# **WARRANTY BULLETIN**



TO: Dealer Principal, Service Manager, Service Advisor and Warranty Claims Administrator

SUBJECT: 2018 - 2023 (Current) Jeep Wrangler (JL) and 2020 - 2023 (Current) Jeep Gladiator (JT) - Corrosion Warranty Claim Simplification NO: D-23-04

DATE: February 8, 2023

FOR: All U.S. Dealers

All U.S. Business Centers

## **PURPOSE:**

To explain the new process for corrosion Warranty (W) claims for paint repairs and replacement on the 2018 - 2023 (Current) Jeep Wrangler (JL) and 2020 - 2023 (Current) Jeep Gladiator (JT) vehicles. This bulletin announces the elimination of measurement requirements and the elimination of the Repair vs Replace worksheet for claim support. This is a process change communication, not a coverage change. Always verify coverage using DealerCONNECT or wiADVISOR VIP.

### TIMING:

Effective with repairs received on or after February 8, 2023

#### ACTION:

New Labor Operations have been developed that include labor and material allowance for all needed painting, de-trimming, repair and blending for individual panel repairs/replacements to simplify the claim and estimating process, and removal and installation of the Seam Sealer. For these repairs, measurements and the Repair vs Replace worksheet are no longer required. All other repairs will continue to follow Warranty Bulletin D-19-27.

A redesigned hinge has been created for these vehicles, that includes a new gasket to address the corrosion issues. Due to the new design, hinges <u>MUST</u> be replaced as a set (upper and lower per component), to make sure there won't be a visual mismatch between hinges of the same component. Do not replace the hinges on the other doors if no signs of corrosion is found. See Technical Service Bulletin 23-020-23 for further information.















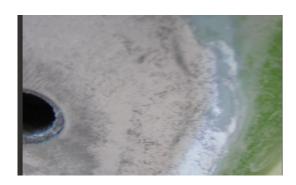




In order to ensure that all areas of the customer's vehicle are being addressed in the same visit, a quality inspection of all hinge mounting areas and panel seams should be completed. Based on the inspection, any panel that shows corrosion should be addressed during the visit.

Collision Service Bulletin 31-001-23 has an inspection process and explains when a panel replacement is required. The Collision Service Bulletin outlines two reasons for panel replacement (see examples below).

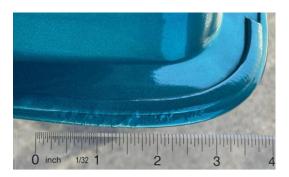
1. Pitting found after sanding the affected area (Fig. 1)



Pitting Found After Sanding Example (Fig. 1)

Note: If pitting is found during the sanding process, please use LOP 23-75-XX-XX for up to 0.5 hours in conjunction with the 23-85 replacement LOP.

2. Corrosion found on the seam of the panel (Fig. 2)



Seam Panel Area Examples (Fig. 2)

Note: If corrosion is found on the seam of the panel, the door shell will be replaced. No additional sanding in the hinge or seam area is supported.

Note: The repair allowance within the bundled LOPs includes time for repairing either both hinge areas or repairing corrosion on the edges or bottoms of the panels. If corrosion is found in both areas the panel should be replaced.



















Dealers will need to take photos of the affected areas identified during the inspection to support the repair. A clear photo of the corrosion is needed and <u>MUST</u> include the VIN. The VIN can be included on a sticky note, written with a grease pen, a copy of the RO in the photo, masking tape, etc. (Figure 3)



VIN Example (Fig. 3)

Parts and materials outlined in Collision Service Bulletin 31-001-23 are included in the material allowance. Examples of items not reimbursable are listed below but not limited to:

- Hazardous material disposal fee
- Shop supplies
- Pre and post scans
- Cleaning, waxing and sanitizing supplies
- Protective covers or storage bags
- Fitting/ aligning panels
- Resetting electronics and memory functions
- De-nib and polish

- Disconnecting and reconnecting the battery
- Upgraded anti-corrosion/ paint protection
- Body shop administrative fees
- Towing and storage fees
- Additional labor, parts or services not supported by the Collision Service Bulletin

# **Claim Processing**

Dealers will no longer submit these panel repairs as a sublet claim when the repair was completed by a third-party body shop. Entering all parts and labor as a traditional repair will show the maximum amount supported for reimbursement.

