OE & Aftermarket Cooperation

Tools & Information

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A little background

- Co-Owner Seyfer Automotive
- I of 4 ASE Master LI techs in my shop
- NASTFT&E Co-chair
- Teach 15 -20 Service Information/IT classes a year
- ASA member and BOD
- Have presented demonstrations of diagnostic and SI utilization to many lawmakers

My 2 Cents

- I am here to show you what is working for independent repair shops.
- I also have a few ideas of how to make those things even better.
- I prefer to answer questions as we go along.

Assumptions

- There is no doubt that having a complete diagnostic/service tool for any vehicle you work on is the preferred way to go.
- Many of the problems that come up, are from those who are attempting to work with tools that are not complete or very outdated.
- There is a large potential customer base for OE's to sell everything from complete solutions to software only solutions to.

....the problem is that many of these potential customers either don't know that there is a tool to buy or think that it is unavailable.

Why should we try to resolve this problem?

- An uniformed tech or shop owner can result in lost vehicle sales and damage to reputations
- It is far better to compete on customer service and know the car will be fixed either way.
- competing with incompetent competitor almost always winds up in an unproductive he said, she said.
- Nobody truly wins when we badmouth one another.

Possible resolutions

- More effective communication of tool requirements and availability. Much service information refers to outdated tools.
- Put a huge link to the latest tool on the FREE, home page of your site. Aftermarket companies should do the same.
- Market your tools in independent trade magazines or lend one to a writer/tech and let them blog or write an article about it.

When I buy a tool how do I learn to set it up and use it?

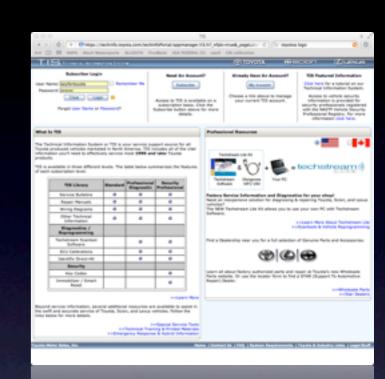
Tool Training

- I teach technicians how to use several scan tools for reprogramming - many own the tool but do not use it to update software
- I would recommend a less than 5 minute piece on the free side of your site that shows what the hardware/IT requirements are for setup and the tool in action.
- Provide enough information to setup your web enabled tools in a typical SOHO environment





Some examples of good programs



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Multiple paths to purchase Excellent SI availability Easy and Free way to determine if software updates are available

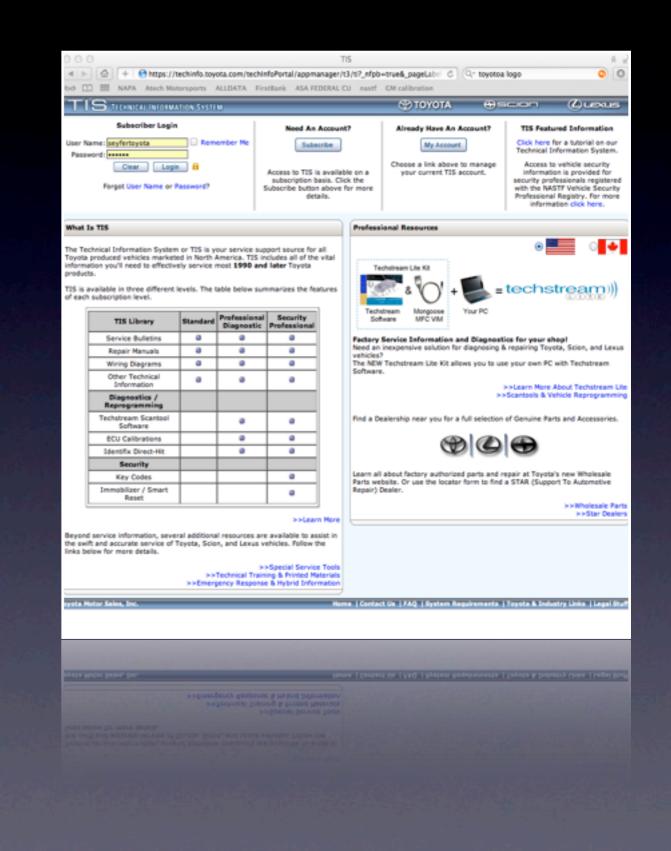


GM Tech 2 AC Delco SI The challenges SI and Reprogramming subscription required Has not been the easiest to setup for programming no direct SI to scan tool interface



Toyota Techstream Lite

Low cost per incident, complete
SI, Scan tool and flash package
Scan tool is always up to date
Excellent aftermarket outreach
and utilization of non-proprietary
technologies

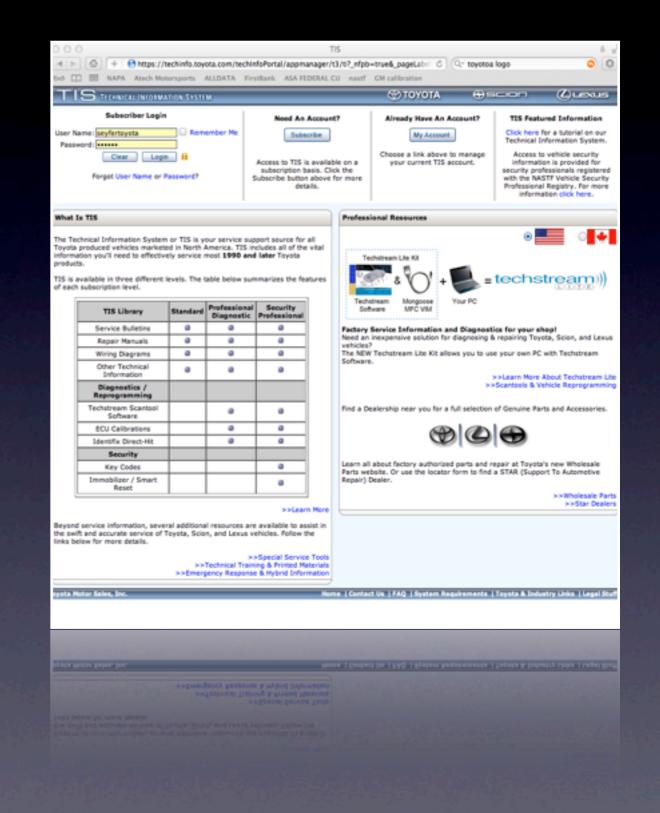


Toyota Techstream Lite

A couple of suggestions

•An easier way to determine if updates are available - particularly for beginners.

Utilizing a download manager for large installs and updates.
Integrating the software download, update, and VIN wizards into a routine that can run on its own.



Ford IDS Motorcraft Service.com

Extensive integration with website and scan tool is convenient.
Prolific reprogramming insure ROI
Automatic software updates





Ford IDS Suggestions

Linking at least the OASIS information, SSMs, TSB's and DTC details as part of the reprogramming subscription would be very helpful.
Dealers are much easier to buy through than Rotunda
Better visibility of IE config, tool setup, update and subscription info



