A right to repair?
Return of experience from the automotive sector

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Foreword

- Profile
- The automotive aftermarket
  - The structure of the automotive sector in the last millenium
  - 2000: from cars to computers on wheels
  - The 2007 crisis: where’s the money?
- A Right to Repair?
  - Can you repair my car?
  - R2RC: a response from independant operators
  - Access to tools, parts, training and technical information
Profile

- ACEM: the Motorcycle Industry in Europe
- FIGIEFA: the European Federation of the Automotive Aftermarket Distributors
The automotive aftermarket before 2000

Maintenance

Repair
The automotive aftermarket before 2000

Official network

Independent repairer
The automotive aftermarket before 2000

Official distribution channel

independant distributors

Official network

Independent repairer
In the new millennium...

...with a lot of this:
The automotive aftermarket in 2007

Official network

Independent repairer
The 2007 crisis: where’s the money?

- 2007: 16 millions units sold in the EU
- 2007 → 2013: constant reduction every year
- 2013: 12 millions units sold in the EU

Where is the money?

→ In the financial services: loans and leasing
→ In the after-sales services: repair and maintenance
A Right to Repair?

- The aftermarket: a pie too small to share!
- Consumer choice in jeopardy
- Gathering of the independent operators at EU levels
- Creation of the R2RC (Right to Repair Campaign)

Towards true and effective level playing field in the automotive aftermaket

Key claim: Free access to spare parts, tools, training and technical information for all independent operators
Evolution of the legislation

- **Early 2000: Block Exemption Regulation 1400/2002**
  - Basic reminder on free competition in the aftermarket (mostly on replacement parts)
- **2007: Car Type Approval Regulation 715/2007 (homologation)**
  - Introduction of requirements on access to technical information
- **2010: Block Exemption Regulation 461/2010 (automotive)**
  - Hardcore restrictions on freedom to sell/purchase parts and tools to independent
- **2010: Commission notice on the application of competition law in the automotive sector**
  - Key provisions on repair and maintenance during the warranty periods
- **2012: Commission FAQ**
  - Further clarity notably on work during warranty (legal, extended)
- **Still pending**
  - Revision of the Design Directive (application of the « fair use doctrine » for visible parts)
The automotive aftermarket today

Spare Parts/tools Manufacturer

Republisher of Tech. Info

Technical Information

Parts

Training

Tools

Independent Distributor

Independent Repairer

Car OEM

Parts Manufacturer

Tool Manufacturer

Official Repair network

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Thank you!

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