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INVERTER SPOT WELDERS

You will remember that at the 2008 AGM, a remit was passed asking the National Executive to give consideration to whether or not Inverter Spot Welders should be “must have” equipment. In order to test how members felt, an online survey was conducted.

The results of the survey showed that we had 191 responses:

- 43% thought it should be compulsory for Structural Repair Centre to have one
- 57% thought not

Of the 57% who thought not, 83% felt that having access would be good enough.

Thinking about lead in times:

- 10% said less than 12 months
- 21% said 1 year
- 32% said 2 years
- 20% said 3 years
- 17% said more than 3 years

Given that the survey results were basically inconclusive, and taking into account all other forms of member feedback, the **National Executive has decided not to make ownership of Inverter Spot Welders mandatory**. We feel that we have done a good job of raising awareness of the issues and note that Insurance companies are now starting to ask about Inverter Spot Welders for specific structural jobs.

It is likely that we will add specific mention of Inverter Spot Welders to the Membership Liaison Officers inspection sheets from next year, so that we can monitor the number of shops who own this equipment.

Thank you to all members who took part in the survey and thank you to the Canterbury Branch for putting this remit forward.

As a reminder to all members, it is your responsibility to ensure the correct repair procedures and equipment is used in the repair process. Researching the requirements is vitally important for structural repairs on all late model vehicles, and will serve as a safeguard to ensure you don't open yourself to liabilities. These requirements should also be the basis of any discussions or negotiations with any work provider or customer. We should all be promoting safe repairs whenever we have the opportunity.