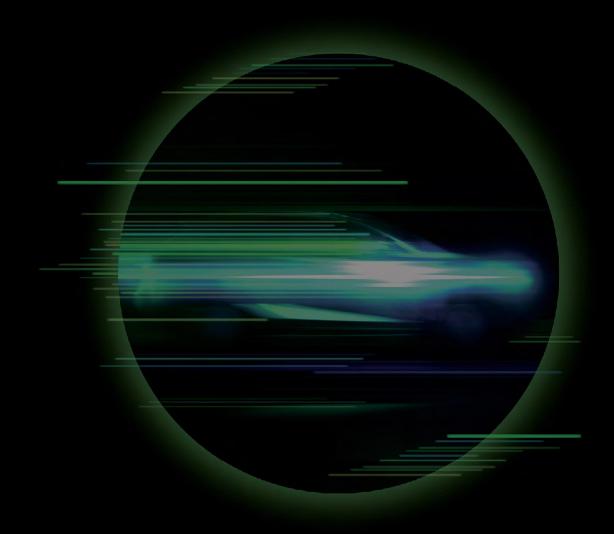
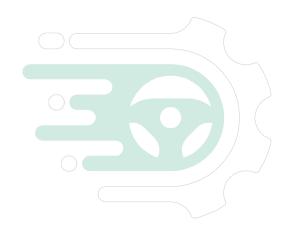
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**2022 Dealership Benchmarks** 

# The 2022 Deloitte Dealership Benchmarks

In a time of great change, we are delighted to present the 2022 Deloitte Dealership Benchmarks for the New Zealand car market.



The starting point for these benchmarks is the data uploaded to the eProfitFocus system by more than 180 dealers in the New Zealand market in the 12 months leading up to the benchmark period. The actual results of the top 30% of dealers in each key department (new, used, parts, service and finance &insurance), as well as the top performers overall, are taken as the reference point for these benchmarks.

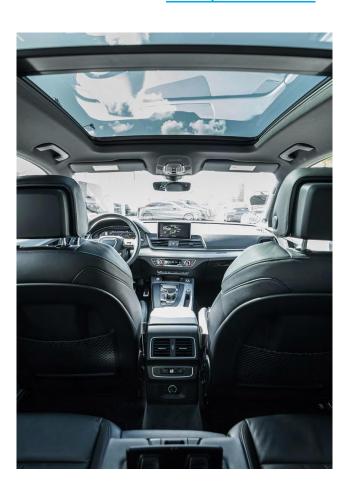
This ensures that the benchmarks are always tied to actual levels of performance that are achievable in the prevailing market. This raw data is then reviewed in the light of current industry circumstances and long-held best practices, to derive a set of benchmarks that can be used as a guide to building a sustainable, long-term business.

The New Zealand market was heavily impacted by COVID-19 again this year. Global new car supply shortages were especially felt by dealers throughout 2021 and lead to heightened margins in the new and used car departments when compared to previous years.

The benchmarks are split into two categories: the Volume Market and the Luxury Market. This segmentation reflects the different business models that dealers operate in their quest to earn a profit. While the business models in each segment are intrinsically impacted by the brands that dealers carry, the benchmarks are not a commentaryon the positioning or esteem of those brands.

In this booklet, you will also find Customer Retention Management (CRM) guidelines. Focusing on the various elements of CRM is vital for dealerships seeking to improve the satisfaction and retention of their customers.

We are always happy to discuss any aspect of these benchmarks, so please feel free to contact a member of the Deloitte team using the details provided at the back of this booklet or at www.eprofitfocus.com



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#### **Volume Market benchmarks**

The Deloitte Dealership Benchmarks help dealers assess their performance against a hypothetical high performing dealer running a similar type of business operation.

Dealers who fall into the Volume Market segment tend to focus on the volume side of the volume/ margin equation.

In 2021, the average dealer in the Volume Market experienced a rise in both new car and used car margins which gave a boost to dealership profitability. Overall used car gross profits grew the most of all the departments, leading to a higher gross contribution compared to 2020.

It should be noted that when new vehicles have more of an impact profit, there will also be greater volatility in dealership profits as volumes fluctuate.

For dealers operating in the Volume segment, the "Big 5" metrics to focus on for 2022 are:





#### A note about these benchmarks

Benchmarking is an excellent method of monitoring performance and setting goals. These benchmarks are a measure of 'best practice' drawn from the top 30% of dealers in the eProfitFocus database—a dataset of more than 180 dealers.

