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1. Introduction
This document sets out the principles which will guide the development of the architecture and specifications that will form the main deliverables of the OASIS Technical Committee for the Format of Automotive Repair Information.

The document is intended to be a short statement of principles, laid down at the start of the project, which can be verified during the acceptance of the final Specification by the Technical Committee.

Note that the word *reasonable* is used in this document and is open to interpretation (which is considered outside the scope of the TC).

It has been assumed here that the Technical Committee will produce a set of metrics (data measurements, with specification for acceptable ranges of values) by which any implementation of the Specification can be judged as acceptable.

2. Design Principles
The specification for the format of automotive repair information will have a design that is:

- **Functional**
  Covering all the *essential* requirements agreed in the Requirements Specification.

- **Verifiable**
  Verified against the Requirements Specification and validated using the Test Suite.

- **Achievable**
  In scope and level of detail within the 10 month time scale of the project and with such resources as are available to the participants. That is to say, the specification itself (rather than its implementation) can be created and agreed within 10 months.

- **Usable**
  As complex as necessary to meet the requirements, but simple enough, and clearly stated so as to be understandable by people outside the TC, with a reasonable level of technical expertise.

- **Demonstrable**
  Possible to demonstrate an implementation (OASIS required three reference implementations to be created before the specification can be made an OASIS recommendation) within the 10 month time scale of the project.

- **Implementable**
  Possible to implement a usable system (ie meeting the metrics for implementation specified by this TC) within a reasonable time by the
industry, taking into account the resources, roles and commercial position, of manufacturers, repairers and independent information providers.

- **Economically Viable**
  Possible to implement a system using the specification that is economically viable for manufacturers, repairers and independent information providers.

- **Extendable**
  Open to be extended to additional scope or to greater detail in subsequent phases, in ways which may or may not be identified during the current project, either through further open standards activities or through the efforts of individual organisations or industry consortia.

- **Maintainable**
  Viable to maintain in the long term, both in its specification and its implementations, over an extended period, given the frequency of update of information and requirements of the industry.

- **Open**
  Based on open standards, specified and published in sufficient detail so as to be implementable and extendable by any party, whether or not they were participants in the original project.

- **Consistent**
  Made with due consideration of existing standards and practices and consistent with them.

- **Robust**
  Based on sound engineering principles and therefore robust in conception and in its possible implementations.