes" column what information you were seeking, how you conducted your search, and results (or lack thereof) you experienced.	NA	
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	No	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about the website or suggestions for improvement.

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OEM Audit Questionnaire

Name	Mercedes_Auditor 10
OEM Website Audited	Mercedes Benz
Date Audit Completed	March 10, 2006
Browser and Version Used	Explorer 6.0
Operating System and Version Used	XP pro service pack 2

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For the remaining questions in Segment 5, (questions 5.7 to 5.12) select the best answer from the list provided. For all questions in Segments 1 through 6, you may use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

You have been requested to provide your browser and operating system above since this may be helpful to the Steering Committee in evaluating the audit results in the context of potential problems associated with the incompatibility of certain browsers or operating systems. In order to reduce the likelihood that problems encountered during your audit of the OEM website are due to your browser, the Steering Committee recommends that Internet Explorer be used when evaluating the OEM website.

The public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. To comment on this collection contact the Director, Collection Strategies Division (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence. Do not send the completed survey to this address.

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Segment 1: Ease of Use, Accessibility, and Website Navigation

EPA regulations require that OEMs launch websites that meet certain use and accessibility and navigation requirements. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into your experiences with searching, navigating, and accessing the information that you need.

For Segment 1 enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. Also, for Segment 1, answer the questions in an additional "Response" column by inserting a ranking between 1 (poor) and 5 (excellent). You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Response (1-5 ranking, or NA)	Notes
1.1	Does the website provide users with a description of the minimum computer hardware and software needed by the user to access that OEM's information (e.g., computer processor speed and operating system software)? This description or a link to it should appear when users first log on to the home page of the OEM's website.	YES	5	
1.2	Did the website allow you to search the OEM website by various topics including but not limited to model, model year, key words or phrases, etc.?	YES	5	
1.3	Did the website provide accessibility using common, readily available software and shall not require the use of proprietary software, hardware, viewers, or browsers?	NO	1	WEB SITE REQUIRED SPECIFIC DOWNLOADS TO ACCESS THE SITES INFORMATION. I.e.: WHIP AND JAVA WEB START

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Response (1-5 ranking, or NA)	Notes
1.3a	Did the OEM website provide hyperlinks to any plug-ins, viewers or browsers (e.g., Adobe Acrobat or Netscape) needed to access the OEM website?	YES	5	
1.4	Did you have any difficulty connecting to the website?	NO	5	
1.5	Were you able to navigate the website without returning to the OEM service information home page or a search engine in order to access a different portion of the site?	YES	5	
1.6	If you were a first time user, does the website involve a waiting period for registration to receive a password, PIN code, or some other approval (such as Pay Pal)?	NO	5	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about ease of use, accessibility, and website navigation.

WEB SITE IS EASY TO USE HOWEVER, WE FOUND A LARGE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION MISSING FROM THE OEM PROGRAM USED BY THE LICENSED DEALERSHIPS. WIS IS VERY LIMITED, MY GUESS 20 TO 30 % OF THE FACTORY INFORMATION. WE ALSO FOUND THAT ONLY CERTAIN BULLETINS MAKE IT TO THE WEB. LOOKING AT THE DEALER BULLETINS, WE FOUND MANY NOT EXISTING ON THE WEB. WE CONTACTED MERCEDES ABOUT A BULLETIN THAT WAS NOT ON THE SITE AND THEY DENIED THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER, AFTER NUMEROUS CALL AND PROOF, THEY ADDED THE BULLETIN ONE NIGHT SO THAT IT WOULD BE THERE THE NEXT DAY. NOT TOO KOOL IN OUR OPINION.

Segment 2: OBD System Monitors

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available information on OBD system monitors such as diagnostic trouble codes and enable criteria. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into the availability of this information on the sites.