The intention of the benchmarks is to provide a 'guide' for dealership performance. Some dealerships, due to certain geographic or demographic circumstances, cannot achieve all the guidelines.

For further clarification and interpretation of these benchmarks please contact us at: <a href="https://www.eprofitfocus.com">www.eprofitfocus.com</a>

# **Total dealership**

Trading summary	
Net profit as % of sales	5.3—5.6%
Days to dealership breakeven*	20

<sup>\*</sup> Based on a full month i.e. 30 days

Dealership structure	Orientation	GP %
New	33%	8-10%
Used	25%	12-15%
Parts	14%	23-25%
Service	29%	56-60%
	100%	14-15%
Front end (vehicle operations)	57%	
Back end (fixed operations)	43%	
Finance and insurance income	7% of total gross	
Other income and incentives	4% of total gross	

Orientation = Where does the gross come from?

GP% = How strong are my margins?

Note these orientation benchmarks provide a guide for achieving above average results in the market today. However, businesses that deliver sustainable results over a longer time frame tend to have a slight front-end bias to their operations.

People	
Gross per employee per month	\$30,400
Net profit per employee per month	\$11,200

### **Vehicle operations**

Product	New	Used
Gross profit per unit*	3,050-3,550	3,900
Used/new ratio (retail)	n/a	0.60
Days supply	45-55	75-85
Stock turns p.a.	7 to 8	4 to 5
Gross ROI**	74%	82%

 $<sup>^\</sup>star$  Includes holdback, bonuses, aftermarket and load reversals but excludes F&I  $^{\star\star}$  Gross as a % of cost of sales x turns p.a.

People	New	Used
Units per sales staff per month	14	14
Gross profit per salesperson per month	\$46,200	\$54,600
Finance and Insurance (F&I)		
F&I Product	New	Used
Finance penetration	25-27%	27-29%
Finance income per contract	\$1,850-\$2,050	\$1,700-\$1,900
Finance per retail unit sold	\$505	\$505
Insurance per retail unit sold	\$24	\$57
F&I selling gross per vehicle retailed		\$451
People		
Vehicles retailed per F&I staff per month		54
Salaries and commissions as a % of income		25%
F&I income per dept employee per month		\$33,000
Fixed operations		
Parts department	Sales mix %	GP %
Retail/counter	11%	32%
Wholesale/trade	22%	13%
Workshop	32%	31%
Warranty	16%	14%
Internal	19%	22%
Total	100%	23-25%
Operational benchmarks		
Days supply		30-40
Stock turns p.a.		10-11
Monthly sales per employee		\$98,230
Monthly gross per employee		\$23,270

Service department	Sales mix %	GP %
Labour		
Retail	66%	69%
Warranty	11%	70%
Internal	23%	64%
Total Labour Sales	100%	62%
Sublet sales		18%
Total gross profit (% sales)		56-60%
Operational benchmarks		
Performance index (productivity x efficiency)		95-105%
Monthly labour sales per technician		\$15,300
Monthly labour gross per technician		\$9,400
Parts/labour ratio		0.90
Ratio of chargeable to non-chargeable		1.4
Parts and service absorption		64%
Retention—relative service size**		\$2,800

<sup>\*\*</sup>Labour sales per new retail unit sold per month

# **Department profitability**

		New		Used
Vehicle operations	% Gross	\$/Unit	% Gross	\$/Unit
Gross Profit*	100%	\$3,050- 3,550	100%	\$3,900
Sales staff salaries and comms	20.2%	666	14.3%	596
Manager salaries and comms	3.1%	104	4.2%	178
Aftermarket salaries and comms	0.2%	6	2.2%	93
Other salaries	1.4%	48	0.7%	29
Pre-delivery costs	0.7%	23	-	-
Free service/policy	0.9%	30	-	-
Used warranty	-	-	1.5%	64
Advertising	5.6%	184	3.1%	128
Training	0.2%	6	0.1%	4
Floorplan	2.7%	88	0.7%	27
Demonstrator expenses	1.8%	61	1.9%	79
Selling gross profit	63.2%	\$2,084	73.5%	\$2,794
Selling gross profit per salesperson		\$29,200		\$40,131
Selling gross profit per employee		\$16,105		\$20,997

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Includes holdback, bonuses, aftermarket and load reversals but excludes F&I

