

In June 2011 PAS125 has changed from PAS125:2007 to PAS125:2011 Automotive Services - Specification for Vehicle Damage Repair Processes. One of the main areas of change is the Categorisation of the repair tasks from Cosmetic - Structural Steel - Structural Aluminium to Repair Category 1 - Category 2 - Category 3, below is an interpretation of the new Categories.

Repair Category	Description	Required Skills	Tools and Equipment
Category 1	<p>The repair of dents, paint scratches and gouges or trim such that the damaged area can be returned to its pre-damaged condition without the need for replacement parts.</p> <p>Excludes Road Wheels</p> <p>(New SMART repair Process)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paintless dent removal • M.E.T • Panel • Paint • Trim repair • Each repair must have a relevant repair method 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools to ease out dents. • General tools, paint matching, application and drying. • Headlamp alignment equipment. • Repair equipment. • Hand tools and paint refinish tools.
Category 2	<p>The repair of dents, paint scratches and gouges or trim such that the damaged area can be returned to its pre-damaged condition including the removal, refitting or replacement of auto glazing units and bolt on parts, example which includes but is not restricted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnets • Doors • Road wheels • Wings • Tailgates • Bumpers • Bumper reinforcing bar <p>Excludes replacement of chassis, steering and suspension parts.</p> <p>(Old Cosmetic)</p>	<p>As in Category 1 above plus certification to Senior A.T.A. or N.V.Q level 3 or supervised by a suitably trained technician (1 - 4 criteria) plus additional certificated technicians in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle damage assessment (A.T.A. V.D.A. Estimator) • Auto glazing (A.T.A. or N.V.Q. technician) 	<p>As defined in Category 1 plus tools appropriate to additional repair task to be carried out, which can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheel alignment equipment • Body alignment equipment • VDA equipment • Auto glazing tools • facility to enable segregation where cross contamination of material is likely to occur.
Category 3	<p>The repair of dents, paint scratches and gouges or trim such that the damaged area can be returned to its pre-damaged condition including the removal, refitting or replacement of auto glazing units and bolt on parts, example which includes but is not restricted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnets • Doors • Road wheels • Wings • Tailgates • Bumpers • Bumper reinforcing bar • Repair and replacement of panels • Repair and replacement of structural parts including chassis members and bolt on chassis related parts • Bodyshell and chassis replacements. <p>(Old structural plus Aluminium)</p>	<p>As in Category 2 above plus certification to Senior A.T.A. or N.V.Q level 3 or supervised by a suitably trained technician (1 - 4 criteria) plus additional certificated technicians in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonding • Welding • Other jointing techniques 	<p>As defined in Category 1 plus tools appropriate to additional repair task to be carried out, which can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welding equipment appropriate to the material type. • Vehicle body jigs for measuring and realignment • Specialist equipment for bonding and other jointing techniques appropriate to the material type.