



### **How to Maximize Warranty & Service Profits**

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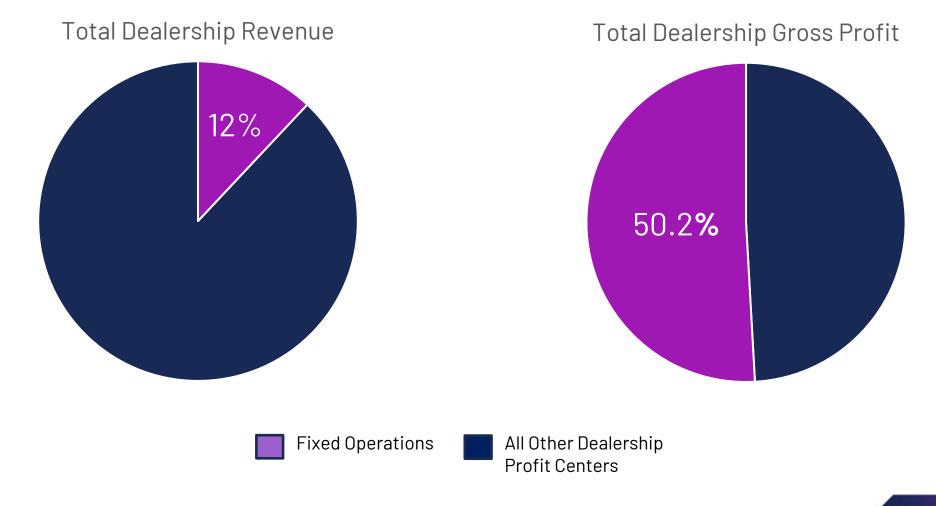
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## Shifting Service Dynamics

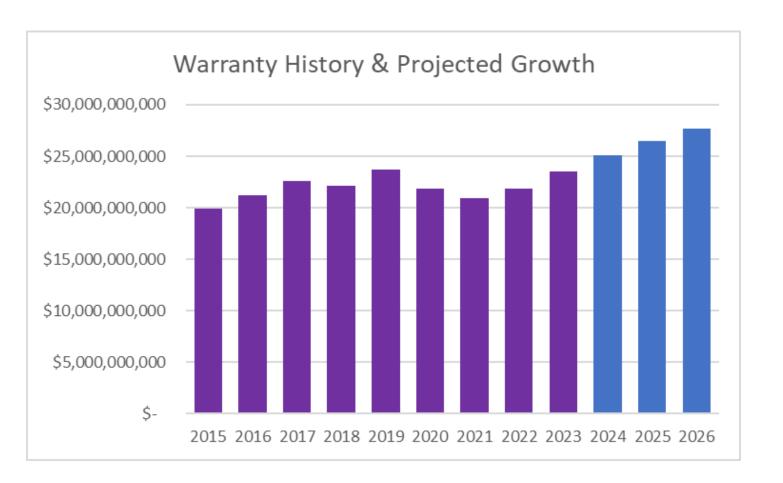


### Service is a Major Profit Driver





### Warranty Revenue History and Projected Growth



5-Year Growth 2015 - 2019: **38.2%** 7.7% Average

Projected Additional Growth: 17.8%



### Customer Pay Decelerating

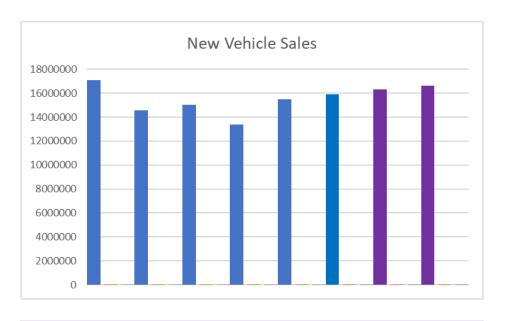


### CP Deceleration Will Continue as EV's Cut Into CP Opportunities



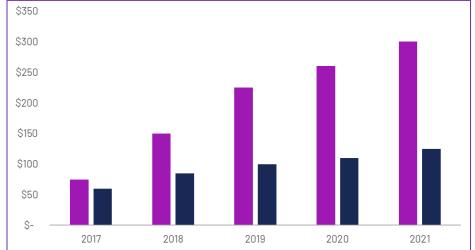
### Macro industry trends are a strong tailwind for warranty processing

New vehicles sales steadily increasing through 2026 – 2025 expected to be 16.3M new vehicle sales.



