

OEM Audit Questionnaire

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Response (1-5 ranking, or NA)	Notes
1.1	Does the website provide users with a description of the minimum computer hardware and software needed by the user to access that OEM's information (e.g., computer processor speed and operating system software)? This description or a link to it should appear when users first log on to the home page of the OEM's website.	Yes	4	
1.2	Did the website allow you to search the OEM website by various topics including but not limited to model, model year, key words or phrases, etc.?	Yes	4	
1.3	Did the website provide accessibility using common, readily available software and shall not require the use of proprietary software, hardware, viewers, or browsers?	Yes	4	

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1.3a	Did the OEM website provide hyperlinks to any plug-ins, viewers or browsers (e.g., Adobe Acrobat or Netscape) needed to access the OEM website?	Yes	4	
1.4	Did you have any difficulty connecting to the website?	No	4	
1.5	Were you able to navigate the website without returning to the OEM service information home page or a search engine in order to access a different portion of the site?	Yes	3	Not overly intuitive but ranks above average in my experience
1.6	If you were a first time user, does the website involve a waiting period for registration to receive a password, PIN code, or some other approval (such as PayPal)?	No	4	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about ease of use, accessibility, and website navigation.

Based on my experience using the majority of sites available, this site is fairly robust and above average in terms of ease of use, accessibility and navigation.

Segment 2: OBD System Monitors

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2.1	Are there descriptions of all the OBD monitors and their operation?	Yes	

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2.1a	Did any of these monitor descriptions lack sufficient information? If so, please explain in the "Notes" column.	No	This is a fairly subjective question. We can always use more information but this site provides adequate info needed to diagnose the root problem.
2.2	Were you able to find a description of all parameters (strategies) being monitored? Parameters can refer either to PID descriptions or the general monitoring strategies of the ECU.	Yes	
2.3	Was there a list of Diagnostic Trouble Codes relating to these monitors?	Yes	
2.3a	Did you find the list sufficient to assist in the diagnosis and/or repair of the vehicle? If your answer is "No" please explain in the "Notes" column.	Yes	

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2.4	Were you able to determine the enable criteria for each monitor?	Yes	
2.5	Are the sequence, execution frequency, and duration of the monitor explained?	Yes	
2.6	Were you able to find the malfunction thresholds for the monitor?	Yes	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD System Monitors.

Fairly easy to find information since the majority is located in the same area of the service manual. Once you find the information in the manual which is easy with the Acrobat search function, all the info needed is in the same location or nearby.

Segment 3: OBD Repair

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3.1	Does the website provide information necessary to interpret "mode 6" data available in generic scan tool modes?	Yes	

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3.1a	If so, was this information useful? Please use the "Notes" column to identify why or why not.	Yes	
3.2	Does the website provide sufficient diagnostic and repair information for any and all DTCs encountered?	Yes	
3.3	Are descriptions of OEM-specific DTCs (i.e., P1XXX codes) available?	Yes	
3.4	Are technical service bulletins readily available?	Yes	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.5	Are trouble shooting guides or trouble shooting information available? For example, code charts, diagnostic and repair information, or fault finding logic.	Yes	
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD Repair.</p> <p>Very good information.</p>			

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Segment 4: Reprogramming and Reinitialization Information

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For Segment 4, enter a Yes or No response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Reprogramming (This is also referred to as "Flashing" or software update.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.1	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reprogramming?	Yes	
4.2	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reprogramming?	Yes	Terminology used to describe firmware is a little misleading. Nissan uses hardware to describe the firmware needed to flash using the Consult.

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.3	If reprogramming is performed using a J2534 device was the software available to communicate between the device and the PC?	Yes	Although not required they did not provide a list of validated J2534 tools.
4.4	Is the information to select the proper calibration for the vehicle available?	Yes	
4.5	Is the vehicle calibration available?	Yes	
4.6	Have you performed reprogramming services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	Yes	Fairly straight forward for OE side. J2534 very slow but to be expected.

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.7	If applicable, were you able to perform a successful update/reprogram?	Yes	
Reinitialization (This refers to the ability to restart a vehicle after the completion of an emissions-related repair.)			
4.8	Does this OEM require initialization or reinitialization when the ECU is replaced? If no, skip to Segment 5. For the purposes of this audit, initialization or reinitialization refers to the need to reset a vehicle's security systems by means of an ignition key or access code to allow a vehicle to be restarted after the completion of emissions-related repairs.	Yes	
4.9	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reinitialization?	Yes	
4.10	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reinitialization?	Yes	

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4.11	Have you performed reinitialization services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	Yes	
Answer the following two questions, 4.12 and 4.13, only if you are performing an audit of the Honda/Acura, VW/Audi, Mitsubishi, Chrysler, and Land Rover websites.			
4.12	EPA regulations allow for OEMs to offer an alternative method of reinitialization with prior approval. These companies have received approval to lease their OEM-specific scan tool to the aftermarket to perform this service. Are you able to find information about alternate methods and links to the source of that method?		
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?		
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?		

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4.13b	If not, please explain in the "Notes" column.		
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about reprogramming and reinitialization information.</p> <p>Fairly easy system to use. Drop down list of ECM numbers cuts to the chase.</p>			
<p>Segment 5: Structure and Cost of OEM Websites EPA regulations require that OEM websites be available for short-term, mid-term and long-term access for set fees. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into how the OEMs have structured their sites and the fees associated with accessing these sites.</p> <p>For Questions 5.1 to 5.6, enter a Yes or No response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. For the remaining Questions 5.7 to 5.12 select the best answer from the list provided. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).</p>			

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5.1	Does the website have short-term, mid-term, and long-term access to service information?	Yes	
5.2	Were you able to access the entire site?	Yes	As far as you can tell
5.2a	Please identify areas that you could not access for the initial fee (such as reprogramming information) in the "Notes" column.		Training information, videos, flash files are all pay per view. I have purchased all with no problem.
5.3	Although downloading information is not explicitly required by EPA regulations, did the website allow you to save and store any information to your computer?	Yes	It was fairly easy but the site uses PDF chapters that may be tricky for a novice Acrobat user to download.

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5.3a	If so, please identify the information or documents that were downloadable in the "Notes" column.		Several service manuals and TSB's
5.4	Were you able to print the information from the website?	Yes	
5.5	Audi, Porsche, and Volkswagen websites require the purchase of individual documents to access repair information. For the purposes of this evaluation, how many individual documents would you have had to purchase to acquire all of the information you needed to perform the repair?	NA	
5.5a	What would have been the total cost of those documents? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NA	

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5.5b	What emissions repair were you trying to do? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NA	
5.5c	Some manufacturer websites require the purchase of individual documents for downloading before they can be fully viewed. In some cases, only the table of contents is available for viewing before the purchase is made. Did you purchase documents that did not contain the information you were seeking? If yes, then please identify the document and the cost of that document in the "Notes" column.	NA	
5.6	Have you purchased service information, training materials, TSBs, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. from the website?	Yes	
5.6a	If so, indicate in the "Notes" column the number and description of materials purchased.		OBD classroom material and video training material

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5.7	<p>Does your shop specialize in vehicle repairs from specific OEMs?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asian 2. European 3. Domestic 4. We specialize in vehicles from a single OEM, _____. Please list that OEM. 5. We service vehicles from all OEMs and do not specialize in any specific OEMs or group of OEMs. 	NA	
5.8	<p>What is your primary source for electronic service information?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aftermarket (e.g., ALLDATA, Mitchell1, etc.) 2. OEM Websites 3. Other, please list in the "Notes" column. 	1	
5.9	<p>How much do you spend for an annual subscription to your primary source listed above?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$0 - \$500 2. \$500 - \$1,000 3. \$1,000 - \$2,000 4. Over \$2,000 	NA	We use daily or monthly subscriptions with approximately \$2500 budgeted.

