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Estimating Tip: Audatex - Not Included : Drain, Refill and Bleed Operations

Audatex DBRM 4-2 Labor exclusions state the following are NOT INCLUDED considerations in labor time development:

- Drain, refill and/or top off engine oil.
- Drain or refill fuel tank.
- Drain, refill and/or top off transmission fluid.

An example would be vehicle with oil, transmission coolers built into the radiator or separate cooler requiring to be disconnected, drained and refilled using the appropriate fluid.

Additionally bleeding operations are NOT INCLUDED in labor time development.

- Bleeding of brake, cooling, or hydraulic systems ("Additional labor" for brake bleeding.)

An example would be having to bleed or purge air out of a cooling/ radiator during the refill process, or filling and bleeding a brake system after opening the fluid lines to disconnect.

The estimating databases are all intended to be used as a GUIDE ONLY - it is important to remember that the auto body professional performing the repair is in a position to thoroughly inspect, diagnose and identify the methodology and their unique cost of the vehicle damage repair.

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