For Segment 2, enter a Yes or No response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.1	Are there descriptions of all the OBD monitors and their operation?	NO	COULD NOT FIND THEM. THEY MAYBE THERE BUT NOT EASILY FOUND AND WE FOUND NO DESCRIPTION OF THEIR OPERATION

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.1a	Did any of these monitor descriptions lack sufficient information? If so, please explain in the "Notes" column.	YES	COULD NOT FIND A LOT ON MONITORS
2.2	Were you able to find a description of all parameters (strategies) being monitored? Parameters can refer either to PID descriptions or the general monitoring strategies of the ECU.	NO	AGAIN, COULD NOT FIND MUCH ON THIS ISSUE
2.3	Was there a list of Diagnostic Trouble Codes relating to these monitors?	YES	OBDDII CODES ARE LISTED BUT ARE ALSO LISTED EVERY WHERE ON THE INTERNET TOO. THE FUNCTIONS AND CODE DESCRIPTIONS ARE VAGUE.
2.3a	Did you find the list sufficient to assist in the diagnosis and/or repair of the vehicle? If your answer is "No" please explain in the "Notes" column.	NO	NEED MORE CODE DESCRIPTION, FUNCTION OF LOGIC AND REPAIR INFORMATION

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.4	Were you able to determine the enable criteria for each monitor?	NO	NOT MUCH FOUND ON THIS ISSUE
2.5	Are the sequence, execution frequency, and duration of the monitor explained?	NO	NOT MUCH FOUND ON THIS ISSUE
2.6	Were you able to find the malfunction thresholds for the monitor?	NO	NOT MUCH FOUND ON THIS ISSUE

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD System Monitors.

MOSTLY SAME INFORMATION YOU CAN FIND BY SPENDING SOME TIME ON THE INTERNET.

Segment 3: OBD Repair

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available basic service and repair information such as service manuals and TSBs. Some of the questions in this segment are intended to provide insight into the availability of standard service information.

In addition, EPA regulations require that OEMs make available information related to the functioning of the OBD system itself such as "mode 6 data" and multiplexing. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into the availability of this information on the sites.

For Segment 3, enter a Yes or No response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.1	Does the website provide information necessary to interpret "mode 6" data available in generic scan tool modes?	NO	NOT MUCH FOUND ON THIS EITHER

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.1a	If so, was this information useful? Please use the "Notes" column to identify why or why not.	NO	NOT MUCH FOUND
3.2	Does the website provide sufficient diagnostic and repair information for any and all DTCs encountered?	NO	MUCH MORE OF THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO PROPERLY DIAGNOS A CHECK ENGINE LIGHT
3.3	Are descriptions of OEM-specific DTCs (i.e., P1XXX codes) available?	YES	
3.4	Are technical service bulletins readily available?	YES	SOME BUT NOT ALL WHICH ARE GIVEN TO THE OEM

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.5	Are trouble shooting guides or trouble shooting information available? For example, code charts, diagnostic and repair information, or fault finding logic.	YES	COULD USE MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD Repair.</p> <p>NOT A WHOLE LOT TO GET EXITED ABOUT. MAINLY THE SAME INFO YOU CAN GET SEARCHING THE INTERNET</p>			

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Segment 4: Reprogramming and Reinitialization Information

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available advanced repair and diagnostic capabilities such as reprogramming (installing new or updated software during replacement of programmable modules such as PCMs or updating software or parameters within the software of in-service programmable modules) and reinitialization (reinitialization within the regulation would relate to units such as instrument panels, body control units, anti-theft immobilizers, etc which would directly affect the ability of the vehicle to start/run within the original design parameters.) Questions in this segment are intended to provide insight into the availability of the information, equipment, and tools needed to perform these services.

For Segment 4, enter a Yes or No response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Reprogramming (This is also referred to as "Flashing" or software update.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.1	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reprogramming?	YES	
4.2	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reprogramming?	YES	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.3	If reprogramming is performed using a J2534 device was the software available to communicate between the device and the PC?	YES	
4.4	Is the information to select the proper calibration for the vehicle available?	NA	
4.5	Is the vehicle calibration available?	NA	
4.6	Have you performed reprogramming services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	NO	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.7	If applicable, were you able to perform a successful update/reprogram?	NA	
Reinitialization (This refers to the ability to restart a vehicle after the completion of an emissions-related repair.)			
4.8	Does this OEM require initialization or reinitialization when the ECU is replaced? If no, skip to Segment 5. For the purposes of this audit, initialization or reinitialization refers to the need to reset a vehicle's security systems by means of an ignition key or access code to allow a vehicle to be restarted after the completion of emissions-related repairs.	YES	
4.9	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reinitialization?	YES	
4.10	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reinitialization?	NO	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.11	Have you performed reinitialization services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	YES	
Answer the following two questions, 4.12 and 4.13, only if you are performing an audit of the Honda/Acura, VW/Audi, Mitsubishi, Chrysler, and Land Rover websites.			
4.12	EPA regulations allow for OEMs to offer an alternative method of reinitialization with prior approval. These companies have received approval to lease their OEM-specific scan tool to the aftermarket to perform this service. Are you able to find information about alternate methods and links to the source of that method?	YES	
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?	YES	
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?	YES	FACTORY AVAILABLE SCANNERS ARE NOT REASONABLY PRICED. NOT ABLE TO AFFORD THIS OPTION FOR MOST SHOPS