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If you use an aftermarket service provider as your primary source of service information, please respond to Questions 5.10 to 5.12.			
5.10	<p>What is the primary reason for selecting the primary source listed in question 5.8?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completeness for the brands I service 2. Experience/Familiarity with the product 3. Available off-line 4. Common organization of information for all manufacturers 5. Price 6. Other, please list in the "Notes" column. 	4	
5.11	<p>Approximately how many times do you access an OEM website?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Never 2. 1 to 5 times monthly 3. 5 to 10 times monthly 4. 10 to 20 times monthly 5. Over 20 times monthly 	3	

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6.1	Does the website contain information describing how to use the website? Possible sources of such information could be tutorials, "help" links, or lists of "frequently asked questions" (FAQ).	Yes	
6.1a	If so, is the information relevant, useful, and readily accessible? Please identify where the information is located in the "Notes" column.	Yes	
6.2	The "contact us" link is required to allow users to report problems, omissions or errors with the website, not to assist in vehicle trouble shooting or technical assistance. Does the website provide a "contact us" link for questions and/or reporting of problems, omissions or errors?	Yes	
6.2a	Have you attempted to use the "contact us" link?	No	

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6.2b	Have you received the desired information or answer to your question within 48 hours?	NA	
6.3	Is training information available on the website?	Yes	
6.3a	Are lists and sources (contacts or ordering information) identified for training information which is not Internet capable?	Yes	
6.4	Is information available on the website listing available factory tools and ordering information?	Yes	

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6.5	Did you attempt to find information which was unavailable on the website?	Yes	
6.5a	If so, please identify in the "Notes" column what information you were seeking, how you conducted your search, and results (or lack thereof) you experienced.		Service and Maintenance manuals were not available for many vehicles through the search engine.
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	No	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about the website or suggestions for improvement.

Too much real estate used for Nissan vehicle photo at the top of each page. On par with most above average sites. Does not compare to Toyota, Ford or Honda.

Thanks for the opportunity!

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1.2	Did the website allow you to search the OEM website by various topics including but not limited to model, model year, key words or phrases, etc.?	Yes	2	Keyword searches from the first page you arrive at after logging on don't return any results when entering trouble codes. You have to go to the "EC"/Engine Control manual and search the table of contents. After that, it seemed quite complete and friendly, printable, and even able to be saved.
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1.4	Did you have any difficulty connecting to the website?	No	5	
1.5	Were you able to navigate the website without returning to the OEM service information home page or a search engine in order to access a different portion of the site?	No	2	Not at all intuitive. Possibly an issue with language differences.
1.6	If you were a first time user, does the website involve a waiting period for registration to receive a password, PIN code, or some other approval (such as PayPal)?	No	5	

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Once you become accustomed to the layout, it gets pretty easy and seems complete. The problem is that you go through a lot of “clicking around” becoming acclimated.

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2.1	Are there descriptions of all the OBD monitors and their operation?	Yes.	“Monitors” are referred to as “SRTs”. Sytem readiness tests. Difficult to locate and not completely explained. Clumsy, very clumsy and slow to find what you’re looking for.

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2.1a	Did any of these monitor descriptions lack sufficient information? If so, please explain in the "Notes" column.	No	
2.2	Were you able to find a description of all parameters (strategies) being monitored? Parameters can refer either to PID descriptions or the general monitoring strategies of the ECU.	Yes	As is the custom for this site, a lot of “plundering” is necessary to locate everything you’re looking for.
2.3	Was there a list of Diagnostic Trouble Codes relating to these monitors?	Yes	
2.3a	Did you find the list sufficient to assist in the diagnosis and/or repair of the vehicle? If your answer is "No" please explain in the "Notes" column.	Yes	A lot of patience is required to get where you need to go. Frustrating for a non-dealer tech. Would be easy enough if this was your main diet.

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2.4	Were you able to determine the enable criteria for each monitor?	Yes	
2.5	Are the sequence, execution frequency, and duration of the monitor explained?	Yes	
2.6	Were you able to find the malfunction thresholds for the monitor?	Yes	

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Standardization of nomenclature would be appreciated.

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3.1	Does the website provide information necessary to interpret "mode 6" data available in generic scan tool modes?	No	It may be in there, but I couldn't find it.

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3.1a	If so, was this information useful? Please use the "Notes" column to identify why or why not.	No	If it was in there, it was buried so deep as to make it far too frustrating to try to find. When you're dealing with mode 6, hopefully, you have multiple options and help files that were included with alternative scan tools.
3.2	Does the website provide sufficient diagnostic and repair information for any and all DTCs encountered?	Yes.	All of the codes I tried to access were there and explained, with reasonable flow charts.
3.3	Are descriptions of OEM-specific DTCs (i.e., P1XXX codes) available?	Yes.	
3.4	Are technical service bulletins readily available?	Yes.	

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3.5	Are trouble shooting guides or trouble shooting information available? For example, code charts, diagnostic and repair information, or fault finding logic.	Yes.	Very good about providing code setting criteria and logic.
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4.1	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reprogramming?	Yes.	
4.2	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reprogramming?	Yes.	

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4.3	If reprogramming is performed using a J2534 device was the software available to communicate between the device and the PC?	Yes.	They adhere strictly to the letter of the regulation and only provide J2534 files for 2004 and newer. That was not unexpected, but it was a disappointment.
4.4	Is the information to select the proper calibration for the vehicle available?	Yes.	Usually in a TSB.
4.5	Is the vehicle calibration available?	Yes.	
4.6	Have you performed reprogramming services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	No.	Had to send to dealer because of the OE specific scanner/tool necessary.

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.7	If applicable, were you able to perform a successful update/reprogram?		
Reinitialization (This refers to the ability to restart a vehicle after the completion of an emissions-related repair.)			
4.8	Does this OEM require initialization or reinitialization when the ECU is replaced? If no, skip to Segment 5. For the purposes of this audit, initialization or reinitialization refers to the need to reset a vehicle's security systems by means of an ignition key or access code to allow a vehicle to be restarted after the completion of emissions-related repairs.	Yes.	Immobilizer functions are strictly proprietary.
4.9	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reinitialization?	Yes.	While information was available, the necessary tooling was unavailable.
4.10	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reinitialization?	Yes.	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.11	Have you performed reinitialization services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	No.	
Answer the following two questions, 4.12 and 4.13, only if you are performing an audit of the Honda/Acura, VW/Audi, Mitsubishi, Chrysler, and Land Rover websites.			
4.12	EPA regulations allow for OEMs to offer an alternative method of reinitialization with prior approval. These companies have received approval to lease their OEM-specific scan tool to the aftermarket to perform this service. Are you able to find information about alternate methods and links to the source of that method?	No.	
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?	No.	
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?		

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.13b	If not, please explain in the "Notes" column.		
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about reprogramming and reinitialization information.</p>			
<p>Segment 5: Structure and Cost of OEM Websites EPA regulations require that OEM websites be available for short-term, mid-term and long-term access for set fees. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into how the OEMs have structured their sites and the fees associated with accessing these sites.</p> <p>For Questions 5.1 to 5.6, enter a Yes or No response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. For the remaining Questions 5.7 to 5.12 select the best answer from the list provided. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).</p>			

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.1	Does the website have short-term, mid-term, and long-term access to service information?	Yes.	
5.2	Were you able to access the entire site?	Yes.	
5.2a	Please identify areas that you could not access for the initial fee (such as reprogramming information) in the "Notes" column.		
5.3	Although downloading information is not explicitly required by EPA regulations, did the website allow you to save and store any information to your computer?	Yes.	This was a pleasant surprise.

