

# GET INFINITI **CERTIFIED**



## **CERTIFIED COLLISION REPAIR NETWORK**

### **The Value of Certification**

- Certification increases your overall business value
- Recognizes you as the top 10% of the collision repair industry
- Certification credentials and signage build exponential credibility; improving reputation, increasing consumer confidence and CSI scores
- Enhances your marketing and strengthens B-2-B relationships through Certification and Consumer Awareness Campaigns
- Infiniti Marketing proactively direct customers to Infiniti Certified body shops
- Enables you to stay ahead of changing technology in order to be able to properly and safely repair the next generation of vehicles
- Attract and retain the best employees (HR equity)
- Annual compliance ensures your shop is technically capable and able to meet OEM specified requirements

Make sure your shop is included in the shop locator tool for Infiniti vehicle owners and part of Infiniti's aggressive consumer referral program (CRP).

# Get Infiniti Certified

The Infiniti Certified Collision Repair Network is looking for quality collision repair providers focused on maintaining a superior repair experience, using the proper tools, equipment, training and facilities to ensure that Infiniti vehicles are repaired back to manufacturer specifications. The mission is to provide innovative services, delivering measurable value to all stakeholders for the purpose of driving owner loyalty and retention after a collision. You're in a league of your own when you receive your Infiniti Certification, and it can open up additional opportunities for your business.

Collectively, all of the OEM Certification-Recognition programs round out your business, generating a massive customer referral base for vehicle owners. Now you have the potential to break the chains of insurance DRP agreements overloaded with concessions and become part of the largest OEM backed, exclusive collision repair network.

This new frontier for collision repair allows you to run your business focused on giving the consumer a superior repair experience that ensures the safety and value of their vehicle.

If you desire to be a leader and believe your body shop can meet the requirements, act now and get Infiniti Certified today.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

*"The program's objective is to identify and promote body shops that have the right tools, equipment, training and facilities necessary to repair vehicles back to manufacturer specifications. This program is critical to help ensure the vehicle fit, finish, durability, value and safety."*

# Infiniti has Teamed with Assured Performance

## Certified Once, Recognized by Many

Infiniti now leverages the Assured Performance Certification program to enable both dealerships and qualified independent collision repair providers to become Certified by Infiniti and Recognized by other leading manufacturers. The vision is to create partnerships supporting the complete vehicle repair lifecycle, alleviating stress, inspiring trust and instilling consumer confidence after a collision.

The joint-effort approach Infiniti and Assured Performance share eliminates redundant costs and duplication between programs. Certification-Recognition by multiple entities is now cost effective and highly rewarding. You are able to receive multiple Certification-Recognitions under one umbrella for a special consolidated annual fee and inspection-audit process. Through this exclusive combined

program, collision repair providers will receive exponential credibility from several of the largest OEM in the world, adding to brand equity and reputation.

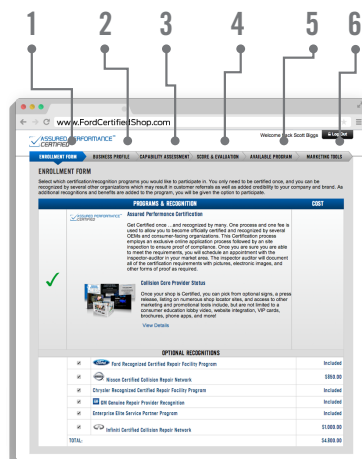
There is nothing else like it - not even close!

- Certification-Recognition is based on the OEM specified requirements necessary to properly repair current model vehicles.
- The program is open to all shops that can make the grade (independents may require dealer sponsorship for select manufacturers).

# How Does a Shop Become Certified by Infiniti?

## Turnkey Approach

Below is a step-by-step process that Infiniti repair providers go through to become Certified.



### 1. Enrollment

Review the terms and conditions of participation and select the enrollment option.



### 2. Business Information

Enter required business details to access use of available marketing tools.



### 3. Business Capability Assessment

Evaluate shop's capabilities against the list of certification requirements and standards in order to receive your business improvement plan.



### 4. Score & Evaluation

Review and examine any potential deficiencies in becoming Certified.



### 5. On-Site Inspection-Audit

The next step is to schedule an on-site inspection-audit. An inspector will tour your body shop and ensure proof of compliance with photos and documentation.



### 6. Marketing & Promotion

Access available marketing tools to maximize your ROI and overall business value.

# Benefits of Infiniti Certification



## Shop Locators

Listing on multiple online OEM shop locators, linked directly from the OEMs websites and connecting consumers to your micro-website. To preview, please go to: [autobodylocator.com/infiniti](http://autobodylocator.com/infiniti).



## Smartphone Apps

Assured Performance and OEM branded apps provide a solution to assist consumers at time of accident and throughout the repair process.



## Infiniti Direct Marketing

Infiniti Collision will be marketing and educating Infiniti owners on a bi-monthly basis promoting the Infiniti Certified Network of Collision Repairers.