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.13b	If not, please explain in the "Notes" column.		
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about reprogramming and reinitialization information.</p>			
<p>Segment 5: Structure and Cost of OEM Websites EPA regulations require that OEM websites be available for short-term, mid-term and long-term access for set fees. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into how the OEMs have structured their sites and the fees associated with accessing these sites.</p> <p>For Questions 5.1 to 5.6, enter a Yes or No response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. For the remaining Questions 5.7 to 5.12 select the best answer from the list provided. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).</p>			

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.1	Does the website have short-term, mid-term, and long-term access to service information?	YES	
5.2	Were you able to access the entire site?	YES	
5.2a	Please identify areas that you could not access for the initial fee (such as reprogramming information) in the "Notes" column.	NONE	
5.3	Although downloading information is not explicitly required by EPA regulations, did the website allow you to save and store any information to your computer?	SOME	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.3a	If so, please identify the information or documents that were downloadable in the "Notes" column.		PICTURE IN STAR FINDER AND MOST SERVICE BULLETIN
5.4	Were you able to print the information from the website?	YES	
5.5	Audi, Porsche, and Volkswagen websites require the purchase of individual documents to access repair information. For the purposes of this evaluation, how many individual documents would you have had to purchase to acquire all of the information you needed to perform the repair?	NONE	DOCUMENTS ARE FREE WITH SUBSCRIPTION
5.5a	What would have been the total cost of those documents? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NONE	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.5b	What emissions repair were you trying to do? Please identify in the "Notes" column.		EGR MALFUNCTION CODE PO400
5.5c	Some manufacturer websites require the purchase of individual documents for downloading before they can be fully viewed. In some cases, only the table of contents is available for viewing before the purchase is made. Did you purchase documents that did not contain the information you were seeking? If yes, then please identify the document and the cost of that document in the "Notes" column.	NO	DOCUMENTS ARE FREE
5.6	Have you purchased service information, training materials, TSBs, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. from the website?	NO	
5.6a	If so, indicate in the "Notes" column the number and description of materials purchased.	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (select from the list or insert NA)	Notes
5.7	<p>Does your shop specialize in vehicle repairs from specific OEMs?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asian 2. European 3. Domestic 4. We specialize in vehicles from a single OEM, _____. Please list that OEM. 5. We service vehicles from all OEMs and do not specialize in any specific OEMs or group of OEMs. 	YES	<p>MERCEDES BENZ</p> <p>MERCEDES BENZ ONLY</p>
5.8	<p>What is your primary source for electronic service information?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aftermarket (e.g., ALLDATA, Mitchell1, etc.) 2. OEM Websites 3. Other, please list in the "Notes" column. 	OTHER	<p>FACTORY PROGRAMM PURCHASED ON EBAY BECAUSE OF THE REASONABLE COST. OEM INFORMATION IS TOO EXPENSIVE FOR US TO OPERATE WITH</p>
5.9	<p>How much do you spend for an annual subscription to your primary source listed above?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$0 - \$500 2. \$500 - \$1,000 3. \$1,000 - \$2,000 4. Over \$2,000 	0	<p>WE WOULD PAY UP TO \$500 PER YEAR BUT MERCEDES INFORMATION IS OVER \$2000 PER YEAR. WE JUST CAN NOT AFFORD IT AND IT DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH OF THE ORIGINAL INFORMATION GIVEN TO THEIR DEALERS. ITS TOO MUCH OF A STRIP VERSION</p>