Fixed operations	Parts % gross	Service % gross
Salaries (non-chargeable)	19.9%	26.2%
Advertising and promotion	0.6%	1.0%
Training	0.1%	0.8%
Policy/freight	0.6%	0.8%
Tools and supplies	0.1%	1.1%
Equipment and vehicle maintenance	0.6%	2.4%
Sick/holiday—technicians	_	4.6%
Selling gross profit	78.1%	63.1%
Selling gross profit per technician		\$7,900
Selling gross profit per employee	\$18,200	\$4,570

# **Dealership overheads**

	% Gross
Administration and salaries	5.6%
Training	0.1%
FBT (net of contributions)	0.5%
Payroll tax	0.1%
Superannuation	0.7%
Long service leave	0.1%
Rent (or mortgage interest)	8.4%
Rates and taxes	0.8%
Property maintenance/outside services	1.3%
Telephone	0.4%
Insurance (including workers compensation)	1.3%
Office supplies/stationery	0.5%
Professional fees	1.5%
Data processing	1.2%
Bank charges and taxes	0.4%
Interest (overdraft/working capital)	0.8%
Bad debts	0.1%
Depreciation	1.5%
Electricity	0.4%
Travel and entertainment	0.3%
Management fees	0.2%
Miscellaneous	4.6%
Total fixed expenses	40%

Overheads are shown as a percentage of total dealership gross profit. This includes gross profit from the New, Used, Parts and Service departments, but excludes net F&I income which is brought into dealership profit at a selling gross level.

# Luxury market







# **Luxury Market benchmarks**

The Deloitte Dealership Benchmarks help dealers assess their performance against a hypothetical high performing dealer running a similar type of business operation.

Dealers who fall into the Luxury Market segment tend to focus on the margin side of the volume/ margin equation.

New vehicle sales in the Luxury Market were constrained by the stock shortage from the middle of 2021. This same shortage, however, boosted margins and profitability in the new and used car departments. Despite some softening of returns from Fixed Operations, overall profitability improved for the Luxury segment in 2021.

It should be noted that when new vehicles have more of an impact profit, there will also be greater volatility in dealership profits as volumes fluctuate.

For these dealers, the "Big 5" metrics to focus on for 2022 are:





#### A note about these benchmarks

Benchmarking is an excellent method of monitoring performance and setting goals. These benchmarks are a measure of 'best practice' based on the top 30% of dealers in the eProfitFocus database of more than 900 dealers.

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# **Total Dealership**

Trading summary	
Net profit as % of sales	6.0-6.4%
Days to dealership breakeven*	20

<sup>\*</sup> Based on a full month i.e. 30 days

Dealership structure	Orientation	GP %
New	45%	12-13%
Used	19%	11-14%
Parts	15%	27-29%
Service	21%	64-68%
	100%	17-18%
Front end (vehicle operations)	64%	
Back end (fixed operations)	36%	
Finance and insurance income	5% of total gross	
Other income and incentives	4% of total gross	

Orientation = Where does the gross come from?

GP% = How strong are my margins?

Note these orientation benchmarks provide a guide for achieving above average results in the market today. However, businesses that deliver sustainable results over a longer time frame tend to have a slight front-end bias to their operations.

People	
Gross per employee per month	\$12,400
Net profit per employee per month	\$4,700

# **Vehicle Operations**

Product	New	Used
Gross profit per unit*	\$10,400-\$10,900	\$6,400
Used/new ratio (retail)	n/a	0.9
Days supply	55-65	55-65
Stock turns p.a.	6-7	6-7
Gross ROI**	93%	107%

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Includes holdback, bonuses, aftermarket and load reversals but excludes F&I

<sup>\*\*</sup> Gross as a % of cost of sales x turns p.a.

