In order to obtain ASE certification we must teach the use of this tool to our students. This tool needs to be available for students in the Auto Collision Repair Program. This item was submitted last year for the Instructional Committee to review but has not been funded yet.

Students are taught the correct method for repairing vehicles which follow ASE / NATEF standards. Students need to use critical thinking and problem solving skills to assess and determine the best way to repair collision damage to a vehicle. To determine the proper method and most environmentally correct procedure for painting and refinishing a vehicle a student must use critical thinking and a problem solving approach.

Students are taught the correct use of equipment through the Auto Collision Repair program. Throughout the different classes, students will take both written and manipulative tests to prove their knowledge and understanding of the correct methods of repairing vehicles. The success rate of the Auto Collision Repair program is 85% which is above the COM average for success.

When the new Transportation Technology building is complete and both Auto Tech and Auto Collision Repair programs have been fully funded, students will be able to successfully learn the correct method and use of all required equipment. Employers prefer hiring technicians who have received training on up to date and state of the art equipment. As students progress through the program, they will be able to seek employment in the Auto Collision Repair industry.