Over 100 New EV's/Plug-in Hybrids Coming to Market Through 2026

First 12 Months in Service Warranty Costs by Model Year

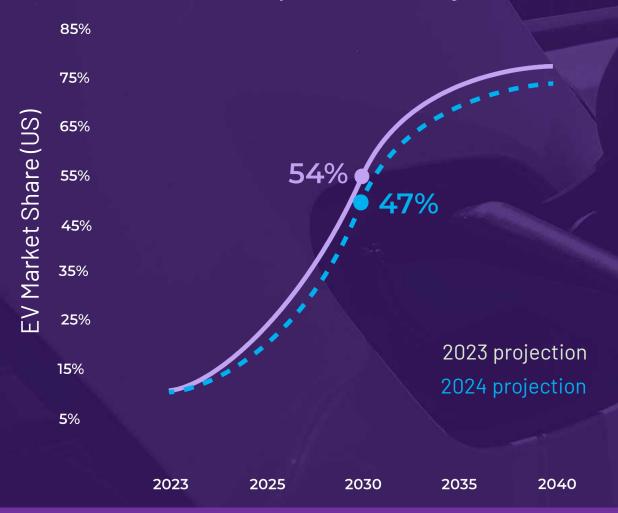


2025 EV Sales Forecast Up 36% in US to 11.2% of Total



### The Rise of EVs will create a tectonic shift

2030 EV Sales Projections Converge at 50%



### **Projections show**

50%

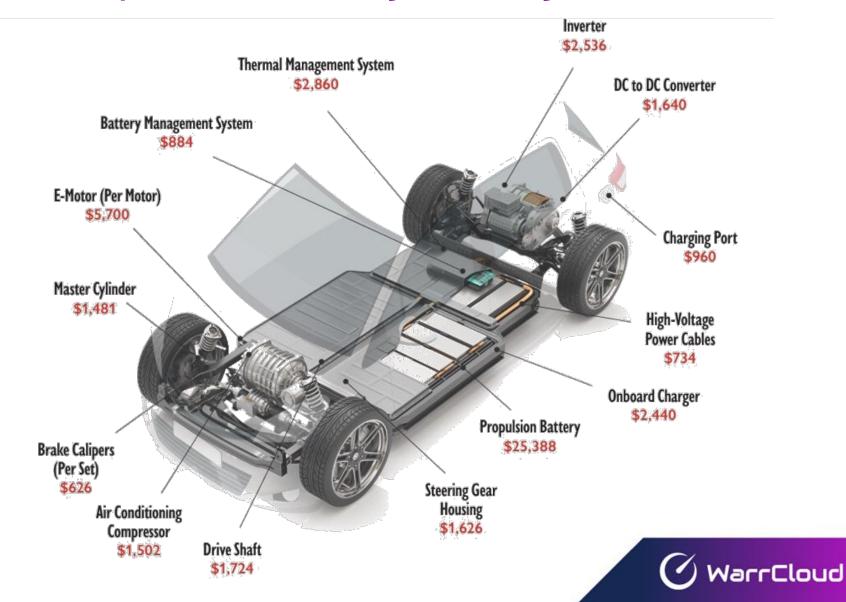
of car sales will be EV or PHEV by

2030



### Average Cost of Repairs to Key EV Systems

More Technology Drives Higher Repair Costs



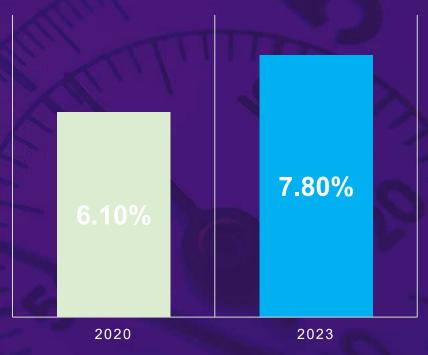
### Trends in Warranty Claims Processing



### Processing claims consumes

14 - 16% of warranty gross profit.







