



CRA BULLETIN

Issue 41 – 4 June 2008

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

CLARIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT / WELDING QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The CRA Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 17 May 2008, a full copy of the minutes will be published in PanelTalk, however below are the remits that were passed.

The Canterbury/Westland Branch requests that the National Executive committee gives consideration to, and investigates further the following:

1. That it is mandatory for all CRA member shops undertaking structural repairs on late model vehicles (age still to be determined), to either own or have access to an Inverter Spot Welder to perform those repairs in accordance with the vehicle manufacturers requirements. This would need to take into account the types of steels and construction methods used in most situations.

It is envisaged that the implementation of this rule could be phased in over a two to three year period to allow businesses adequate time to comply due to the financial outlay.

Seconded by Manawatu/Wanganui/Taranaki Branch.

Moved Rex Crowther/Ben Thomas seconded. Remit voted on and passed by majority. CARRIED

Please note that this remit empowers the National Executive to 'give consideration to' making inverter spot welders mandatory. The CRA is not saying you must purchase one immediately.

2. That the requirements for an SRC shop to have “at least one or a minimum of 20% (whichever is the higher) collision repair technicians who have passed a minimum of an I-CAR Steel GMA (MIG) welding qualification”, be changed to “**all** collision repair technicians undertaking structural welding are to hold the minimum of a current I-CAR Steel GMA (MIG) welding qualification or equivalent”. New employees would need to meet the requirement within 6 months of their start date and new trainees within 2 years of their start date.

Consideration would need to be given for an adequate lead in time for this remit due to the financial outlay required.

Seconded by Manawatu/Wanganui/Taranaki Branch.

Discussion took place, and it was agreed that this remit will take effect from 1 June 2009.

Moved Warren Paton/Tony Christieson seconded. Remit voted on and passed by majority. CARRIED

3. That it be a requirement for **all** collision repair technicians undertaking structural welding in the Panel & Spray category and Panelbeating centres, to hold a current I-CAR Steel GMA (MIG) welding qualification or equivalent. New employees would need to meet the requirement within 6 months of their start date and trainees within 2 years of their start date.

Consideration would need to be given for an adequate lead in time for this remit due to the financial outlay required.

Seconded by Manawatu/Wanganui/Taranaki Branch.

Discussion took place, and it was agreed that this remit will take effect from 1 June 2009.

Moved Warren Paton/Tony Christieson seconded. Remit voted on and passed by majority. CARRIED

The above 2 remits will mean that by 1 June 2009 ALL collision repair technicians who carry out structural welding must hold a minimum of an I-CAR Steel GMA (MIG) welding qualification or equivalent.