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.3a	If so, please identify the information or documents that were downloadable in the "Notes" column.	Yes	Everything on their site is in PDF format and easily accessed, saved, and retrieved.
5.4	Were you able to print the information from the website?	Yes.	
5.5	Audi, Porsche, and Volkswagen websites require the purchase of individual documents to access repair information. For the purposes of this evaluation, how many individual documents would you have had to purchase to acquire all of the information you needed to perform the repair?	N/A	
5.5a	What would have been the total cost of those documents? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	N/A	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.5b	What emissions repair were you trying to do? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	N/A	
5.5c	Some manufacturer websites require the purchase of individual documents for downloading before they can be fully viewed. In some cases, only the table of contents is available for viewing before the purchase is made. Did you purchase documents that did not contain the information you were seeking? If yes, then please identify the document and the cost of that document in the "Notes" column.	N/A	
5.6	Have you purchased service information, training materials, TSBs, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. from the website?	N/A	
5.6a	If so, indicate in the "Notes" column the number and description of materials purchased.	N/A	

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Question Number	Question	Response (select from the list or insert NA)	Notes
5.7	<p>Does your shop specialize in vehicle repairs from specific OEMs?</p> <p>1. Asian</p> <p>2. European</p> <p>3. Domestic</p> <p>4. We specialize in vehicles from a single OEM, _____. Please list that OEM.</p> <p>5. We service vehicles from all OEMs and do not specialize in any specific OEMs or group of OEMs.</p>	5	
5.8	<p>What is your primary source for electronic service information?</p> <p>1. Aftermarket (e.g., ALLDATA, Mitchell1, etc.)</p> <p>2. OEM Websites</p> <p>3. Other, please list in the "Notes" column.</p>	1	
5.9	<p>How much do you spend for an annual subscription to your primary source listed above?</p> <p>1. \$0 - \$500</p> <p>2. \$500 - \$1,000</p> <p>3. \$1,000 - \$2,000</p> <p>4. Over \$2,000</p>	4	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
If you use an aftermarket service provider as your primary source of service information, please respond to Questions 5.10 to 5.12.			
5.10	<p>What is the primary reason for selecting the primary source listed in question 5.8?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completeness for the brands I service 2. Experience/Familiarity with the product 3. Available off-line 4. Common organization of information for all manufacturers 5. Price 6. Other, please list in the "Notes" column. 	6	<p>“Bang for buck” would have to be the primary reason for subscribing to MOD and Alldata. We have both of those services and can accomplish most of what we need to get done.</p> <p>Familiarity with the formats also plays a part in this decision.</p>
5.11	<p>Approximately how many times do you access an OEM website?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Never 2. 1 to 5 times monthly 3. 5 to 10 times monthly 4. 10 to 20 times monthly 5. Over 20 times monthly 	4	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.1	Does the website contain information describing how to use the website? Possible sources of such information could be tutorials, "help" links, or lists of "frequently asked questions" (FAQ).	Yes.	While Nissan provides “guidance” regarding the use of their web site, as is the case with the rest of the features of their site, it’s extremely non-intuitive.
6.1a	If so, is the information relevant, useful, and readily accessible? Please identify where the information is located in the "Notes" column.	Yes	It is located in the “Help” menu item on the tool bar.
6.2	The "contact us" link is required to allow users to report problems, omissions or errors with the website, not to assist in vehicle trouble shooting or technical assistance. Does the website provide a "contact us" link for questions and/or reporting of problems, omissions or errors?	Yes	It’s found at the bottom of every page and is called “support”.
6.2a	Have you attempted to use the "contact us" link?	No	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.2b	Have you received the desired information or answer to your question within 48 hours?	NA	
6.3	Is training information available on the website?	Yes	
6.3a	Are lists and sources (contacts or ordering information) identified for training information which is not Internet capable?	Yes	
6.4	Is information available on the website listing available factory tools and ordering information?	Yes	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.5	Did you attempt to find information which was unavailable on the website?	No	
6.5a	If so, please identify in the "Notes" column what information you were seeking, how you conducted your search, and results (or lack thereof) you experienced.	NA	
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	No	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about the website or suggestions for improvement.

While I feel the site to be unnecessarily clumsy and non-intuitive, it seemed complete.

OEM Audit Questionnaire

Name	Nissan_Auditor 5
OEM Website Audited	Nissan
Date Audit Completed	3.09.06
Browser and Version Used	
Operating System and Version Used	windows xp

General Instructions

This questionnaire was designed by the OEM Website Audit Steering Committee in order to seek an assessment of the data elements and information that OEMs are required to include on their websites with respect to OBD systems and emission-related repairs.

The questions have been organized into six separate segments, and each one is preceded by introductory text that explains the intent of the questions within that segment. Prior to providing your responses for the questions within a particular segment, please read the instructions specific to that segment.

Please answer the questions in each segment to the best of your ability with complete and accurate information. Note that the type of response requested varies depending on the segment and question. For Segments 1 through 5 (questions 5.1 to 5.6) and Segment 6, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. Also, for Segment 1, answer the questions in an additional "Response" column by inserting a ranking between 1 (poor) and 5 (excellent).

For the remaining questions in Segment 5, (questions 5.7 to 5.12) select the best answer from the list provided. For all questions in Segments 1 through 6, you may use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

You have been requested to provide your browser and operating system above since this may be helpful to the Steering Committee in evaluating the audit results in the context of potential problems associated with the incompatibility of certain browsers or operating systems. In order to reduce the likelihood that problems encountered during your audit of the OEM website are due to your browser, the Steering Committee recommends that Internet Explorer be used when evaluating the OEM website.

The public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. To comment on this collection contact the Director, Collection Strategies Division (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence. Do not send the completed survey to this address.

Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire

Segment 1: Ease of Use, Accessibility, and Website Navigation

EPA regulations require that OEMs launch websites that meet certain use and accessibility and navigation requirements. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into your experiences with searching, navigating, and accessing the information that you need.

For Segment 1 enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. Also, for Segment 1, answer the questions in an additional "Response" column by inserting a ranking between 1 (poor) and 5 (excellent). You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Response (1-5 ranking, or NA)	Notes
1.1	Does the website provide users with a description of the minimum computer hardware and software needed by the user to access that OEM's information (e.g., computer processor speed and operating system software)? This description or a link to it should appear when users first log on to the home page of the OEM's website.	NA	NA	
1.2	Did the website allow you to search the OEM website by various topics including but not limited to model, model year, key words or phrases, etc.?	No	1	the only thing I could view was technical service bulletins
1.3	Did the website provide accessibility using common, readily available software and shall not require the use of proprietary software, hardware, viewers, or browsers?	No	1	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Response (1-5 ranking, or NA)	Notes
1.3a	Did the OEM website provide hyperlinks to any plug-ins, viewers or browsers (e.g., Adobe Acrobat or Netscape) needed to access the OEM website?	No	1	
1.4	Did you have any difficulty connecting to the website?	No	3	
1.5	Were you able to navigate the website without returning to the OEM service information home page or a search engine in order to access a different portion of the site?	Yes	3	
1.6	If you were a first time user, does the website involve a waiting period for registration to receive a password, PIN code, or some other approval (such as PayPal)?	No	2	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about ease of use, accessibility, and website navigation.

Segment 2: OBD System Monitors

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available information on OBD system monitors such as diagnostic trouble codes and enable criteria. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into the availability of this information on the sites.

For Segment 2, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.1	Are there descriptions of all the OBD monitors and their operation?	No	could not find info

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.1a	Did any of these monitor descriptions lack sufficient information? If so, please explain in the "Notes" column.	NA	
2.2	Were you able to find a description of all parameters (strategies) being monitored? Parameters can refer either to PID descriptions or the general monitoring strategies of the ECU.	No	
2.3	Was there a list of Diagnostic Trouble Codes relating to these monitors?	NA	
2.3a	Did you find the list sufficient to assist in the diagnosis and/or repair of the vehicle? If your answer is "No" please explain in the "Notes" column.	No	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.4	Were you able to determine the enable criteria for each monitor?	No	
2.5	Are the sequence, execution frequency, and duration of the monitor explained?	NA	
2.6	Were you able to find the malfunction thresholds for the monitor?	NA	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD System Monitors.