# Each claim takes 15 - 22 minutes

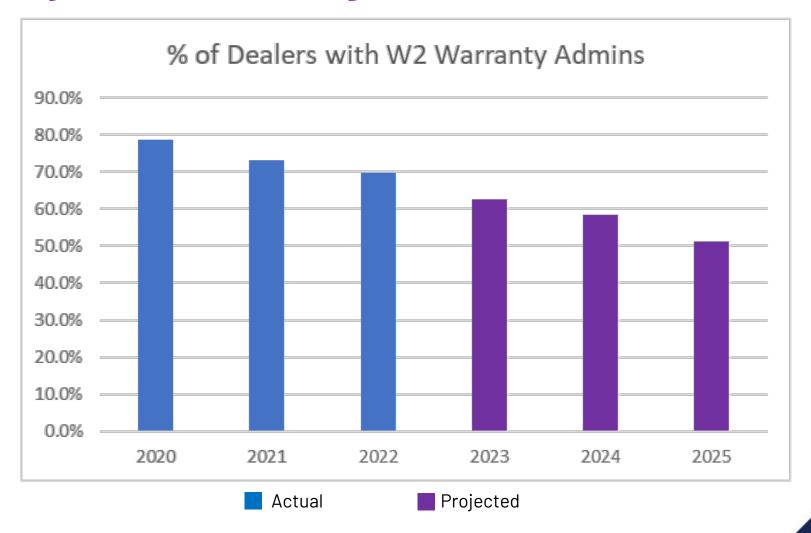
2020 - 11.1 mins.

2023 - 21.8 mins.

Source: FARM Market Research Jan 2024



## Critical Market Labor Shortage for Warranty Processing

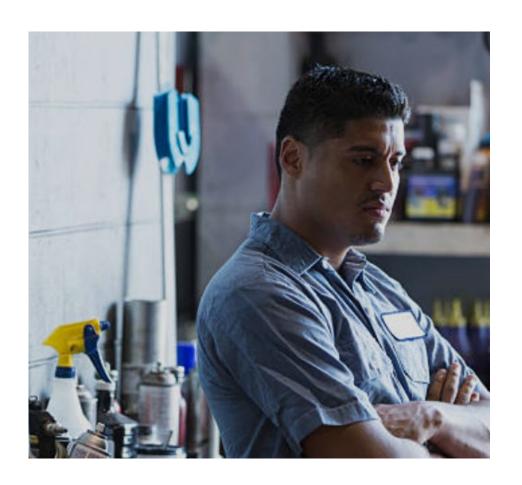




### Service Technician Dissatisfaction is Growing

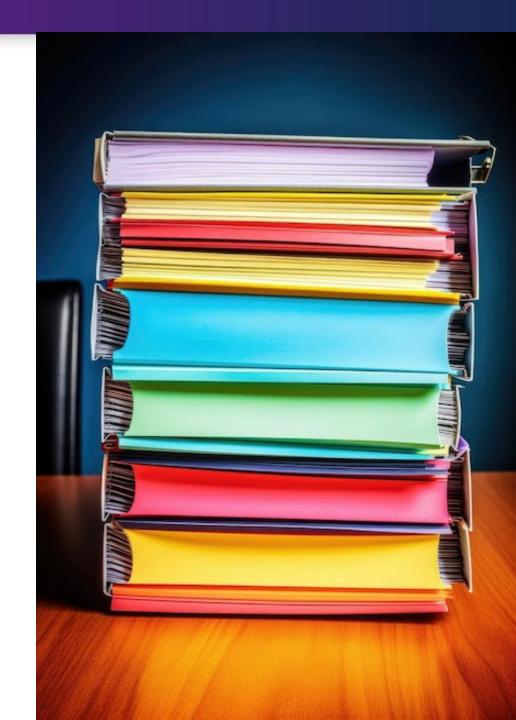
### Leading Reasons for Dissatisfaction:

- Pay
- Management
- Training
- Warranty Work





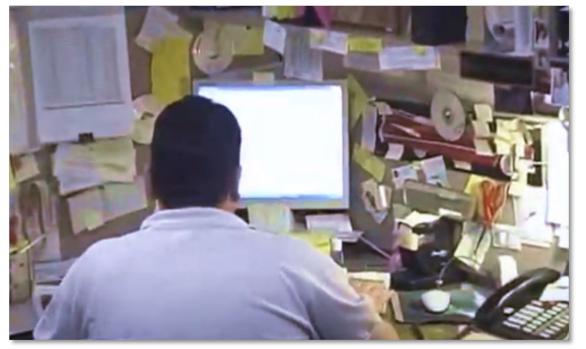
Why Warranty
Claims Processing
is Increasingly
Cumbersome



### The Problem

Warranty
Processing has
barely changed in
80 years.

