

**OEM Audit Questionnaires Received
for the
Volvo Service Information Website**

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OEM Audit Questionnaire

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Operating System and Version Used	windows sp

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.?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="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?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	

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1.4	Did you have any difficulty connecting to the website?	No	4	
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	
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)?	Yes	1	I was a subscriber and had to call as the password is defined by them not me. It took two or three phone call to straighten it out.

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2.1a	Did any of these monitor descriptions lack sufficient information? If so, please explain in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="No"/>	It was very difficult with many of the codes set to find the parameters that cause the code to trip.
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="No"/>	
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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="No"/>	In many cases the reason given why a code is set was was vague and not specific.

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2.4	Were you able to determine the enable criteria for each monitor?	No	
2.5	Are the sequence, execution frequency, and duration of the monitor explained?	No	
2.6	Were you able to find the malfunction thresholds for the monitor?	No	And this was very frustrating.

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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="No"/>	
3.3	Are descriptions of OEM-specific DTCs (i.e., P1XXX codes) available?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	This is a big one. I tried all over the place including the search function and was not able to find a cross over list between Volvo hexadecimal codes and "P" codes. It used to be in VADIS but I could not find it in VIDA>
3.4	Are technical service bulletins readily available?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	The subscription I had does not include service bulletins. I find this very surprising.

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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"/>	I would call it only fair.
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD Repair.</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?	No	Note: my subscription did not include the ability to download. I did witness a download at another shop. I thought it was way too obscure and very difficult to use. Try to fill out the page that is necessary to pay for it. Its very difficult.

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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	I don't know what this means.
4.4	Is the information to select the proper calibration for the vehicle available?	NA	Same answer. I believe that "calibration" is included within the software. I did not find there was any choice as such.
4.5	Is the vehicle calibration available?	NA	Don't know?
4.6	Have you performed reprogramming services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	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?	No	
4.10	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reinitialization?	No	

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4.11	Have you performed reinitialization services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	No	
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"/>	
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?	<input type="text"/>	
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?	<input type="text"/>	

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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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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?	No	
5.2a	Please identify areas that you could not access for the initial fee (such as reprogramming information) in the "Notes" column.		My subscription did not include downloading capability.
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?	No	We tried to store some of the information and found it difficult to do. It was not user friendly in this area.

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5.3a	If so, please identify the information or documents that were downloadable in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text"/>	There was no direct way in many cases to save notes to our computer. It had to be placed in a print file and then imported to another to save it.
5.4	Were you able to print the information from the website?	<input type="text" value="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?	<input type="text" value="NA"/>	
5.5a	What would have been the total cost of those documents? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="NA"/>	

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5.5b	What emissions repair were you trying to do? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text"/>	check and clear various check engine lights.
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	I noticed this . all you get is a table of contents.
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.	<input type="text"/>	

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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>	<input type="text" value="4 Other"/>	Volvo only.
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>	<input type="text" value="OEM Websites"/>	
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>	<input type="text" value="\$1,000 - \$2,000"/>	WAY over. I feel that the price for the Volvo subscription is way overpriced.

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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. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1 Completeness</div>	
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;">Over 20</div>	

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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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 24 - 72 hour subscription 2. Monthly subscription 3. Annual subscription 	<input type="text" value="Annual"/>	
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about the structure and cost of OEM websites.</p> <p>The yearly subscription rate for the entire Volvo system is close to 8K plus some hardware. The subscription we had was about 3K a year. And for that price its amazing what wasn't there. Wiring diagrams were not included as well as service bulletins.</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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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?	NA	I never used it.
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	When you get the VIDA subscription that's all you get. The only training was on a free portion of the Volvo tech info website.
6.3a	Are lists and sources (contacts or ordering information) identified for training information which is not Internet capable?	No	
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?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	I was looking for some specific tools on the Volvo special tool website. I was never able to 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.	<input type="text"/>	See above
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="No"/>	I cant say what wasn't there I was just not able to find it.