Segment 3: OBD Repair

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available basic service and repair information such as service manuals and TSBs. Some of the questions in this segment are intended to provide insight into the availability of standard service information.

In addition, EPA regulations require that OEMs make available information related to the functioning of the OBD system itself such as "mode 6 data" and multiplexing. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into the availability of this information on the sites.

For Segment 3, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.1	Does the website provide information necessary to interpret "mode 6" data available in generic scan tool modes?	No	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.1a	If so, was this information useful? Please use the "Notes" column to identify why or why not.	<input type="text"/>	
3.2	Does the website provide sufficient diagnostic and repair information for any and all DTCs encountered?	No	
3.3	Are descriptions of OEM-specific DTCs (i.e., P1XXX codes) available?	NA	
3.4	Are technical service bulletins readily available?	Yes	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.5	Are trouble shooting guides or trouble shooting information available? For example, code charts, diagnostic and repair information, or fault finding logic.	<input data-bbox="898 370 1045 418" type="text" value="Yes"/>	
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD Repair.</p> <p>I could not access any info other than technical service bulletins, or if I wanted to buy a service manual</p>			

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Segment 4: Reprogramming and Reinitialization Information

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available advanced repair and diagnostic capabilities such as reprogramming (installing new or updated software during replacement of programmable modules such as PCMs or updating software or parameters within the software of in-service programmable modules) and reinitialization (reinitialization within the regulation would relate to units such as instrument panels, body control units, anti-theft immobilizers, etc. which would directly affect the ability of the vehicle to start/run within the original design parameters). Questions in this segment are intended to provide insight into the availability of the information, equipment, and tools needed to perform these services.

For Segment 4, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Reprogramming (This is also referred to as "Flashing" or software update.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.1	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reprogramming?	No	
4.2	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reprogramming?	No	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.3	If reprogramming is performed using a J2534 device was the software available to communicate between the device and the PC?	NA	
4.4	Is the information to select the proper calibration for the vehicle available?	Yes	in technical service bulletins
4.5	Is the vehicle calibration available?	NA	
4.6	Have you performed reprogramming services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	No	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.7	If applicable, were you able to perform a successful update/reprogram?	NA	
Reinitialization (This refers to the ability to restart a vehicle after the completion of an emissions-related repair.)			
4.8	Does this OEM require initialization or reinitialization when the ECU is replaced? If no, skip to Segment 5. For the purposes of this audit, initialization or reinitialization refers to the need to reset a vehicle's security systems by means of an ignition key or access code to allow a vehicle to be restarted after the completion of emissions-related repairs.	NA	
4.9	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reinitialization?	No	
4.10	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reinitialization?	No	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.11	Have you performed reinitialization services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	No	
Answer the following two questions, 4.12 and 4.13, only if you are performing an audit of the Honda/Acura, VW/Audi, Mitsubishi, Chrysler, and Land Rover websites.			
4.12	EPA regulations allow for OEMs to offer an alternative method of reinitialization with prior approval. These companies have received approval to lease their OEM-specific scan tool to the aftermarket to perform this service. Are you able to find information about alternate methods and links to the source of that method?	No	
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?	No	
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.13b	If not, please explain in the "Notes" column.	<input data-bbox="898 363 1045 415" type="text"/>	
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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.1	Does the website have short-term, mid-term, and long-term access to service information?	NA	
5.2	Were you able to access the entire site?	No	technical service bulletins only
5.2a	Please identify areas that you could not access for the initial fee (such as reprogramming information) in the "Notes" column.	NA	
5.3	Although downloading information is not explicitly required by EPA regulations, did the website allow you to save and store any information to your computer?	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.3a	If so, please identify the information or documents that were downloadable in the "Notes" column.	NA	
5.4	Were you able to print the information from the website?	Yes	
5.5	Audi, Porsche, and Volkswagen websites require the purchase of individual documents to access repair information. For the purposes of this evaluation, how many individual documents would you have had to purchase to acquire all of the information you needed to perform the repair?	No	
5.5a	What would have been the total cost of those documents? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.5b	What emissions repair were you trying to do? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NA	
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5.6	Have you purchased service information, training materials, TSBs, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. from the website?	No	
5.6a	If so, indicate in the "Notes" column the number and description of materials purchased.	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (select from the list or insert NA)	Notes
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5.8	<p>What is your primary source for electronic service information?</p> <p>1. Aftermarket (e.g., ALLDATA, Mitchell1, etc.)</p> <p>2. OEM Websites</p> <p>3. Other, please list in the "Notes" column.</p>	<input type="text" value="Aftermarket"/>	
5.9	<p>How much do you spend for an annual subscription to your primary source listed above?</p> <p>1. \$0 - \$500</p> <p>2. \$500 - \$1,000</p> <p>3. \$1,000 - \$2,000</p> <p>4. Over \$2,000</p>	<input type="text" value="over \$2,000"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.1	Does the website contain information describing how to use the website? Possible sources of such information could be tutorials, "help" links, or lists of "frequently asked questions" (FAQ).	NA	
6.1a	If so, is the information relevant, useful, and readily accessible? Please identify where the information is located in the "Notes" column.	NA	
6.2	The "contact us" link is required to allow users to report problems, omissions or errors with the website, not to assist in vehicle trouble shooting or technical assistance. Does the website provide a "contact us" link for questions and/or reporting of problems, omissions or errors?	Yes	
6.2a	Have you attempted to use the "contact us" link?	NA	

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6.2b	Have you received the desired information or answer to your question within 48 hours?	NA	
6.3	Is training information available on the website?	No	
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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.5	Did you attempt to find information which was unavailable on the website?	Yes	
6.5a	If so, please identify in the "Notes" column what information you were seeking, how you conducted your search, and results (or lack thereof) you experienced.	NA	
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	No	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about the website or suggestions for improvement.

Very frustrated in trying to get info from website, disappointed in program

Submit by Email

Print Form

OEM Audit Questionnaire

Name	Nissan_Auditor 6
OEM Website Audited	NISSAN
Date Audit Completed	Mar 7, 2006
Browser and Version Used	SBC YAHOO
Operating System and Version Used	XP HOME SP2

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Response (1-5 ranking, or NA)	Notes
1.1	Does the website provide users with a description of the minimum computer hardware and software needed by the user to access that OEM's information (e.g., computer processor speed and operating system software)? This description or a link to it should appear when users first log on to the home page of the OEM's website.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	
1.2	Did the website allow you to search the OEM website by various topics including but not limited to model, model year, key words or phrases, etc.?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	
1.3	Did the website provide accessibility using common, readily available software and shall not require the use of proprietary software, hardware, viewers, or browsers?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Response (1-5 ranking, or NA)	Notes
1.3a	Did the OEM website provide hyperlinks to any plug-ins, viewers or browsers (e.g., Adobe Acrobat or Netscape) needed to access the OEM website?	Yes	3	
1.4	Did you have any difficulty connecting to the website?	No	5	
1.5	Were you able to navigate the website without returning to the OEM service information home page or a search engine in order to access a different portion of the site?	No	2	
1.6	If you were a first time user, does the website involve a waiting period for registration to receive a password, PIN code, or some other approval (such as PayPal)?	No	5	WORKED VERY QUICKLY

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about ease of use, accessibility, and website navigation.