The medium has changed, but the task is the same



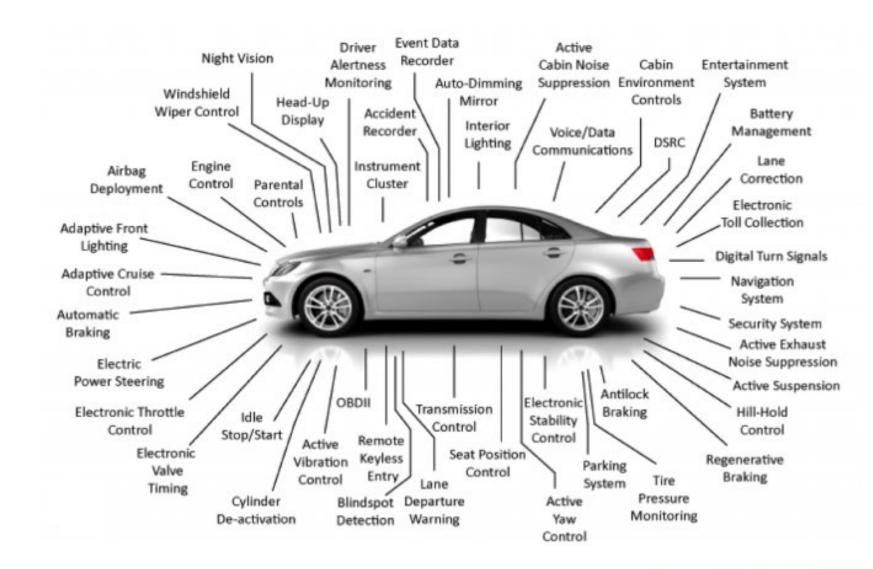








## 1 Increasing Complexity

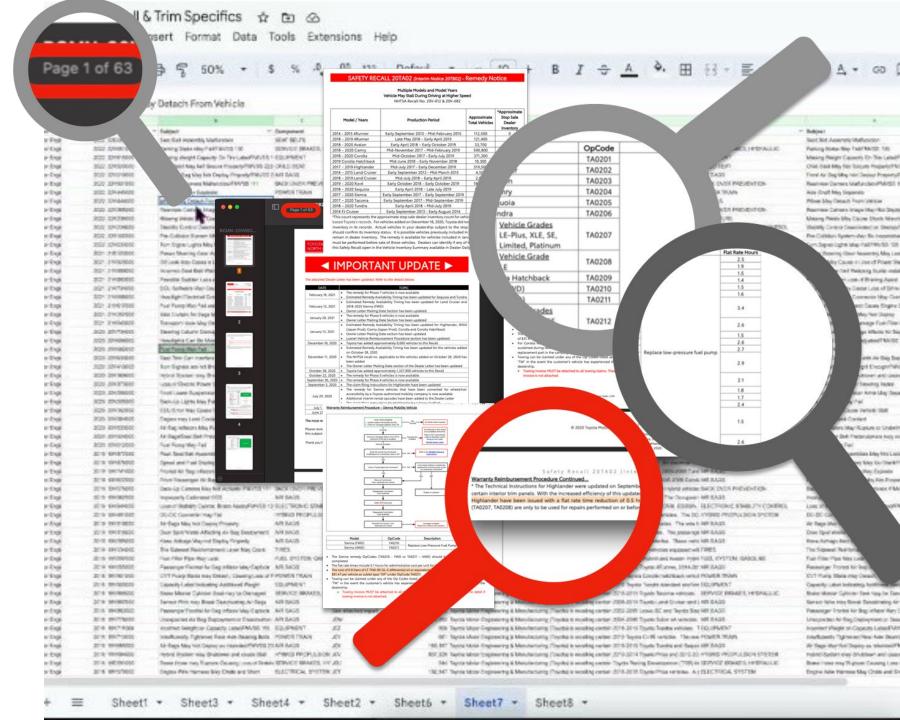




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### Increasing Variation

Variations of models, trim accessories, and options



## These changing trends create a tectonic shift in automotive service that impacts every part of the business.



## The Tectonic Shift Survival Toolkit



## Since customer pay opportunities will decline, we need to increase the number of warranty opportunities.







### 1) Shift your service marketing focus

There are 46 million U.S. vehicles that have open safety recalls.



