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Modifications to Statistical Edits S21, S39, and S49

CAR recently made modifications to three statistical edits: the S21, S39, and S49. The Statistical Edit Package located on CAR's website, www.commauto.com, contains the updated pages for reference and downloading.

Changes to S21 – Age/Symbol/Model Year

CAR modified this edit as it relates to the VIN comparison process with the symbol code. Specifically, there are VINs that do not have a proper symbol due to an "Incomplete Chassis" designation. This situation was causing an S21 error condition because the proper symbol code to report is "09;" however, the symbol code embedded in the VIN does not equal 09.

Accordingly, CAR modified the S21 edit to skip the VIN comparison routine in the S21 edit when the symbol code equals "09" and the VIN contains the "Incomplete Chassis" reference.

Changes to S39 – Catastrophe Code

The Catastrophe Code edit has been updated to include Catastrophe Code 64 as assigned by PCS for the Flooding and Wind for May 30, 2002 through June 1, 2002.

Changes to S49 – Vehicle Identification Number

Recently, CAR performed an age code audit against records that contained age code equal to 0. As a result of that audit, CAR has modified the S49 as it relates to age code 0. Currently, all records that contain an age code equal to 0 bypass the S49 edit. For those records, there is no correction capability to change the age code to the valid code.

Accordingly, CAR modified the S49 edit to edit records that contain an age code 0 where the make and model year can be derived from the VIN, thereby providing grid corrections for invalidly reported age code 0 records. Records where the make and model year cannot be derived from the VIN, and which contain age code 0, will continue to bypass the edit.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at (617) 338-4000 x237.

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