**RP 5xxx EXTENDED WARRANTY COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS**

**NOTE:** *The* ***Extended Warranty Cost Benefit Analysis Calculator*** *may be downloaded at the following link on TMC Connect –* ***link insert here***

**Purpose and Scope:**
The purpose of this Recommended Practice is to standardize guidelines for analyzing the cost benefit of Extended Warranty plans for commercial vehicles. These guidelines should provide basic information and terminology correlating directly to the **Extended Warranty Cost Benefit Analysis Calculator**.

**Introductory Statement:**

Through an analysis of VMRS data, a systematic calculation should be performed by a fleet or owner operator by deducting the cost of extended warranty packages from the corresponding warranty reimbursement amounts over an entire model year.

As a result, a calculator tool was developed to facilitate the input and automatic calculation of this data. This initiative functions as a practical tool for fleets or owner-operators to:

* evaluate the value of various warranty packages.
* extract trend data from previous packages.
* establish a basis for informed decision-making.
* shape the optimal warranty coverage for the fleet or owner-operator.

**General Information:**

To conduct a successful analysis, it is imperative to establish key parameters for the dataset such as defining the:

* optional interest rate
* the specified period
* cost per unit of the warranty package

The **Extended Warranty Cost Benefit Analysis Calculator** is a tailored template with set calculations and input fields and is customizable based on customer specifications, incorporating fields such as fleet size, ownership status, coverage types, and more. Input fields also include estimations for dealer and fleet warranty reimbursed totals, as well as approximations for expenditures on shop supplies, goodwill, or policy dollars.

Furthermore, essential data on the average dealership door rate, decommissioned mileage, and average monthly company miles contribute to a thorough analysis. Utilizing the **Extended Warranty Cost Benefit Analysis Calculator**, these insights are harnessed to obtain a net benefit per unit. With the support of this analysis, fleets or owner-operators can confidently make informed decisions, customizing their ideal coverage plan.

**Glossary Terms:**

**Fleet Size -** The total number of vehicles or assets owned or operated by a company or organization for business purposes. Fleet size can vary greatly depending on the nature of the business, ranging from a few vehicles for a small business to thousands for large corporations.

**Ownership Status -** Indicates whether a particular asset or property is owned outright, leased, rented, or otherwise controlled by an individual or organization. Ownership status often has implications for responsibilities, rights, and liabilities associated with the asset.

**Warranty Coverage Types -** Different categories or levels of protection provided by a warranty for products or services. Warranty coverage types can include manufacturer defects, parts replacement, labor costs, and specific timeframes during which repairs or replacements are covered.

**Goodwill / Policy Dollars -** Refers to the monetary value assigned to intangible assets such as a company's reputation, customer loyalty, brand recognition, or favorable relationships with stakeholders.

**Average Dealership Door Rate -** The average hourly non-warrantable labor rate charged by dealerships for repair and maintenance services. This rate typically includes the cost of labor performed by technicians, overhead expenses, and profit margins.

**Decommissioned Mileage -** The total distance traveled by a vehicle or asset from the time it was put into service until it is retired or decommissioned from active duty. Decommissioned mileage is often used as a measure of the asset's usage and wear and tear over its operational lifespan.

**Average Monthly Company Miles -** The average number of miles traveled by vehicles owned or operated by a company within a given month. This metric is often used to assess the efficiency of a company's fleet operations, monitor fuel consumption, and plan maintenance schedules.

**Net Benefit Per Unit -** The calculated gain or profit obtained from each individual unit or item within a given context, after accounting for all associated costs, expenses, and deductions. Net benefit per unit is commonly used in financial analysis to evaluate the profitability of products, services, or investments.