### 1) Shift your service marketing focus

Check for open recalls in your:

- Primary Market Area
- Your Service Lane
- Existing Inventory

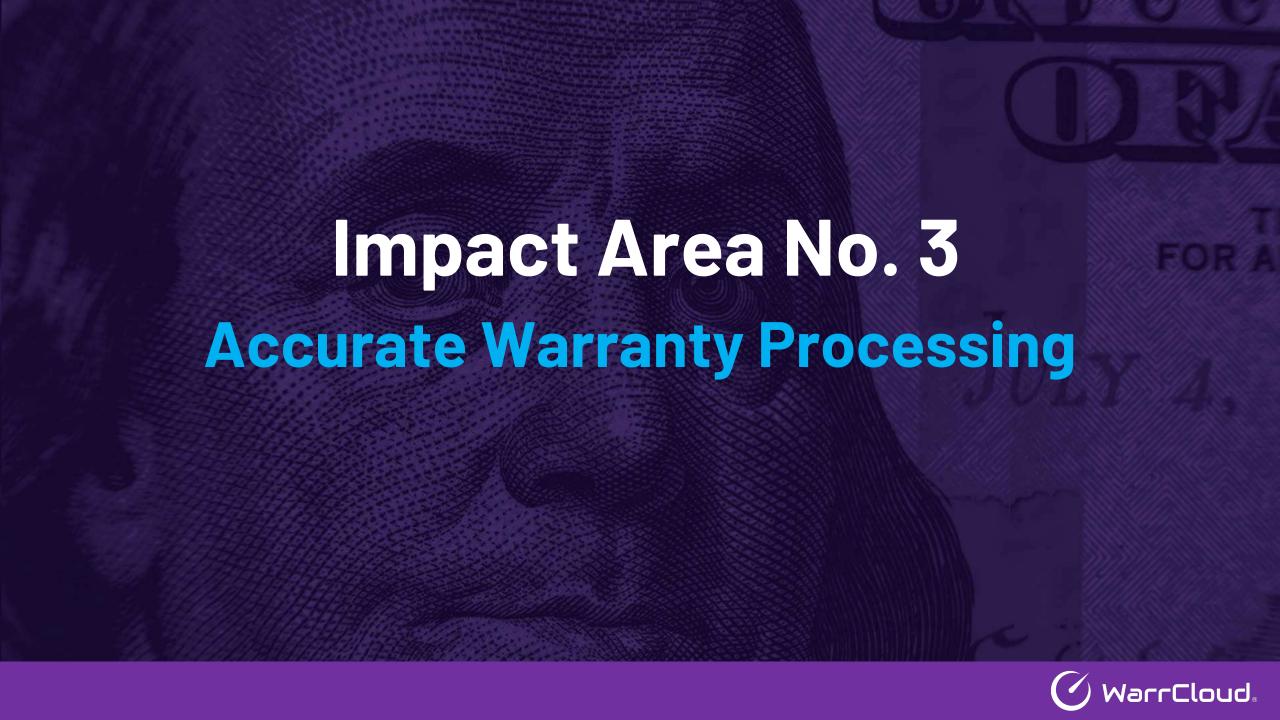




Regularly analyze and adjust your warranty, labor rates and parts markup to optimize the bottom line.

Research/conform to state laws.
Currently 5 states (NY, AK, MN, MT and IL (as of 9/2024) allow dealers to use retail flat rate for warranty labor times.





Ensure you're getting every allowance owed to you on every warranty repair.

Dealers on average may be leaving 12.4% reimbursement revenue on the table.



### Manual Warranty Processing is More Demanding Than Ever



Recall - Subframe
2011-2015 vehicles can get
an additional amount for
materials/supplies of
\$160.57
2016-2017 will get
\$202.37 per claim

The cost of the grease AND one-way screws may be claimed at a maximum of \$6.02 per vehicle

Headliner Recall
21TD03
Additional
materials/supplies
can get \$5.00 per
claim.