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
If you use an aftermarket service provider as your primary source of service information, please respond to Questions 5.10 to 5.12.			
5.10	<p>What is the primary reason for selecting the primary source listed in question 5.8?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completeness for the brands I service 2. Experience/Familiarity with the product 3. Available off-line 4. Common organization of information for all manufacturers 5. Price 6. Other, please list in the "Notes" column. 		MONEY AND AVAILABLE DATA. WE CAN BUY THE DEALER AVAILABLE DATA ON THE INTERNET REASONABLE AND HAVE ALL THE INFO DEALERS HAVE ACCESS TO.
5.11	<p>Approximately how many times do you access an OEM website?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Never 2. 1 to 5 times monthly 3. 5 to 10 times monthly 4. 10 to 20 times monthly 5. Over 20 times monthly 	5	DURING THE AUDIT. WE ARE STILL NOT GOING TO BUY IT ON A PERMANENT BASIS

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.12	<p>Do you typically subscribe to OEM websites? If so, please select the type of subscription from the list that you usually purchase.</p> <p>1. 24 - 72 hour subscription</p> <p>2. Monthly subscription</p> <p>3. Annual subscription</p>	NO AND 1	MOST WE FIND ARE TOO EXPENSIVE AND DATA IS TOO RESTRICTED.
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about the structure and cost of OEM websites.</p> <p>SOME OEM WEBSITE ARE GOOD I WOULD IMAGINE BUT MERCEDES BENZ WEBSITE COULD NOT BE USED BY THEIR DEALERS. WE AS INDEPENDENTS NEED ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION, SO IF THE DEALER COULD NOT USE THE WEB SITE, HOW CAN MERCEDES EXPECT THE INDEPENDENT TO USE IT.</p>			
<p>Segment 6: General Information and Comments The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into the OEM websites.</p>			

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.1	Does the website contain information describing how to use the website? Possible sources of such information could be tutorials, "help" links, or lists of "frequently asked questions" (FAQ).	YES	
6.1a	If so, is the information relevant, useful, and readily accessible? Please identify where the information is located in the "Notes" column.	YES	ALL THE INFORMATION THEY PROVIDED WHERE ACCESS USING LINKS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE INFORMATION IS VERY LIMITED COMPARED TO THE SAME PROGRAMM USED BY THE DEALERS
6.2	The "contact us" link is required to allow users to report problems, omissions or errors with the website, not to assist in vehicle trouble shooting or technical assistance. Does the website provide a "contact us" link for questions and/or reporting of problems, omissions or errors?	YES	
6.2a	Have you attempted to use the "contact us" link?	YES	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.2b	Have you received the desired information or answer to your question within 48 hours?	YES	WE USED A DEALER SERVICE BULLETIN TO PROVED TO THEM THAT IT WAS NOT ON THE WEBSITE. THEY DENIED IT BUT AFTER WE TOLD THEM WE ARE DOING THE AUDIT, IT WAS PUT ON IN 3 DAYS. THEY CLAIMED WE DID NOT KNOW HOW TO LOOK IT UP BUT MISTERIOUSLY, SHOWED UP IN 3 DAYS AND WAS VERY EASY TO FIND. ITS JUST A GAME.
6.3	Is training information available on the website?	NO	
6.3a	Are lists and sources (contacts or ordering information) identified for training information which is not Internet capable?	YES	
6.4	Is information available on the website listing available factory tools and ordering information?	YES	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.5	Did you attempt to find information which was unavailable on the website?	YES	SEE 6.2B
6.5a	If so, please identify in the "Notes" column what information you were seeking, how you conducted your search, and results (or lack thereof) you experienced.		A SERVICE BULLETIN WE GOT FROM THE DEALER TO MATCH AGAINST THE WEBSITE IT WAS A DRIVEABILITY ISSUES ON A MODEL 203 I BELIEVE
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	YES	ANYTHING THAT IS NOT MANDATED IS MOSTLY MISSING FROM THE FACTORY PROGRAMM

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about the website or suggestions for improvement.

THE WEBSITE IS GOOD IN MY OPINION FOR ACCESS WHEN EVER SOMEONE IS IN A BIND. MAINLY FOR COMPONENT LOCATION AND SERVICE BULLETINS IS WHAT WE USE IT FOR. AS FAR AS ANYTHING ELSE, YOU GET BETTER MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION FROM THE WIS SYSTEM WHICH ANYONE CAN PURCHASE ON EBAY. NO BOUBT IN MY MIND THEY ARE TRYING TO SATISFY EPA BUT STILL PROTECT THE INFORMTION FOR THEIR DEALERS.