Segment 2: OBD System Monitors

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.1	Are there descriptions of all the OBD monitors and their operation?	Yes	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.1a	Did any of these monitor descriptions lack sufficient information? If so, please explain in the "Notes" column.	Yes	ALL I FOUND WAS A CHART IN GENERIC SCAN TOOL MODE 6 TESTR VALUE TEST LIMIT CHART
2.2	Were you able to find a description of all parameters (strategies) being monitored? Parameters can refer either to PID descriptions or the general monitoring strategies of the ECU.	No	
2.3	Was there a list of Diagnostic Trouble Codes relating to these monitors?	Yes	
2.3a	Did you find the list sufficient to assist in the diagnosis and/or repair of the vehicle? If your answer is "No" please explain in the "Notes" column.	No	MIGHT BE BUT CHART SEEMS VERY GENERAL

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.4	Were you able to determine the enable criteria for each monitor?	No	
2.5	Are the sequence, execution frequency, and duration of the monitor explained?	No	
2.6	Were you able to find the malfunction thresholds for the monitor?	Yes	

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Segment 3: OBD Repair

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.1	Does the website provide information necessary to interpret "mode 6" data available in generic scan tool modes?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.1a	If so, was this information useful? Please use the "Notes" column to identify why or why not.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
3.2	Does the website provide sufficient diagnostic and repair information for any and all DTCs encountered?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	SEEMS THROUGH
3.3	Are descriptions of OEM-specific DTCs (i.e., P1XXX codes) available?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
3.4	Are technical service bulletins readily available?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.5	Are trouble shooting guides or trouble shooting information available? For example, code charts, diagnostic and repair information, or fault finding logic.	<input data-bbox="898 370 1045 418" type="text" value="Yes"/>	
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD Repair.</p>			

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Segment 4: Reprogramming and Reinitialization Information

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Reprogramming (This is also referred to as "Flashing" or software update.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.1	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reprogramming?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
4.2	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reprogramming?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.3	If reprogramming is performed using a J2534 device was the software available to communicate between the device and the PC?	Yes	
4.4	Is the information to select the proper calibration for the vehicle available?	NA	
4.5	Is the vehicle calibration available?	NA	
4.6	Have you performed reprogramming services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	No	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.7	If applicable, were you able to perform a successful update/reprogram?	NA	
Reinitialization (This refers to the ability to restart a vehicle after the completion of an emissions-related repair.)			
4.8	Does this OEM require initialization or reinitialization when the ECU is replaced? If no, skip to Segment 5. For the purposes of this audit, initialization or reinitialization refers to the need to reset a vehicle's security systems by means of an ignition key or access code to allow a vehicle to be restarted after the completion of emissions-related repairs.	NA	
4.9	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reinitialization?	NA	
4.10	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reinitialization?	NA	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.11	Have you performed reinitialization services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	No	
Answer the following two questions, 4.12 and 4.13, only if you are performing an audit of the Honda/Acura, VW/Audi, Mitsubishi, Chrysler, and Land Rover websites.			
4.12	EPA regulations allow for OEMs to offer an alternative method of reinitialization with prior approval. These companies have received approval to lease their OEM-specific scan tool to the aftermarket to perform this service. Are you able to find information about alternate methods and links to the source of that method?	NA	
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?	No	
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.1	Does the website have short-term, mid-term, and long-term access to service information?	Yes	
5.2	Were you able to access the entire site?	No	REPROGRAMING APPEARED TO BE EXTRA CHARGE ? WAS NOT APP TO ME ANY WAY
5.2a	Please identify areas that you could not access for the initial fee (such as reprogramming information) in the "Notes" column.		REPROGRAMING
5.3	Although downloading information is not explicitly required by EPA regulations, did the website allow you to save and store any information to your computer?	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.3a	If so, please identify the information or documents that were downloadable in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text"/>	
5.4	Were you able to print the information from the website?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	PRINTED TSB VERY GOOD COMPARED TO ALLDATA OE SAME DOCUMET MUCH MORE DETAILED
5.5	Audi, Porsche, and Volkswagen websites require the purchase of individual documents to access repair information. For the purposes of this evaluation, how many individual documents would you have had to purchase to acquire all of the information you needed to perform the repair?	<input type="text" value="NA"/>	
5.5a	What would have been the total cost of those documents? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="NA"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.5b	What emissions repair were you trying to do? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	PO171 LEAN CODE
5.5c	Some manufacturer websites require the purchase of individual documents for downloading before they can be fully viewed. In some cases, only the table of contents is available for viewing before the purchase is made. Did you purchase documents that did not contain the information you were seeking? If yes, then please identify the document and the cost of that document in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="No"/>	
5.6	Have you purchased service information, training materials, TSBs, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. from the website?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	
5.6a	If so, indicate in the "Notes" column the number and description of materials purchased.	<input type="text" value="NA"/>	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (select from the list or insert NA)	Notes
5.7	<p>Does your shop specialize in vehicle repairs from specific OEMs?</p> <p>1. Asian</p> <p>2. European</p> <p>3. Domestic</p> <p>4. We specialize in vehicles from a single OEM, _____ . Please list that OEM.</p> <p>5. We service vehicles from all OEMs and do not specialize in any specific OEMs or group of OEMs.</p>	<input type="text" value="5 All"/>	
5.8	<p>What is your primary source for electronic service information?</p> <p>1. Aftermarket (e.g., ALLDATA, Mitchell1, etc.)</p> <p>2. OEM Websites</p> <p>3. Other, please list in the "Notes" column.</p>	<input type="text" value="Aftermarket"/>	
5.9	<p>How much do you spend for an annual subscription to your primary source listed above?</p> <p>1. \$0 - \$500</p> <p>2. \$500 - \$1,000</p> <p>3. \$1,000 - \$2,000</p> <p>4. Over \$2,000</p>	<input type="text" value="\$1,000 - \$2,000"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
If you use an aftermarket service provider as your primary source of service information, please respond to Questions 5.10 to 5.12.			
5.10	<p>What is the primary reason for selecting the primary source listed in question 5.8?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completeness for the brands I service 2. Experience/Familiarity with the product 3. Available off-line 4. Common organization of information for all manufacturers 5. Price 6. Other, please list in the "Notes" column. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1 Completeness</div>	
5.11	<p>Approximately how many times do you access an OEM website?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Never 2. 1 to 5 times monthly 3. 5 to 10 times monthly 4. 10 to 20 times monthly 5. Over 20 times monthly 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1 to 5</div>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.1	Does the website contain information describing how to use the website? Possible sources of such information could be tutorials, "help" links, or lists of "frequently asked questions" (FAQ).	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
6.1a	If so, is the information relevant, useful, and readily accessible? Please identify where the information is located in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
6.2	The "contact us" link is required to allow users to report problems, omissions or errors with the website, not to assist in vehicle trouble shooting or technical assistance. Does the website provide a "contact us" link for questions and/or reporting of problems, omissions or errors?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
6.2a	Have you attempted to use the "contact us" link?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.2b	Have you received the desired information or answer to your question within 48 hours?	NA	
6.3	Is training information available on the website?	Yes	
6.3a	Are lists and sources (contacts or ordering information) identified for training information which is not Internet capable?	NA	
6.4	Is information available on the website listing available factory tools and ordering information?	Yes	

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6.5	Did you attempt to find information which was unavailable on the website?	No	
6.5a	If so, please identify in the "Notes" column what information you were seeking, how you conducted your search, and results (or lack thereof) you experienced.	NA	
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NA	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about the website or suggestions for improvement.

THANK YOU FOR THE CHANCE TO AUDIT THIS WEB SITE ALTHOUGH IN THIS TIME I SAW LIMITED NISSAN CARS TO SERVICE, AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT I HOPE MY INFO IS USEFUL PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE I CAN DO THANKS AGAIN

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OEM Audit Questionnaire

Name	Nissan_Auditor 7
OEM Website Audited	Nissan
Date Audit Completed	Mar 10, 2006
Browser and Version Used	Internet Explorer Ver 6.0 (SP2)
Operating System and Version Used	Windows XP Professional

General Instructions

This questionnaire was designed by the OEM Website Audit Steering Committee in order to seek an assessment of the data elements and information that OEMs are required to include on their websites with respect to OBD systems and emission-related repairs.