### **BEST PRACTICES**



### **Best Practices**

- Daily/Weekly/Monthly managers should review WIP RO's, ID opens and get them closed
- This will improve your OEM Dashboard score and can take you from red-
- > green->blue
- Listen, ask questions, clearly record and fully describe the 3 C's
   You'd be amazed at the number of abbreviated/incomplete complaints
   Helps avoid audits
- Look up and attach recall reports to every RO
   This is a best practice that doesn't happen often enough
   This protects you from significant chargeback if audited



### **More Best Practices**

- Some OEM's Allow Claim for Shuttle Service Monthly ex: Ford \$36 daily amount per vehicle up to 2 – that's \$1,600/month NOTE: that's per shuttle! 2 gets you \$72 per day, that's \$3,200/month
- For pick up/delivery for mobile service, enforce necessary documentation on warranty RO to ensure full reimbursement.
  - Stop/start process for mobile service makes proper documentation more challenging.
- If parts are needed on an open RO, close it until the parts arrive then open a new RO
  - Not known by many dealers, preferred by some OEM's Will improve Dashboard scores for open/close metrics



### Al Technologies for Dealers



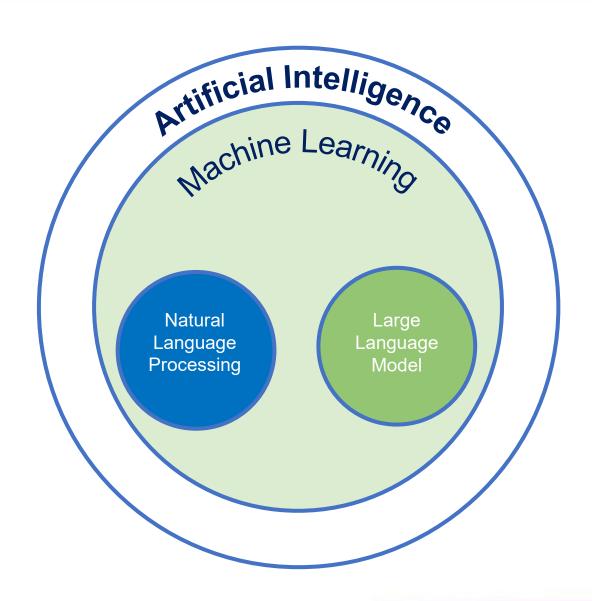
### Artificial Intelligence

**Artificial Intelligence (AI)** is the science of getting computers to act intelligently without being implicitly programmed

**Machine Learning (ML)** is a subdiscipline of Al focused on using algorithms and software to mimic smart actions, its performance improves with repetition

**Natural Language Processing (NLP)** is a subdiscipline of ML that makes it possible for computers to understand, analyze, and generate human language

**Large Language Model (LLM)** is a subdiscipline of ML that uses large amounts of data to understand and generate natural language to perform a wide range of tasks





### Robotic Process Automation

Robotic Process Automation (RPA) is a technology of software robots that emulate human actions interacting with digital systems and software. It is not Al.

The key difference between Al and RPA is Al performs tasks that require intelligence, while RPA automates routine, manual tasks.





### The Winning Combination



**RPA** 

The key is to combine both RPA and artificial intelligence to create a fully autonomous intelligent process automation.





### Why it Matters to You

Drives down costs
Reduces errors
Improves employee satisfaction
Increases available time to focus
on the guest experience

- Increases CSI
- Improves customer retention



### **Smart Sourcing**

"Smart Sourcing (or Intelligent Outsourcing) is the practice of business process outsourcing augmented by technology, typically Al."





### End Result – Additional Hours....And More!

- Typical Dealership Will See An Additional 103 Hours per Month
- More Revenue
- More Profit
- Better CSI (service staff has more time to spend on the guest experience)
- Improved Technician Satisfaction





### Average Dealer Results

Al warranty processing + best practices

Increase warranty revenue by
15.1% in year 1,
13.1% thereafter
Additional \$153,317 for Y1 dealer

Reduce costs by more than **50%** 

Claims processed within 24 hours, greatly improving cashflow

Improved OEM scores:

First time success
Time to submit
Time to close

Source: WarrCloud 2025

### Key Takeaways

- A changing UIO mix in the market will drive down customer pay opportunities
- But more vehicle technology will increase warranty opportunities
- This will cause a tectonic shift that requires you to rethink all parts of your service business
- Leverage Al and other new technologies to drive more gross profit and improve the guest experience - which will ultimately improve customer retention



### **QUESTIONS**