## Complimentary Towing

This service is available when a customer calls 1-800-662-6200.



## dataManager

Safeguard your data and monitor your business performance with KPI reporting and benchmarking.



## Technical Information Site

Reduces cycle time and assists in more efficient repairs.



## Signage & OEM Branding

Utilize Infiniti approved signs, badges and logos in all marketing material and messaging to market your ability to repair Nissan advanced vehicle systems.



## Press Releases

Your recent Certified status distributed to local media outlets announcing your business as the advanced-capable body shop in your community.



## Business Improvement Program (BIP)

An exclusive program designed to assist body shops in earning a "5-Star Status" by achieving top performance metrics in the business disciplines that matter most.



## RepairDOC Procedure Usage & Compliance

Limit liability exposure and assist your shop's technicians in properly documenting OEM Repair Procedures, ensuring compliance for each repair.



## Repair Procedures

Subscription to the Repair Procedures.

# FAQ - Additional Questions

## How do you get your independent body shop sponsored where necessary?

For some OEMs, independent body shops must have an official dealer sponsorship to become officially Certified-Recognized. Assured Performance works with your wholesale parts retailer to coordinate the entire sponsorship process and ensure each step is efficient and painless. You can also go direct and ask your Wholesale Parts Manager to sponsor you. Assured Performance will ensure your retailer has all of the online access and information to sponsor your shop.

## Is there support if I have questions or need assistance?

Yes. Assured Performance will assign you an Account Manager. They can be reached at 949-221-0010.

## Can anyone get Certified-Recognized if they pay the fee?

No, only body shops that have the right tools, equipment, training and facilities to properly repair a vehicle to manufacturer specifications can become Certified-Recognized.

*For shops who do not qualify: Assured Performance has developed an exclusive Business Improvement Program to assist shops in becoming Certified-Recognized over time.*

**For the most current information go to [GetInfinitiCertified.com](http://GetInfinitiCertified.com)**



# What is the Value of Certification?

With 35,000 body shops in the United States, how is the customer able to tell the good ones from the bad? How can a consumer tell the difference and pick one that has the right tools, equipment, training and facilities? The certification credentials create that distinction and provide consumers with peace of mind. By meeting these requirements, the Certified-Recognized repair providers can now demonstrate that they have what it takes to properly repair vehicles to manufacturer specifications.

Customers will be asking the OEMs to help them find repair providers that meet their standards. By Certifying shops, OEMs can refer customers with confidence knowing that Certified-Recognized shops make the grade. The sign on the wall and official credentials prove that your Certified shop is a step above the rest and in a league of your own.

# Assured Performance Minimum Certification Requirements:

## GENERAL BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

- 1. In business for a minimum of (5) years or verifiable credit rating and service history
- 2. Have current Garage Keepers liability insurance with a minimum of \$1 Million policy limit
- 3. No felony convictions by ownership or management
- 4. A preferred rental car provider or complimentary customer transportation
- 5. Customer Satisfaction Rating (CSI) service that is measured by a third-party service provider
- 6. A Limited Lifetime Warranty on completed repairs
- 7. A current subscription or use-access to OEM repair procedures for all applicable year, make, model vehicles to be repaired
- 8. The capability to provide complete repair documentation with corresponding proof of compliance to OEM repair procedures where applicable and all historical information is safeguarded electronically
- 9. A data-driven estimating system with Assured Performance dataMANAGER connected for reporting
- 10. A pre-delivery cleaning process for all vehicle interiors and exteriors
- 11. An adequately maintained customer parking area that is well-lit
- 12. A clean & well-maintained customer reception, waiting and estimating area with convenient customer restrooms
- 13. Adequately illuminated work areas for repairing, refinishing and detailing vehicles including inside of spraybooth

## TOOL AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

(These requirements are all subject to the year, make, and model of the vehicle being repaired)

- 1. An electronic 3D measuring system for structural diagnostics, correction, and documentation
- 2. Current data subscription for three-dimensional measuring system
- 3. A frame rack or bench system capable of producing body and structural pulls
- 4. Celette fixture bench (GT-R only)
- 5. 4 Point vehicle anchoring or fixturing capability for cars and light trucks
- 6. 220v 3-Phase, Inverter-Type Squeeze-type Resistance Spot Welder (or equivalent) capable of producing a minimum of 600 lbf (270 daN) of clamping force and 10,000 amps of current at the electrodes
- 7. 220v (208-240) GMAW MAG Welder for Steel with 140 Amp or greater output (180 Amp preferred)
- 8. 220v (208-240) Silicon Bronze GMAW for MIG Brazing Pulse capable MIG w/Synergic Adjustment & non-pulse setting with 200 Amp output capability
- 9. R134a and R1234yf refrigerant recovery/recycling system or proof of qualified sublet A/C service provider
- 10. Above ground lift with a lift capability of at least 7000 lbs.
- 11. Capability to perform and verify four-wheel alignment either in-house or through a sublet provider
- 12. The capability to remove, replace, and reinstall steering and suspension components, as well as engine and drive train units (in-house or through a qualified sublet)
- 13. Perform pre and post repair diagnostic vehicle scans on all vehicles as required by the vehicle manufacturer and retain proof of ALL post repair diagnostic scan results and calibrations performed as required by vehicle manufacturer (in-house or through a qualified sublet)
- 14. OEM approved refinishing system (paint mix room)
- 15. A spray enclosure (paint booth) with forced drying capabilities
- 16. Pressure-feed corrosion protection material application equipment with wand attachments for applying anti-corrosion materials inside body cavities with a 360-degree spray pattern