The questions have been organized into six separate segments, and each one is preceded by introductory text that explains the intent of the questions within that segment. Prior to providing your responses for the questions within a particular segment, please read the instructions specific to that segment.

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1.2	Did the website allow you to search the OEM website by various topics including but not limited to model, model year, key words or phrases, etc.?	Yes	4	
1.3	Did the website provide accessibility using common, readily available software and shall not require the use of proprietary software, hardware, viewers, or browsers?	Yes	4	

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1.3a	Did the OEM website provide hyperlinks to any plug-ins, viewers or browsers (e.g., Adobe Acrobat or Netscape) needed to access the OEM website?	Yes	4	
1.4	Did you have any difficulty connecting to the website?	No	4	
1.5	Were you able to navigate the website without returning to the OEM service information home page or a search engine in order to access a different portion of the site?	Yes	4	
1.6	If you were a first time user, does the website involve a waiting period for registration to receive a password, PIN code, or some other approval (such as PayPal)?	NA	NA	Was not able to access any information other than service bulletins. Anything else needed to be paid for.

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about ease of use, accessibility, and website navigation.

Was not able to access any information without paying for it. Segment 2, 3 & 4 are not applicable due to not being able to access any information without paying for it.

Segment 2: OBD System Monitors

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.1	Are there descriptions of all the OBD monitors and their operation?	<input data-bbox="898 1062 1045 1114" type="text"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.1a	Did any of these monitor descriptions lack sufficient information? If so, please explain in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text"/>	
2.2	Were you able to find a description of all parameters (strategies) being monitored? Parameters can refer either to PID descriptions or the general monitoring strategies of the ECU.	<input type="text"/>	
2.3	Was there a list of Diagnostic Trouble Codes relating to these monitors?	<input type="text"/>	
2.3a	Did you find the list sufficient to assist in the diagnosis and/or repair of the vehicle? If your answer is "No" please explain in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text"/>	

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Draft OEM Audit Questionnaire (cont.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.4	Were you able to determine the enable criteria for each monitor?	<input type="text"/>	
2.5	Are the sequence, execution frequency, and duration of the monitor explained?	<input type="text"/>	
2.6	Were you able to find the malfunction thresholds for the monitor?	<input type="text"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.1	Does the website provide information necessary to interpret "mode 6" data available in generic scan tool modes?	<input data-bbox="900 1166 1047 1214" type="text"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.1a	If so, was this information useful? Please use the "Notes" column to identify why or why not.	<input type="text"/>	
3.2	Does the website provide sufficient diagnostic and repair information for any and all DTCs encountered?	<input type="text"/>	
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Segment 4: Reprogramming and Reinitialization Information

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Reprogramming (This is also referred to as "Flashing" or software update.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.1	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reprogramming?	<input type="text"/>	
4.2	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reprogramming?	<input type="text"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.3	If reprogramming is performed using a J2534 device was the software available to communicate between the device and the PC?	<input type="text"/>	
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4.5	Is the vehicle calibration available?	<input type="text"/>	
4.6	Have you performed reprogramming services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	<input type="text"/>	

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4.7	If applicable, were you able to perform a successful update/reprogram?	<input type="text"/>	
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4.11	Have you performed reinitialization services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	<input type="text"/>	
Answer the following two questions, 4.12 and 4.13, only if you are performing an audit of the Honda/Acura, VW/Audi, Mitsubishi, Chrysler, and Land Rover websites.			
4.12	EPA regulations allow for OEMs to offer an alternative method of reinitialization with prior approval. These companies have received approval to lease their OEM-specific scan tool to the aftermarket to perform this service. Are you able to find information about alternate methods and links to the source of that method?	<input type="text"/>	
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?	<input type="text"/>	
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?	<input type="text"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.13b	If not, please explain in the "Notes" column.	<input data-bbox="898 363 1045 415" type="text"/>	
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about reprogramming and reinitialization information.</p>			
<p>Segment 5: Structure and Cost of OEM Websites EPA regulations require that OEM websites be available for short-term, mid-term and long-term access for set fees. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into how the OEMs have structured their sites and the fees associated with accessing these sites.</p> <p>For Questions 5.1 to 5.6, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. For the remaining Questions 5.7 to 5.12 select the best answer from the list provided. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).</p>			

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.1	Does the website have short-term, mid-term, and long-term access to service information?	Yes	
5.2	Were you able to access the entire site?	NA	
5.2a	Please identify areas that you could not access for the initial fee (such as reprogramming information) in the "Notes" column.	NA	
5.3	Although downloading information is not explicitly required by EPA regulations, did the website allow you to save and store any information to your computer?	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.3a	If so, please identify the information or documents that were downloadable in the "Notes" column.	NA	
5.4	Were you able to print the information from the website?	NA	
5.5	Audi, Porsche, and Volkswagen websites require the purchase of individual documents to access repair information. For the purposes of this evaluation, how many individual documents would you have had to purchase to acquire all of the information you needed to perform the repair?	NA	
5.5a	What would have been the total cost of those documents? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.5b	What emissions repair were you trying to do? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NA	
5.5c	Some manufacturer websites require the purchase of individual documents for downloading before they can be fully viewed. In some cases, only the table of contents is available for viewing before the purchase is made. Did you purchase documents that did not contain the information you were seeking? If yes, then please identify the document and the cost of that document in the "Notes" column.	NA	
5.6	Have you purchased service information, training materials, TSBs, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. from the website?	No	
5.6a	If so, indicate in the "Notes" column the number and description of materials purchased.	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (select from the list or insert NA)	Notes
5.7	<p>Does your shop specialize in vehicle repairs from specific OEMs?</p> <p>1. Asian</p> <p>2. European</p> <p>3. Domestic</p> <p>4. We specialize in vehicles from a single OEM, _____ . Please list that OEM.</p> <p>5. We service vehicles from all OEMs and do not specialize in any specific OEMs or group of OEMs.</p>	<input type="text" value="5 All"/>	
5.8	<p>What is your primary source for electronic service information?</p> <p>1. Aftermarket (e.g., ALLDATA, Mitchell1, etc.)</p> <p>2. OEM Websites</p> <p>3. Other, please list in the "Notes" column.</p>	<input type="text" value="Aftermarket"/>	
5.9	<p>How much do you spend for an annual subscription to your primary source listed above?</p> <p>1. \$0 - \$500</p> <p>2. \$500 - \$1,000</p> <p>3. \$1,000 - \$2,000</p> <p>4. Over \$2,000</p>	<input type="text" value="over \$2,000"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
If you use an aftermarket service provider as your primary source of service information, please respond to Questions 5.10 to 5.12.			
5.10	<p>What is the primary reason for selecting the primary source listed in question 5.8?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completeness for the brands I service 2. Experience/Familiarity with the product 3. Available off-line 4. Common organization of information for all manufacturers 5. Price 6. Other, please list in the "Notes" column. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1 Completeness</div>	
5.11	<p>Approximately how many times do you access an OEM website?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Never 2. 1 to 5 times monthly 3. 5 to 10 times monthly 4. 10 to 20 times monthly 5. Over 20 times monthly 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1 to 5</div>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.12	<p>Do you typically subscribe to OEM websites? If so, please select the type of subscription from the list that you usually purchase.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 24 - 72 hour subscription 2. Monthly subscription 3. Annual subscription 	<input data-bbox="900 363 1047 412" type="text"/>	
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about the structure and cost of OEM websites.</p>			
<p>Segment 6: General Information and Comments The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into the OEM websites.</p>			

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.1	Does the website contain information describing how to use the website? Possible sources of such information could be tutorials, "help" links, or lists of "frequently asked questions" (FAQ).	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
6.1a	If so, is the information relevant, useful, and readily accessible? Please identify where the information is located in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	There is a help pull down menu on the main page
6.2	The "contact us" link is required to allow users to report problems, omissions or errors with the website, not to assist in vehicle trouble shooting or technical assistance. Does the website provide a "contact us" link for questions and/or reporting of problems, omissions or errors?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
6.2a	Have you attempted to use the "contact us" link?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.2b	Have you received the desired information or answer to your question within 48 hours?	NA	
6.3	Is training information available on the website?	Yes	
6.3a	Are lists and sources (contacts or ordering information) identified for training information which is not Internet capable?	Yes	
6.4	Is information available on the website listing available factory tools and ordering information?	Yes	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.5	Did you attempt to find information which was unavailable on the website?	<input data-bbox="898 326 1045 375" type="text" value="NA"/>	
6.5a	If so, please identify in the "Notes" column what information you were seeking, how you conducted your search, and results (or lack thereof) you experienced.	<input data-bbox="898 558 1045 607" type="text"/>	
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	<input data-bbox="898 790 1045 839" type="text"/>	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about the website or suggestions for improvement.

