

Automotive Body Repairer

PANHANDLE

Average Wage
\$17.49

*Average Annual
Job Openings*
10

<i>Employment in</i>	
<i>2004</i>	<i>2014</i>
300	350

TEXAS

Average Wage
\$16.85

*Average Annual
Job Openings*
445

<i>Employment in</i>	
<i>2004</i>	<i>2014</i>
13,800	15,450

UNITED STATES

*Employment in
2006*
155,500

Female 2%
Minority 51%

EMPLOYMENT CODES

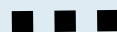
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*Automotive Body
and Related Repairers*

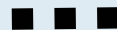
JOB DESCRIPTION

Repair, repaint, and refinish automotive vehicle bodies, straighten vehicle frames, and replace damaged vehicle glass. May examine damaged vehicles and estimate the cost of repair.



SKILLS AND APTITUDES NEEDED

- ◆ Basic mathematics and computer skills
- ◆ Ability to follow instructions and diagrams in technical manuals
- ◆ Detail-oriented and ability to make precise measurements



Automotive body repairers repair all types of vehicles mostly cars and small trucks, although some work on large trucks, buses, or tractor-trailers. Using a broad knowledge of automotive construction and repair techniques, repairers must develop appropriate methods for each job. Body repairers usually work alone with only general directions from supervisors. In some shops, helpers or apprentices assist experienced repairers.

Continuing education throughout a career in auto body repair is required to gain new skills and to keep up with technological changes in automotive parts, body materials and electronics.

Repairers work indoors in body shops that are noisy, because of hammering against metal and the use of power tools. Most shops are well ventilated to disperse dust and paint fumes. Body repairers often work in awkward or cramped positions, and much of their work is strenuous and dirty. Hazards include cuts from sharp metal edges, burns from torches and heated metal, injuries from power tools, and fumes from paint.

PANHANDLE AREA PUBLIC TRAINING PROVIDERS

Training Provider	Direct Training	Related Training	Education Offering
Amarillo College Amarillo, Dumas, Hereford	√		Certificate of Completion (Auto Body Assistant, Refinish Technician, or Advanced Auto Body Technician)
		√	Certificate of Completion (Welding Technology)
Frank Phillips College Borger, Perryton		√	Certificate of Completion (Welding Technology)

For information on public training providers outside of the Panhandle Area, please refer to the Resource Index.

LICENSE/CERTIFICATION

Optional: National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certification

HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT LEVELS BY INDUSTRY

Automobile Repair & Maintenance	56%	Motor Vehicle/Vehicle Parts & Supplies	2%
Automobile Dealers	25%	Animal Slaughtering/Processing	2%
Self Employed/Unpaid Family Workers	11%	Local Government	2%

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Automotive Service Association, Inc., P.O. Box 929, Bedford, TX 76095-0929, (800) 272-7467, <http://www.asashop.org>

National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, 101 Blue Seal Drive, Suite 101, Leesburg, VA 20175, (703) 669-6650, <http://www.natef.org>

National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), 101 Blue Seal Drive, SE, Suite 101, Leesburg, VA 20175, toll free (888) 273-8378, <http://www.asecert.org>

For additional website sources, please refer to the Resource Index.

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