People	New	Used
Units per sales staff per month	6	6
Gross profit per salesperson per month	\$58,575	\$38,400

# Finance and Insurance (F&I)

F&I Product	New	Used
Finance penetration	26-30%	31-35%
Finance income per contract	\$3,050-\$3,250	\$1,450-\$1,650
Finance per retail unit sold	\$880	\$510
Insurance per retail unit sold	\$64	\$295
F&I selling gross per vehicle retailed		\$792
People		
Vehicles retailed per F&I staff per month		24
Salaries and commissions as a % of income		31%
F&I income per dept employee per month		\$23,700
Fixed Operations  Parts department	Sales mix %	GP %
Parts department	Sales mix %	GP %
Retail/counter	11%	26%
Wholesale/trade	29%	25%
Workshop	42%	33%
Warranty	12%	21%
Internal	6%	23%
Total	100%	27-29%
Operational Benchmarks		
Days supply		30-40
Stock turns p.a.		10-11
Monthly sales per employee		\$78,840
Monthly gross per employee		\$20,800
\$ Sales per \$ salary		\$21.00

Service department	Sales mix %	GP %
Labour		
Retail	70%	78%
Warranty	11%	72%
Internal	19%	73%
Total labour sales	100%	72%
Sublet sales		12%
Total gross profit (% sales)		64-68%
Operational Benchmarks		
Performance index (productivity x efficiency)		90-100%
Monthly labour sales per technician		\$16,500
Monthly labour gross per technician		\$11,250
Parts/labour ratio		\$1.10
Ratio of chargeable to non-chargeable		1.4
Parts and service absorption		55%
Retention—relative service size**		\$5,000

<sup>\*\*</sup>Labour sales per new retail unit sold per month

# **Department Profitability**

	New		Used	
Vehicle operations	% Gross	\$/Unit	% Gross	\$/Unit
Gross Profit*	100%	10,400-10,900	100%	6,400
Sales staff salaries and comms	13.0%	1380	14.4%	958
Manager salaries and comms	6.3%	667	6.1%	410
Aftermarket salaries and comms	0.2%	21	2.7%	184
Other salaries	2.1%	220	1.2%	81
Pre-delivery costs	0.3%	32	-	-
Free service/policy	0.2%	21	-	-
Used warranty	-	-	1.5%	103
Advertising	5.5%	584	1.9%	124
Training	0.2%	21	0.1%	6
Floorplan	2.0%	212	1.7%	113
Demonstrator expenses	0.6%	65	1.0%	64
Selling gross	69.7%	\$7,427	72.1%	\$4,548
Selling gross profit per salesperson		\$40,800		\$27,686
Selling gross profit per employee		\$22,675		\$16,921

<sup>\*</sup> Includes holdback, bonuses, aftermarket and load reversals but excludes F&I

Fixed Operations	Parts % gross	Service % gross
Salaries (non-chargeable)	19.2%	28.4%
Advertising and promotion	2.3%	1.4%
Training	0.1%	0.6%
Policy/freight	1.1%	2.4%
Tools and supplies	0.1%	0.4%
Equipment and vehicle maintenance	1.4%	2.7%
Sick/holiday—technicians	-	9.7%
Selling gross profit	75.7%	54.3%
		\$7,170
Selling gross profit per employee	\$15,700	\$4,220
Administration and salaries		<b>% Gross</b> 8.4%
		% Gross
Training		0.1%
FBT (net of contributions)		1.1%
Payroll tax		0.1%
Superannuation		0.9%
Long service leave		0.1%
Rent (or mortgage interest)		10.7%
Rates and taxes		0.8%
Property maintenance/outside services		1.1%
Telephone		0.3%
Insurance (including workers compensation)		1.6%
Office supplies/stationery		0.3%
Professional fees		0.5%
Data processing		1.3%
Bank charges and taxes		0.5%
Interest (overdraft/working capital)		0.4%
Bad debts		0.1%

Overheads are shown as a percentage of total dealership gross profit. This includes gross profit from the New, Used, Parts and Service departments, but

