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Electric and Hybrid-Electric Vehicles

This Bulletin is applicable to all Department Licensees who have been licensed, or are pursuing licensure, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-38-1 *et seq.* and 230-RICR-30-05-02, the *Motor Vehicle Body and Salvage Vehicle Repair* regulation (“Regulations”).

The Department and the Auto Collision Repair Licensing Advisory Board (“Board”) are aware of the increased levels of electric and hybrid-electric vehicles that are now in use. Because of the increased use and damage to such vehicles, the Department and the Board recommend that all Licensees educate themselves and their technicians on the proper handling of electric and hybrid-electric vehicles when preparing for or performing repairs. Electric and hybrid-electric vehicles require unique and specific safety handling procedures, including special procedures for fire hazards.

Please note that each electric and hybrid-electric vehicle manufacturer has its own repair procedures and requirements. Additionally, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA”) has educational materials, which can be accessed at the following link:

[Electric and Hybrid Vehicles: Battery, Charging & Safety | NHTSA](#)

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