I was disappointed in that I could not access any good information with the log in and password provided for this purpose. To access any repair information Nissan wanted me to provide a credit card number to charge. This site is fairly expensive.

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OEM Audit Questionnaire

Name	Nissan_Auditor 8
OEM Website Audited	Nissan
Date Audit Completed	3/16/2006
Browser and Version Used	Netscape 8.1
Operating System and Version Used	Windows XP Pro

General Instructions

This questionnaire was designed by the OEM Website Audit Steering Committee in order to seek an assessment of the data elements and information that OEMs are required to include on their websites with respect to OBD systems and emission-related repairs.

The questions have been organized into six separate segments, and each one is preceded by introductory text that explains the intent of the questions within that segment. Prior to providing your responses for the questions within a particular segment, please read the instructions specific to that segment.

Please answer the questions in each segment to the best of your ability with complete and accurate information. Note that the type of response requested varies depending on the segment and question. For Segments 1 through 5 (questions 5.1 to 5.6) and Segment 6, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. Also, for Segment 1, answer the questions in an additional "Response" column by inserting a ranking between 1 (poor) and 5 (excellent).

For the remaining questions in Segment 5, (questions 5.7 to 5.12) select the best answer from the list provided. For all questions in Segments 1 through 6, you may use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

You have been requested to provide your browser and operating system above since this may be helpful to the Steering Committee in evaluating the audit results in the context of potential problems associated with the incompatibility of certain browsers or operating systems. In order to reduce the likelihood that problems encountered during your audit of the OEM website are due to your browser, the Steering Committee recommends that Internet Explorer be used when evaluating the OEM website.

The public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. To comment on this collection contact the Director, Collection Strategies Division (2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence. Do not send the completed survey to this address.

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Segment 1: Ease of Use, Accessibility, and Website Navigation

EPA regulations require that OEMs launch websites that meet certain use and accessibility and navigation requirements. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into your experiences with searching, navigating, and accessing the information that you need.

For Segment 1 enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. Also, for Segment 1, answer the questions in an additional "Response" column by inserting a ranking between 1 (poor) and 5 (excellent). You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Response (1-5 ranking, or NA)	Notes
1.1	Does the website provide users with a description of the minimum computer hardware and software needed by the user to access that OEM's information (e.g., computer processor speed and operating system software)? This description or a link to it should appear when users first log on to the home page of the OEM's website.	Yes	3	Yes, but not on the log in page. Must pull down from Main Help drop down list
1.2	Did the website allow you to search the OEM website by various topics including but not limited to model, model year, key words or phrases, etc.?	No	4	Service Manual search is not available for many common years and makes. Whether using Netscape or Explorer Service Manual Searches were extremely slow and often timed out before information was available. Keyword search appears in the search dialogue but does not work at all for Service Manuals. Always returns "No Information Found"
1.3	Did the website provide accessibility using common, readily available software and shall not require the use of proprietary software, hardware, viewers, or browsers?	Yes	3	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Response (1-5 ranking, or NA)	Notes
1.3a	Did the OEM website provide hyperlinks to any plug-ins, viewers or browsers (e.g., Adobe Acrobat or Netscape) needed to access the OEM website?	Yes	2	Adobe
1.4	Did you have any difficulty connecting to the website?	No	2	But speed of data transfer was unacceptably slow.
1.5	Were you able to navigate the website without returning to the OEM service information home page or a search engine in order to access a different portion of the site?	Yes	3	Searches open up a separate window that must be closed again to use the main search page options.
1.6	If you were a first time user, does the website involve a waiting period for registration to receive a password, PIN code, or some other approval (such as PayPal)?	NA		Have only used EPA Subscription

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about ease of use, accessibility, and website navigation.

Site is rather awkward to navigate. Dropdown box for catalogues on main page leads one to think that all options are contained therein. To get into most online viewable content you must click on the much less obvious "Search for Publications" line under the dropdown without even being able to tell it is a hypelink.

Searches show result of "Not Available" or "Not Online Viewable" after a few minutes of inactivity, instead of a prompt to login again. This can cause a great deal of confusion and frustration if the user thinks the information is unavailable after paying for a subscription.

Searches frequently hang with no download progress rather than giving an error message when the content is not available.

Keyword search function for service manuals does not seem to work.

Segment 2: OBD System Monitors

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available information on OBD system monitors such as diagnostic trouble codes and enable criteria. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into the availability of this information on the sites.

For Segment 2, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.1	Are there descriptions of all the OBD monitors and their operation?	No	Since Service Manuals are not searchable by Keyword, OBD Monitor info can only be accessed by selecting an individual applications service manual and looking through the individual DTC descriptions rather than an organized view of the monitors themselves.

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.1a	Did any of these monitor descriptions lack sufficient information? If so, please explain in the "Notes" column.	Yes	Was not able to locate specific monitor information except as related to individual DTCs and use of scan tools.
2.2	Were you able to find a description of all parameters (strategies) being monitored? Parameters can refer either to PID descriptions or the general monitoring strategies of the ECU.	No	
2.3	Was there a list of Diagnostic Trouble Codes relating to these monitors?	Yes	
2.3a	Did you find the list sufficient to assist in the diagnosis and/or repair of the vehicle? If your answer is "No" please explain in the "Notes" column.	Yes	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
2.4	Were you able to determine the enable criteria for each monitor?	<input data-bbox="898 370 1045 418" type="text" value="No"/>	Could not locate comprehensive descriptions of individual monitors.
2.5	Are the sequence, execution frequency, and duration of the monitor explained?	<input data-bbox="898 605 1045 654" type="text" value="No"/>	
2.6	Were you able to find the malfunction thresholds for the monitor?	<input data-bbox="898 841 1045 889" type="text" value="No"/>	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD System Monitors.

There appears to be a general lack of Monitor specific information in the Service Manuals. Detailed description of factory scan tool and generic scan tool use is available but should not be considered an adequate surrogate for monitor operation itself.

Segment 3: OBD Repair

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available basic service and repair information such as service manuals and TSBs. Some of the questions in this segment are intended to provide insight into the availability of standard service information.

In addition, EPA regulations require that OEMs make available information related to the functioning of the OBD system itself such as "mode 6 data" and multiplexing. The questions in this segment are intended to gain insight into the availability of this information on the sites.

For Segment 3, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.1	Does the website provide information necessary to interpret "mode 6" data available in generic scan tool modes?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	Could not find much Mode 6 information at all.

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.1a	If so, was this information useful? Please use the "Notes" column to identify why or why not.	<input type="text" value="No"/>	
3.2	Does the website provide sufficient diagnostic and repair information for any and all DTCs encountered?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	Except for Monitor function and Mode 6
3.3	Are descriptions of OEM-specific DTCs (i.e., P1XXX codes) available?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
3.4	Are technical service bulletins readily available?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	Good accessibility to TSBs. Listing available without subscription.