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Depreciation

Travel and entertainment

Management fees

Total fixed expenses

Miscellaneous

Electricity

4.1%

0.8%

0.2%

1.5%

35%

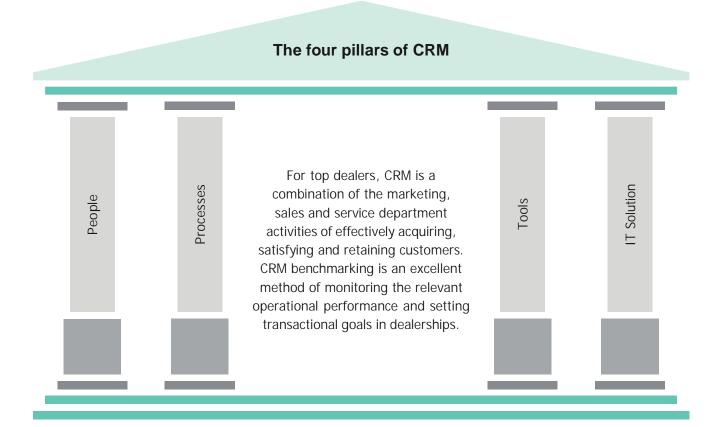
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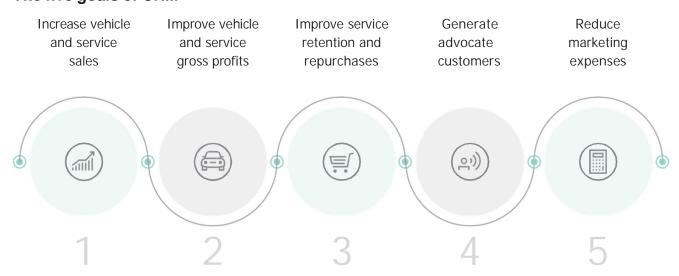


### **CRM** in your dealership

In contrast to the generally accepted opinion, CRM is more than just a software solution. The best dealerships across the nation address the four pillars of comprehensive Customer Relationship Management equally.



#### The five goals of CRM



### **CRM** guidelines

These CRM guidelines outline Best Practices identified in the Australian Motor Industry. They represent a hypothetical model for dealers to aim for when implementing successful CRM operations. Some dealerships, due to certain geographic or demographic circumstances, cannot achieve some of the guidelines in practice. Nonetheless, we consider these CRM guidelines to be realistic as 'a reference point' for a typical dealership in the Volume, Prestige and Luxury segments.

#### **CRM** and marketing

Every customer relationship begins with effective marketing.

Marketing effectiveness means:

- 1. Generate as many high-quality Leads as possible
- 2. Increase return on every dollar spent in marketing
- 3. Improve customer experience

#### Lead origin

Channel and enquiry type	New vehicle	Used vehicle
Dealership website	31%	10%
Phone-ins (website phone number)	21%	5%
Walk-ins (website solicited)	25%	7%
Online lead providers*	12%	70%
Phone-ins (traditional media only)	6%	5%
Walk-ins (traditional media only)	5%	3%
	100%	100%

<sup>\*</sup>Average of all lead providers

#### Marketing/advertising costs

Per new vehicle	Volume	Luxury
Benchmark dealers	\$184	\$584
Average dealers	\$215	\$309

#### **CRM** and sales

How effective is your sales team at converting new market leads, referrals and repeat customers into sales? Sales effectiveness means:

Sales effectiveness means:

- 1. Maximise closing ratios and F&I penetration
- 2. Increase gross profit per sale & sales staff
- 3. Improve customer experience

#### The Road to Sale

Conversion ratios	AVG staff	Top staff
Enquiries/leads**	100%	100%
Appointments*	73%	95%
Test drives*	48%	75%
Offers*	30%	58%
Sales*	25%	36%
F&I contracts*	8%	13%

Units per month***	Volume	Luxury
Test drives*	27	21
Offers*	21	16
Sales*	13	10
F&I contracts*	5	4

<sup>\* %</sup> of enquiries/leads

<sup>\*\*</sup> All channels: internet, phone, lead-providers and traditional \*\*\* Based on the Benchmark Units per Salesperson per month

Online lead handling	Response time
Benchmark sales staff	<10 minutes
Average sales staff	<2 hours
Minimum acceptable standard	same day

#### **CRM** and service

Once acquired, how do you retain customers in service?

Service effectiveness means:

- 1. Increase service retention
- 2. Increase vehicle repurchase probability
- 3. Improve customer experience

