



Materials Management Tips: Optimize Your Repair Materials. Improve Your Bottom Line.

- 1 Establish an Order Pattern**

A shop should work with their supplier to settle on an order frequency that works for both businesses. More frequent deliveries mean less product on the shelf, which is offset more work stoppages and paperwork.
- 2 Designate Ordering Responsibility**

This could be a supplier representative, parts manager, or technician. Consolidating material orders to a single point of contact will eliminate time wasted on the phone with the supplier, and order duplication.
- 3 Organize and Label Material Storage**

Materials are no different than tools. Technicians need to be able to quickly locate materials and supplies. Poorly maintained storage areas can lead to wasted time and frustration.
- 4 Limit SKU's**

A repair shop should adhere to an approved product list. This helps to promote consistent repair quality and eliminates costly product redundancy.
- 5 Track Technician Usage**

Material costs have a direct impact on a shop's bottom line. By tracking material usage by technician, shop management can identify training needs and eliminate waste.
- 6 Streamline Processes**

Utilize carts and cabinets throughout the shop. The objective is to have each technician touching vehicles and not chasing supplies.



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