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

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2.5	Are the sequence, execution frequency, and duration of the monitor explained?	<input data-bbox="900 605 1045 654" type="text" value="Yes"/>	
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3.1a	If so, was this information useful? Please use the "Notes" column to identify why or why not.	NA	
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?	No	Volvo has issued a warranty extension on throttle modules (tech net notes 25-149A,B,C,D.. These tech net notes have not been posted on the web site for all years/models affected.

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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

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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?	No	downloading- no procedures available on web site?

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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?	Yes	
4.5	Is the vehicle calibration available?	Yes	
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?	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.	No	
4.9	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reinitialization?		
4.10	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reinitialization?		

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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?	<input type="text"/>	
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"/>	
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?	<input type="text"/>	
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?	<input type="text"/>	

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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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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.		
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?	No	

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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?	No	can't print "live" data
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.	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	
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?	Yes	
5.6a	If so, indicate in the "Notes" column the number and description of materials purchased.	Yes	Video's, bulletins, tech-net-notes, wiring diagrams, volvo standard time guide.

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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> <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>	<input type="text" value="4 Other"/>	volvo
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>	<input type="text" value="OEM Websites"/>	
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>	<input type="text" value="over \$2,000"/>	VIDA is \$8166.50 (thru VADIS purchase on 5/23/05)

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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. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1 Completeness</div>	<p>must have vida to do downloads</p>
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;">Over 20</div>	<p>Every day- several times a day.</p>

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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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 24 - 72 hour subscription 2. Monthly subscription 3. Annual subscription 	<input type="text" value="Annual"/>	
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about the structure and cost of OEM websites.</p> <p>I pay 8000 dollars a year for VIDA. Volvo provides VIDA to the dealer for 650 dollars a year. Why do independents pay so much more?</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).	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
6.1a	If so, is the information relevant, useful, and readily accessible? Please identify where the information is located in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="No"/>	how to do a download- step by step purchasing, downloading- is not available.
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?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
6.2a	Have you attempted to use the "contact us" link?	<input type="text" value="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?	No	We were without VIDA and VADIS for 2 weeks- sent many help requests. Finaly hired a coputer "pro" to attempt to install VIDA. Sent a complaint to the NASTF, had volvo rep on the phone with my computer pro 2 hours after filing complaint.
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	sent a help request for the throttle tech net notes (TNN25-149A,B,C,D)- info was made available to me.
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	Yes	Volvo issues a "what's new" e-mail weekly. Volvo gives a brief description of new bulletins and tech net notes. Finding this information in the PDF viewing library is difficult, sometimes impossible. Could volvo attach a copy of all bulletins/tech notes in the "what's new" e-mail?

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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	Volvo_Auditor 3
OEM Website Audited	Volvo
Date Audit Completed	3/9/2006
Browser and Version Used	IE 6.0
Operating System and Version Used	Win 2K pro and XP Pro

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.

Please answer the questions in each segment to the best of your ability with complete and accurate information. Note that the type of response requested varies depending on the segment and question. For Segments 1 through 5 (questions 5.1 to 5.6) and Segment 6, 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).

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.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	There are separate computer requirements for using the web site and for using the proprietary software required to access technical information.
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="No"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	From the web site you can only access training, tsb's and "tech notes". None of these are searchable by key words, systems or phrases.
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="No"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Proprietary software, with an additional subscription, user names and password are required to access the technical information.

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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	2	Hyperlink provided to Adobe required for viewing tsb's and "tech notes".
1.4	Did you have any difficulty connecting to the website?	Yes	1	My password to the web site expired after 1 month, My password to "VIDA", the on-line program with the relevant information, expired after 1 day. It took about 6 weeks to finally get access to VIDA.
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	
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)?	Yes	1	about 6 weeks

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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?	No	The obd monitors are identified only by Volvo's unique numbering system accessible with an OE/Volvo scan tool. One must go to a separate section of the software to a table of conversions for each "P" code to Volvo's unique code.

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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.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	No SAE "P" code numbers in the description.
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="No"/>	Very time consuming to exit the description/fault-tracing section and then enter the conversion to P numbers section and then back to the fault tracing section.