For these repairs all claims should be submitted as a normal Warranty (W) claim with the following information:

- Technician ID as "none"
- Part(s) and materials (MATL)
- Labor (new Labor Operations only)



















- RA attachments
  - Sublet invoice must be submitted with the claim
    - Must also be retained in the dealer's file
    - If the sublet bill is less than the claim amount, adjust the claim total in the "adjustment field" in Claim Entry
  - Photos with the VIN and affected area

To simplify the claim process, new LOPs have been created. The new LOPs include all prep, detrimming, repair and refinishing needed to complete the repairs. An example of a new LOP is below.

**23-75-53-02** is the new LOP to use when repairing a front door hinge area. This new LOP bundles all Labor Operations for the repair (as shown below in the Bundle Details), which allows 1 LOP to cover the entire repair. Dealers will now use the 1 LOP to cover the complete repair, no other LOPs are needed.

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Single Front Door Repair				
LOP	Description	Labor	Material	
23755302	Panel, Front Door;JL/JT Single Front Door Repair	8.2	269.01	
	Total	8.2	269.01	

#### **Bundle Details**

OLD

Single Front Door Repair				
LOP	Description	Labor	Material	
23705302	Panel, Front Door - Refinish Complete	2.5	211.59	
23675301	Panel, Detront Door - De-Trim One Door	8.0		
23675350	Panel, Front Door Remove and Install	0.4		
23750900	Hinge Area Repair	1.2		
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23706302	Hinge - Refinish Door One	0.6	28.71	
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23675101	Panel Fender - De-Trim One Fender	0.5		
23675150	Panel, Fender Remove and Install	0.4		
	Total	8.2	269.01	

**23-85-53-11** is the new LOP to use when a door shell is replaced. This new LOP bundles all Labor Operations for the replacement (as shown below in Bundle Details), which allows 1 LOP to cover the entire repair. Dealers will now use the 1 LOP to cover the complete repair, no other LOPs are needed.

NEW

Front Door Replacement			
LOP	Description	Labor	Material
23855311	Panel, Front Door;JL/JT Complete Replacement	6.3	229.41
	Total	6.3	229.41





















#### OLD

	Front Door Replacement		
23855302	Panel, Front Door Replace	1.5	
23855350	Panel, Front Door Refinish Complete	2.6	171.99
23706302	Hinge refinish	0.6	28.71
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23675101	Panel, Fender - De-Trim One Fender	0.5	
23675150	Panel. Fender Remove and Install	0.5	
	Total	6.3	229.41

Additional "NEW" LOPs are available for the remaining affected panels. See screenshot below:

Repair	Lop	Description	Labor	Matl
Single Front Door	23755302	Panel, Front door;JL/JT Single Front Door Repair	8.2	269.01
Single Rear Door	23755402	Panel, Rear door; JL Single Rear Door Repair	7.5	221.21
Hood	23755111	Panel, Hood;JL/JT Hood Repair	9.1	470.04
Tail Gate	23753702	Panel, Tailgate;JL/JT Tailgate Repair	7.6	307.92
Windshield frame	23751002	Panel, Windshield Frame; JL/JT Windshield Frame Repair	7	189
Replacement	Lop	Description		
Single Front Door	23855311	Panel, Front door;JL/JT Single Front Door Replace	6.2	229.41
Single Rear Door	23855411	Panel, Rear door;JL/JT Single Rear Door Replace	5.5	191.35
Hood	23852112	Panel, Hood;JL/JT Hood Replace	6.7	389.43
Tail Gate	23853711	Panel, Tailgate; JL/JT Tailgate Replace	5.7	226.53
Windshield Frame	23851011	Panel, Windshield Frame; JL/JT Windshield Replace	5	48.85

Please ensure all affected dealership personnel are aware of this bulletin.

## **WARRANTY OPERATIONS**

FCA US LLC reserves the right to change any or all of the rules set forth in the Dealer Policy Manual and the Warranty Administration Manual by means of Warranty Bulletins and also by making the amended manual available to you on DealerCONNECT.















