Choice Collision Center Highlights Wheel Alignment After Collisions

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Choice Collision Center is highlighting the role of computerized wheel alignment evaluation in certain collision repairs at its Providence location, particularly after impacts involving wheels, steering, suspension, or related vehicle structures.

Post-collision alignment measurements can provide information about wheel and suspension geometry that may not be apparent from exterior vehicle damage alone. Choice Collision Center uses the measurements when applicable to help evaluate whether an impact or related repair has affected wheel positioning.

A curb strike provides one example. A vehicle may sustain limited visible body damage while force from the impact travels through a wheel and surrounding suspension components. Direct wheel impacts and certain other collisions can create similar inspection considerations.

Computerized alignment equipment measures wheel angles and compares the results with specifications

established for the individual vehicle. Common measurements include toe, camber, and caster.

When a measurement is outside the applicable specification, the result can indicate that further evaluation is necessary. Depending on the condition identified, technicians may need to address a steering, suspension, wheel, or related component before completing final alignment adjustments.

Choice Collision Center notes that the procedures required following collision damage are not universal.

Technicians refer to the applicable vehicle manufacturer's published repair information when determining whether alignment measurements and related procedures apply. Requirements can differ according to vehicle configuration, damaged components, and repairs performed.

This distinction has become increasingly relevant as newer vehicles integrate mechanical steering and suspension systems with electronic safety and driver-assistance technologies.

Depending on the vehicle and repair, manufacturer procedures may specify diagnostic, initialization, aiming, or calibration operations associated with particular components. Wheel alignment does not automatically require an advanced driver-assistance system calibration, and the presence of ADAS technology does not mean alignment is necessary after every collision.

Instead, the applicable manufacturer's procedures determine what additional operations are required for the vehicle being repaired.

Repair sequence can also affect alignment work. If collision inspection identifies a damaged steering or suspension component, that condition may need to be corrected before final measurements are taken. Alignment can then provide objective data about wheel geometry following the applicable repairs.

Drivers sometimes notice changes after an accident, including steering pull or an off-center steering wheel. These symptoms can have causes unrelated to collision damage, so measurements and component inspection are needed to determine the underlying condition.

Irregular tire wear can also occur when wheel geometry is incorrect, but alignment is only one possible cause. Tire pressure, existing component wear, maintenance history, and other mechanical conditions can also affect tread patterns.

For collision repair technicians, information about how an accident occurred can provide useful context. A direct wheel or curb impact, for example, may lead technicians to evaluate different components than an incident confined to an exterior body panel.

Computerized measurements add objective information to that evaluation by showing how wheel angles compare with the specifications applicable to the vehicle.

Choice Collision Center views wheel alignment as one potential component of a broader collision repair plan rather than a procedure automatically required after every accident. Whether alignment is appropriate depends on the damage identified, repairs performed, vehicle specifications, and applicable manufacturer procedures.

The company is highlighting the topic to help Providence-area vehicle owners better understand why wheel and suspension geometry may be evaluated during collision repair even when the most noticeable accident damage is elsewhere on the vehicle.

Information about post-collision alignment evaluation and the procedures available at the Providence location can be found in Choice Collision Center's wheel alignment information.

About Choice Collision Center

Choice Collision Center operates collision repair facilities in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, including a Providence location. The company provides collision and related vehicle repair services, with repair procedures determined according to vehicle condition, identified damage, and applicable vehicle repair information.

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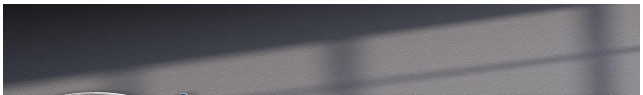
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