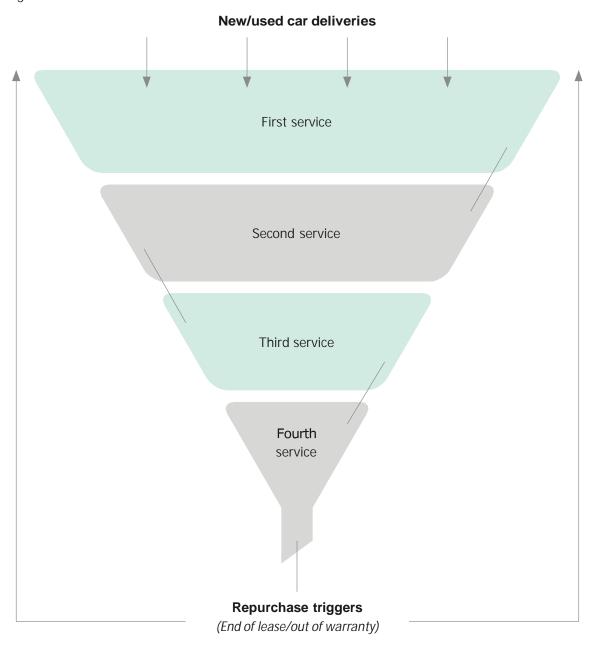
#### **Service Retention**

Year after purchase	Metro	Rural
Handover/follow-up service	100%	100%
First year	92%	93%
Second year	81%	86%
Third year	65%	75%
Fourth year	48%	55%
Fifth year	40%	45%

How many customers, who bought their vehicle at the dealership, have their car serviced at the dealership again?

#### The customer retention funnel

'Creating customers for life'



# Repurchase intention

Customer type	Metro	Rural
All customers	33%	45%
F&I	50%	54%
Non-F&I	24%	37%

# The Big 4 CRM measures

#### 1. Customer orientation

New vehicle sales	Metro	Rural
Conquest customers (unsolicited)	62%	48%
Referral customers	13%	22%
Repeat customers	25%	30%
Total new vehicle sales	100%	100%

#### 2. Customer profitability\*

New vehicle customer profitability	National
Conquest customers (unsolicited)	100%
Referral customers	135%
Repeat customers	185%

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Customer profitability as % of conquest business (100%)

#### 3. Dealership advocacy\*\*

Customer	National
Advocates—positive word of mouth	80%
Indifferent customers	18%
Detractors—negative word of mouth	2%

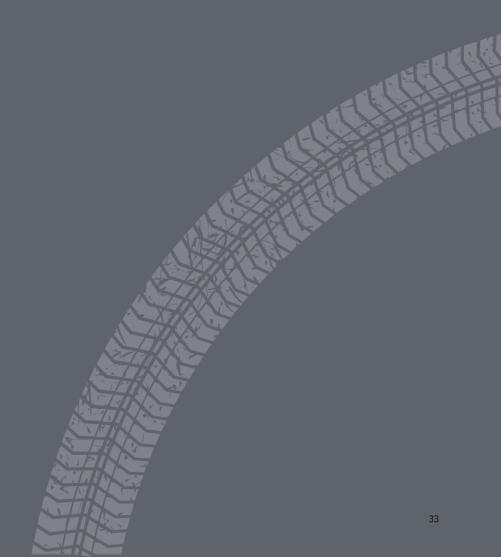
 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{**}}$  The dealership's ability to create advocate customers

#### 4. Customers' perception of effort in dealing with dealership

Effort	National
Customers who perceive low levels of effort	82%
Customers who perceive neutral levels of effort	11%
Customers who perceive high levels of effort	7%

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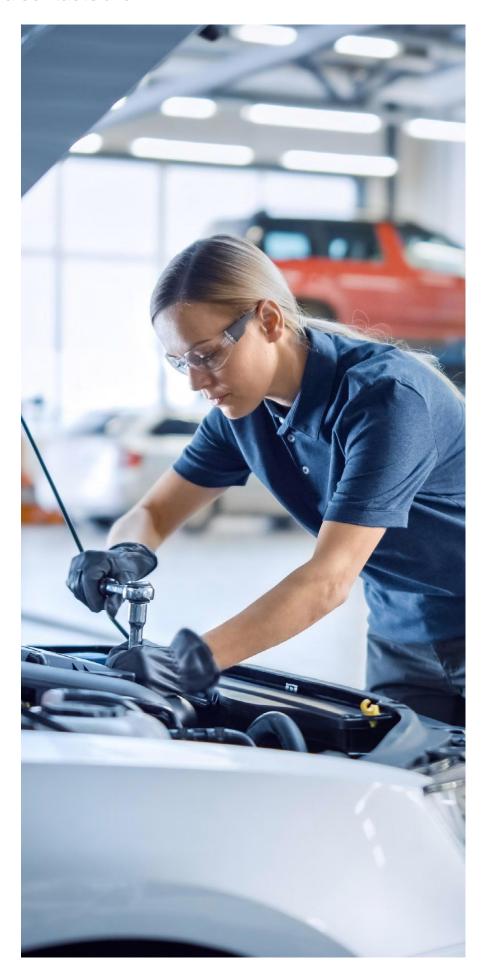
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