### Disclaimer:

\*All equipment, capabilities and training required must meet published Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) specifications for the year, make and model of the vehicle being repaired, these same requirements shall also apply to any sublet providers for operations performed. Current revisions of these requirements are available online at: [www.AssuredPerformance.net](http://www.AssuredPerformance.net) or with the auto manufacturer of record and are subject to change at any time. Assured Performance does not set prices, offer concessions or raise or lower prices charged for collision repair services in any manner.

## TOOL AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS – ALUMINUM & ADVANCED MATERIALS

(The following are **optional** tools and equipment only required for specialized Certification programs for the repair of Aluminum and other Advanced Materials)

- 1. A work separation system that isolates aluminum vehicles from vehicles undergoing steel repairs – separation can be a separate room or curtain system
- 2. A designated set of hand/special tools specifically for aluminum vehicles to prevent from cross contamination with steel body vehicles. May be subject to specific manufacturer requirements
- 3. 220v (208-240) GMAW MIG Welder for Aluminum – Pulse capable MIG w/Synergic Adjustment
- 4. A dent extraction system specifically designed for aluminum that contains an aluminum stud welder, heat gun, pyrometer, aluminum hammers, and dent extraction system
- 5. An Immersion-Type, Wet Mix dust extraction system or pneumatic (air operated) vacuum system dedicated to aluminum dust
- 6. Self-Piercing Rivet gun with mandrel that meets manufacturer requirements
- 7. Dye Penetrant kit for detecting fractures to aluminum (GT-R only)

## TECHNICAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Proof of on-going technical training, specific to new automobile years, makes, and models, for all technical staff
- 2. Proof of training or certification in silicon-bronze MIG brazing
- 3. Certificate of EPA Section 609 compliance for refrigerant recovery
- 4. Proof of training to operate the three-dimensional measuring equipment being utilized
- 5. Proof of product training from the OEM approved paint manufacturer being utilized

## ADDITIONAL NISSAN TECHNICAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Safety Shield Technologies through I-CAR must be attended by two (2) technicians
- 2. Nissan Repair Considerations through I-CAR must be attended by two (2) technicians
- 3. INFINITI Repair Considerations through I-CAR must be attended by two (2) technicians
- 4. Nissan Collision Estimating Essentials course must be attended by one (1) individual
- 5. Nissan GT-R through I-CAR must be attended by one (1) technician (GT-R only)
- 6. Nissan GT-R Diagnostics through I-CAR must be attended by one (1) technician (GT-R only)
- 7. Nissan GT-R Repair Considerations through I-CAR must be attended by one (1) technician (GT-R only)

## ADDITIONAL FCA TECHNICAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Marketing your FCA Certification through AMI (must completed within 90 days of approval)
- 2. How to Use Tech Authority through AMI (must completed within 90 days of approval)
- 3. ADAS Driver Safety Systems through AMI (optional at this time)
- 4. wiTECH 2.0 Fundamentals - \$47.50 (prerequisite for FCA Driver Assistance Systems Course)
- 5. wiTECH 2.0 Flashing an ECU - \$47.50 (Prerequisite for FCA Driver Assistance Systems Course)
- 6. Listening Skills (Alfa Romeo only)
- 7. Essential Telephone Skills (Alfa Romeo only)

## ALUMINUM TECHNICAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Aluminum (MIG) Welding Certification from recognized source functionally equivalent or greater to I-CAR WCA03 - **OR** - Aluminum Certification from recognized source functionally equivalent or greater to Ford, Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Porsche, etc
- 2. Aluminum Structural Repair from recognized source functionally equivalent to:
  - I-CAR FOR06 – 2015 Ford F-150 Structural Repair Training Course (for Ford only)
  - I-CAR F0007E01 – 2018 Expedition and Navigator Aluminum Body Repair by two (2) technicians

## FUTURE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (6 - 12 Month Timeline for Adoption)

- 1. A paint mil gauge for measuring paint thickness on plastic substrates
- 2. A paint mil gauge for ferrous and non-ferrous metal substrates
- 3. A welding station for making practice and test welds with vice and caliper for destructive testing
- 4. Capability to provide “Certified Repair” based upon repair documentation, proof of OEM repair procedures use where applicable, parts usage and trained technician performing the repair