

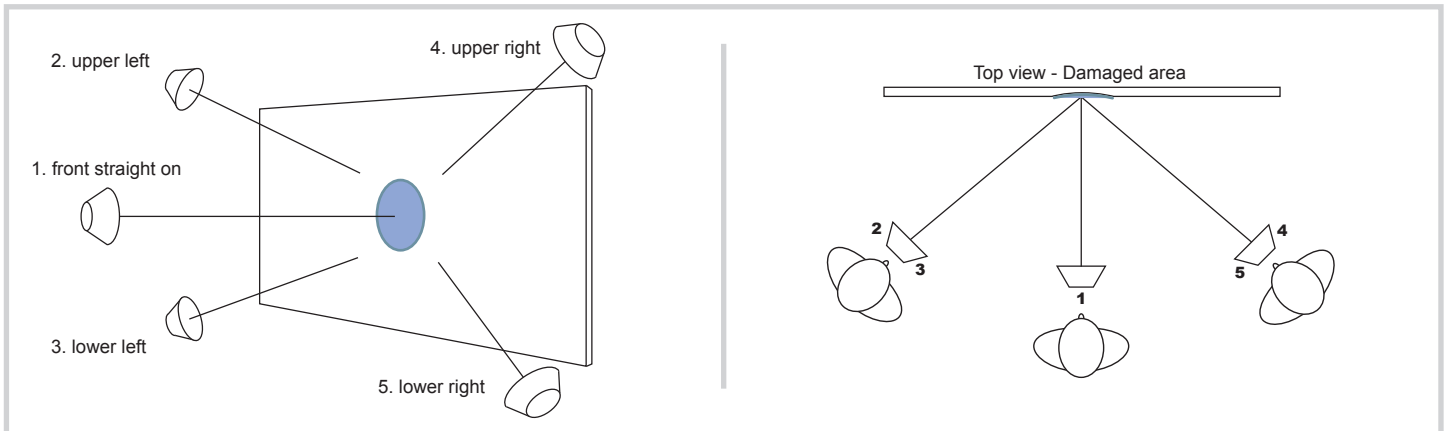


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Welcome to InstantEstimator's Collision Repair Photo Guide

Getting an accurate estimate relies on following a simple, easy procedure to supply the best photos you can to our selected auto body repair facilities or online adjusters. Instant Estimator has provided this handy photo guide and suggests you print this out and use as a reference when documenting your vehicle's damage and information. During the documentation process you will need to take a series of photos, download them to your computer, and then upload them via a simple web-form to our online database. Each of these steps are explained in this document. We recommend taking pictures at a medium resolution to endure ease and speed of uploads. As camera models, features and functions vary, you may need to consult your camera's operating manual for some assistance.

Preferable camera angles to document your vehicle's damage



Examples of the camera angle photos



Your Vehicle's Information

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year: _____

VIN #

Q. What kind of camera do I need?

A. Almost any digital camera will do. The most important requirement is to have the ability of downloading image files to your computer. This can be accomplished with a media card reader, or in some camera models by simply plugging the camera into your computer's USB port. Please see your camera owner's manual to find which method will work best for you.

Q. Should I use a flash?

A. The ideal situation is to take your photos in a well-lit location, preferably outside, using natural light as opposed to the flash. This is because flash can potentially reflect off the car body making it harder to see the actual damage.

Q. Do I need to take all the angles?

A. Described below is the ideal method and angle(s) of photography preferred to help our selected auto body repair facilities and our online adjusters respond with the most accurate estimate possible. All angles may not be necessary. We review each submission carefully and may request additional photographs, or may ask you to visit one of our selected facilities for an in-person inspection.

Q. Where can I find my vehicle's VIN#?

A. All cars and trucks sold in the US are required to display a unique seventeen digit number called the Vehicle Identification Number or VIN. This is located on the driver's-side of the dashboard and can be read from the outside of the vehicle. Please make sure you have written the number down correctly, as your estimate may rely on the VIN as a confirmation, or clarification, of your vehicle's exact year, make and model.