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
3.5	Are trouble shooting guides or trouble shooting information available? For example, code charts, diagnostic and repair information, or fault finding logic.	<input data-bbox="898 370 1045 418" type="text" value="Yes"/>	Factory trouble shooting and repair procedures are substantially covered.
<p>In the space below, please provide any general comments about OBD Repair.</p>			

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Segment 4: Reprogramming and Reinitialization Information

EPA regulations require that OEMs make available advanced repair and diagnostic capabilities such as reprogramming (installing new or updated software during replacement of programmable modules such as PCMs or updating software or parameters within the software of in-service programmable modules) and reinitialization (reinitialization within the regulation would relate to units such as instrument panels, body control units, anti-theft immobilizers, etc. which would directly affect the ability of the vehicle to start/run within the original design parameters). Questions in this segment are intended to provide insight into the availability of the information, equipment, and tools needed to perform these services.

For Segment 4, enter a "Yes" or "No" response and explain each "No" response in the "Notes" column. You may also use the "Notes" column to explain your response or to provide additional information. If you cannot answer a specific question or if the question does not apply in the context of your needs and experience, please enter NA (not applicable).

Reprogramming (This is also referred to as "Flashing" or software update.)

Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.1	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reprogramming?	Yes	
4.2	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reprogramming?	Yes	For Factory Scan Tool only

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.3	If reprogramming is performed using a J2534 device was the software available to communicate between the device and the PC?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
4.4	Is the information to select the proper calibration for the vehicle available?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	References for Consult II Factory Tool only
4.5	Is the vehicle calibration available?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	References for Consult II Factory Tool only
4.6	Have you performed reprogramming services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.7	If applicable, were you able to perform a successful update/reprogram?	NA	Was not equipped to reprogram any vehicles
Reinitialization (This refers to the ability to restart a vehicle after the completion of an emissions-related repair.)			
4.8	Does this OEM require initialization or reinitialization when the ECU is replaced? If no, skip to Segment 5. For the purposes of this audit, initialization or reinitialization refers to the need to reset a vehicle's security systems by means of an ignition key or access code to allow a vehicle to be restarted after the completion of emissions-related repairs.	Yes	
4.9	Are you able to find information on tools needed to perform reinitialization?	Yes	But seem to refer to Consult II procedures only
4.10	Are you able to find the procedures to perform reinitialization?	Yes	Consult II only

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
4.11	Have you performed reinitialization services within the last 12 months for this OEM?	No	Not equipped
Answer the following two questions, 4.12 and 4.13, only if you are performing an audit of the Honda/Acura, VW/Audi, Mitsubishi, Chrysler, and Land Rover websites.			
4.12	EPA regulations allow for OEMs to offer an alternative method of reinitialization with prior approval. These companies have received approval to lease their OEM-specific scan tool to the aftermarket to perform this service. Are you able to find information about alternate methods and links to the source of that method?	No	
4.13	Do you have any experience using the alternate method?	No	
4.13a	If so, has it worked to your satisfaction?	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.1	Does the website have short-term, mid-term, and long-term access to service information?	Yes	
5.2	Were you able to access the entire site?	Yes	
5.2a	Please identify areas that you could not access for the initial fee (such as reprogramming information) in the "Notes" column.	NA	Some information seemed to be contained only in manuals or CD's at additional cost.
5.3	Although downloading information is not explicitly required by EPA regulations, did the website allow you to save and store any information to your computer?	Yes	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.3a	If so, please identify the information or documents that were downloadable in the "Notes" column.	Yes	Owners Manuals
5.4	Were you able to print the information from the website?	Yes	
5.5	Audi, Porsche, and Volkswagen websites require the purchase of individual documents to access repair information. For the purposes of this evaluation, how many individual documents would you have had to purchase to acquire all of the information you needed to perform the repair?	Yes	With the exceptions to monitor information and reprogramming, most repair information was available for single subscription.
5.5a	What would have been the total cost of those documents? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
5.5b	What emissions repair were you trying to do? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	NA	Not doing actual repairs. Conducted review of various model years as if repairs were needed.
5.5c	Some manufacturer websites require the purchase of individual documents for downloading before they can be fully viewed. In some cases, only the table of contents is available for viewing before the purchase is made. Did you purchase documents that did not contain the information you were seeking? If yes, then please identify the document and the cost of that document in the "Notes" column.	No	
5.6	Have you purchased service information, training materials, TSBs, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs, etc. from the website?	No	
5.6a	If so, indicate in the "Notes" column the number and description of materials purchased.	NA	

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Question Number	Question	Response (select from the list or insert NA)	Notes
5.7	<p>Does your shop specialize in vehicle repairs from specific OEMs?</p> <p>1. Asian</p> <p>2. European</p> <p>3. Domestic</p> <p>4. We specialize in vehicles from a single OEM, _____ . Please list that OEM.</p> <p>5. We service vehicles from all OEMs and do not specialize in any specific OEMs or group of OEMs.</p>	<input type="text" value="4 Other"/>	<p>My background is primarily Asian and Domestic</p>
5.8	<p>What is your primary source for electronic service information?</p> <p>1. Aftermarket (e.g., ALLDATA, Mitchell1, etc.)</p> <p>2. OEM Websites</p> <p>3. Other, please list in the "Notes" column.</p>	<input type="text" value="OEM Websites"/>	
5.9	<p>How much do you spend for an annual subscription to your primary source listed above?</p> <p>1. \$0 - \$500</p> <p>2. \$500 - \$1,000</p> <p>3. \$1,000 - \$2,000</p> <p>4. Over \$2,000</p>	<input type="text" value="\$0 - \$500"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
If you use an aftermarket service provider as your primary source of service information, please respond to Questions 5.10 to 5.12.			
5.10	<p>What is the primary reason for selecting the primary source listed in question 5.8?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completeness for the brands I service 2. Experience/Familiarity with the product 3. Available off-line 4. Common organization of information for all manufacturers 5. Price 6. Other, please list in the "Notes" column. 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1 Completeness</div>	
5.11	<p>Approximately how many times do you access an OEM website?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Never 2. 1 to 5 times monthly 3. 5 to 10 times monthly 4. 10 to 20 times monthly 5. Over 20 times monthly 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1 to 5</div>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.1	Does the website contain information describing how to use the website? Possible sources of such information could be tutorials, "help" links, or lists of "frequently asked questions" (FAQ).	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
6.1a	If so, is the information relevant, useful, and readily accessible? Please identify where the information is located in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
6.2	The "contact us" link is required to allow users to report problems, omissions or errors with the website, not to assist in vehicle trouble shooting or technical assistance. Does the website provide a "contact us" link for questions and/or reporting of problems, omissions or errors?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
6.2a	Have you attempted to use the "contact us" link?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.2b	Have you received the desired information or answer to your question within 48 hours?	Yes	Received response almost immediately.
6.3	Is training information available on the website?	Yes	Some. Mostly related to use of Factory Scan Tool
6.3a	Are lists and sources (contacts or ordering information) identified for training information which is not Internet capable?	Yes	
6.4	Is information available on the website listing available factory tools and ordering information?	Yes	Opens window for SPX - Kent-Moore

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Question Number	Question	Response (Yes, No, or NA)	Notes
6.5	Did you attempt to find information which was unavailable on the website?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	
6.5a	If so, please identify in the "Notes" column what information you were seeking, how you conducted your search, and results (or lack thereof) you experienced.	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	Tried to find more detailed information on OBD Monitors and ECM programming but was not able.
6.5b	Are you aware of other information which may not be available on the website? Please identify in the "Notes" column.	<input type="text" value="No"/>	

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In the space below, please provide any general comments about the website or suggestions for improvement.

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