

Under the Hood



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Factoids:

The U.S. National average for the price of unleaded gas is \$3.65 / gallon as of April 1, 2013.

In 1952 Porsche built a concept sedan called the type 542 for Studebaker.

In 1924 a Ford automobile cost \$265.00

The velocity of a baseball is about 8 mph less when it crosses home plate as when it leaves the pitcher's hand.

US Income Tax maximum tax rate was 7.0% in 1913 – the first year Income Tax was instituted as is known today.

Using the Flat Rate Labor Guide

The Internet AutoParts application optionally supports a Flat Rate Labor Guide based on Mitchell. The Part Distributor can enable this capability per Repair Shop. It is easy and convenient to use – let's take a look.

For this example, let's assume a thermostat is needed to be replaced for a 2003 Chevy Trailblazer with the V8-325 engine. The best way to look up the labor for this job is to identify the part first.

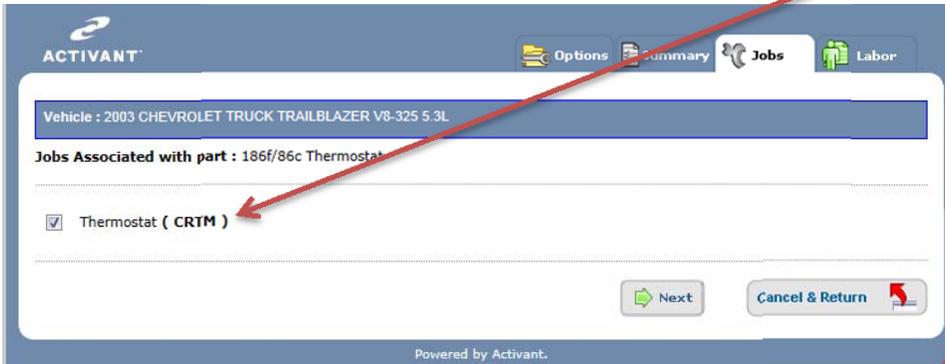
After clicking the Begin button, the parts list page is displayed, showing the Thermostats and Gaskets available.

Status	Labor	Description	Mfg / Part #	Years	Warr.	List	Cost	Extend	Inquire	Qty	Order	Urgent	Store	Network	DC
		GATES													
		180988c Thermostat	GAT 33963	99-03		17.78	7.99	7.99		1			Slater Store		
		Thermostat With Housing	GAT 33910	99-03		48.09	21.64	21.64		1			Slater Store		
		FEL-PRO Thermostat Housing Gasket	FEL 35632	03		1.30	0.93	0.93		1			Slater Store		

After selecting the part and adding it to the quote, the Automotive Service Professional has the opportunity to look up the labor time for the parts by clicking on the **L** button from the Quote Screen.

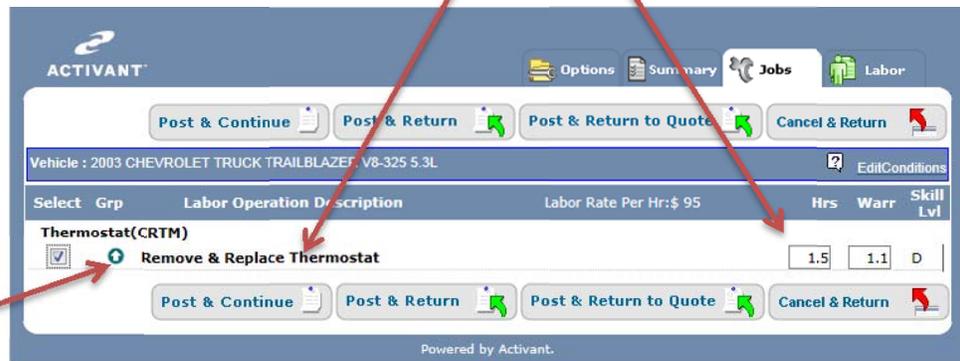
Parts	2003 CHEVROLET TRUCK TRAILBLAZER V8-325 5.3L	overheating	Vehicle Parts Total:	\$7.99
Thermostat	GAT 33963	17.78	7.99	Slater Store

Clicking the **L** button launches the Labor site and in this case takes Automotive Service Professional to the job that has been mapped to the part type, in this example Thermostat (CRTM). After selecting the Thermostat job and clicking the Next Button takes the Automotive Service Professional to the Flat Rate Labor Time for this particular job.

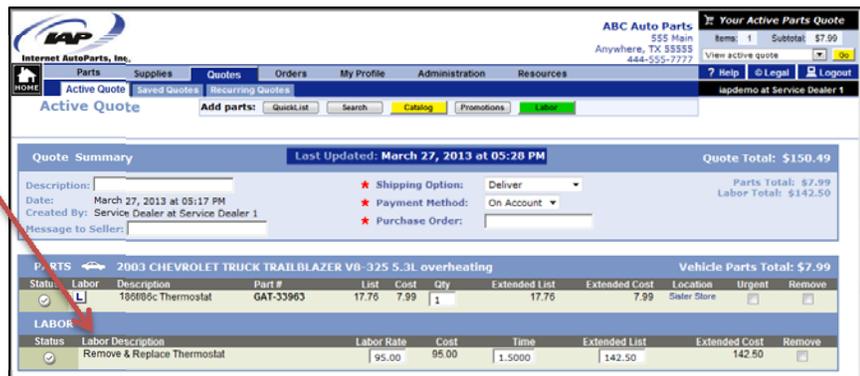


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There is plenty of useful information on this site such as the specific job with the hours suggested, the warranty labor time, and the skill level recommended for the job. If additional labor operations are needed, the Service Dealer can click on the Up Arrow icon for a list of all labor times in this Job Group.



After the Remove & Replace Thermostat is selected, the Service Dealer can click on the Post & Return to Quote button, and this information is then returned to the Quote page as shown



Technical Tip

Q: How does the shop set their labor rate?

A: While in the labor guide, click on the options button and enter in the appropriate amount for the labor rate.



Labor is an optional feature that must be enabled by the Part Distributor. For more information, please contact your Part Distributor.

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