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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?	<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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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="No"/>	I found no reference to mode 6 and found great difficulty in obtaining any information in the software when using a generic scan tool.

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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.	NA	
3.2	Does the website provide sufficient diagnostic and repair information for any and all DTCs encountered?	No	Insufficient without ready access to SAE/ISO "P" numbers
3.3	Are descriptions of OEM-specific DTCs (i.e., P1XXX codes) available?	No	Only with great difficulty.
3.4	Are technical service bulletins readily available?	No	Not from the VIDA software. They are "greyed". You must exit the VIDA program and return to the Volvo web site to search the "PDF library". The "library" does not have a search function beyond year and model of vehicle.

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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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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?	NA	
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?	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	Had to be towed to the dealer to correct numerous download errors.
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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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 <input type="text"/>	
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"/>	
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?	<input type="text"/>	
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?	<input type="text"/>	

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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>			
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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?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
5.2	Were you able to access the entire site?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	
5.2a	Please identify areas that you could not access for the initial fee (such as reprogramming information) in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="No"/>	Diagnostics, Software, TSB's
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?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	Some pdf. files.

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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	some .pdf files from web site, not from VIDA
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	
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.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	MIL on, ETS light on, active codes P0121 and P1603, Failed Oregon State emissions test.
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.	<input type="text" value="NA"/>	
5.6	Have you purchased service information, training materials, TSBs, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. from the website?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
5.6a	If so, indicate in the "Notes" column the number and description of materials purchased.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	3 training videos

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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>	<input type="text" value="5 All"/>	<p>Most OEM's, with some exceptions.</p>
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>	<input type="text" value="Aftermarket"/>	<p>also Identifix and IATN</p>
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>	<input type="text" value="over \$2,000"/>	

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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. 	<input type="text" value="6 Other (please e"/>	<p>One source for most needed information.</p>
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 	<input type="text" value="5 to 10"/>	

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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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 24 - 72 hour subscription 2. Monthly subscription 3. Annual subscription 	<input type="text" value="Annual"/>	<p>Honda, Toyota/Lexus, Ford, Hyundai, VW/Audi: annually. Subaru, Volvo, GM, Mopar, Nissan, Acura and others as needed, usually 24-72 hour.</p>
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about the structure and cost of OEM websites.</p> <p>Most independent auto repair providers in this Country are generalists: servicing numerous makes and models. Most independent service repair providers are community or neighborhood, not nameplate, based. Providing accurate, timely and efficient diagnosis and repair of late models vehicles increasingly requires accessing the OEM web site. The current exorbitant pricing structure allowed by the EPA, \$2500.00 annually, (much higher for VOLVO and some others), has negatively impacted both the consumer and the non-OE franchised (ie. independent) service professionals. It is not reasonable to expect the independent auto repair providers to abandon the generalist tradition and adopt a "specialization" model so as to be able to afford the OE imposed fees. It is unreasonable to ask consumers, who frequently own more than one vehicle, and more than one nameplate, to have to establish relationships with numerous repair providers, and travel outside their communities, in order to meet their service needs. I respectfully request EPA reconsider their pricing policy guidelines.</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).	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	With Volvo one is not really using the web site.
6.1a	If so, is the information relevant, useful, and readily accessible? Please identify where the information is located in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	I don't know what I don't know.
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?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
6.2a	Have you attempted to use the "contact us" link?	<input type="text" value="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?	No	I had to contact Holly P. to get the information I needed.
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	But most training items were out of stock.
6.4	Is information available on the website listing available factory tools and ordering information?	Yes	Web site provided a link to another company that has a downloadable catalog and a toll-free number for ordering.

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6.5	Did you attempt to find information which was unavailable on the website?	Yes	Diagnostics, software, and a useful link to appropriate bulletins.
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	Diagnostics, software, and a useful link to appropriate bulletins. I used the "contact us" feature and was told I was not authorized to use the additional features.
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NA	

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

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