

Recovery Best Practices 26th June 2019

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Current Landscape

Not at Fault Insurer : B If repairs are below AED 5,000 for

- non agency and AED 10,000 for agency, then company pays directly and sends recovery note to the other Company at a later period.
- If repairs are beyond the limit, B will send the pictures and quotations from agencies/garages to A for approval.

Lengthy process and may involve a lot of customer dissatisfaction due to delay in payments

This leads to higher IBNR tail as some of claims can take more than 3 years for the recovery process

Lack of transparency and prone to fraud



Key Challenges in Current Practice



Customer Dissatisfaction

• Longer delay in claim settlement for the party not at fault

• Possible compromise in repair quality



Lack of transparency and consistency

• Quotations by various agencies / garages

• Reconciliation problems among various insurer



Prone to frauds

• From garages/agencies/insurance companies

• Disputes among insurance companies



High average claims cost

Possible Requirement to hold IBNR owing to longer delays
Lower negotiation power to small insurers and the industry as a whole



Possible Best Practice Solutions

Automated and unified claims system

- Automated systems serving as a database for notification, registration and payment history of claims
- Using detailed telematics or other automated system data to automate claims costs calculation



Fixed cost component for recoveries

- Industry and regulator agreeing on fixed cost for various categories of accidents and vehicles
- Variable costs can then be accounted on case-by-case basis e.g. bodily injury where no standardization may be possible



Source: PTOLEMUS Consulting GROUP C.G.





Rapid Assessment

- Vehicle Body
- Mechanical state
- High value to cost ratio

Architecture

• Extensive API

- Scalability
- Data Security

Advanced Technologies

Machine Learning image recognition



Image Recognition: Overview



Process Flow







Image Processing

Leveraging Machine Learning to

process and analyse images for

- Make
- Model
- Colour
- License Plate
- License Disk
- Damage level & corresponding panels









Accident Reconstruction

Telematics can be used to get a better understanding of an accident and to help identifying fraudulent claims for example.



Speed (km/h)

Front-Back Acceleration (g)



Right-Left Acceleration (g)



Impact on the Vehicle





Accident Reconstruction

3D playback of the accident to get insights on the context.



Fixed cost component

- Collection of industry data with details such as claim type, body type, cost, age, loss/reporting/payment dates etc.
- Categorization of data into homogenous cohorts based on the details collected.
- Using actuarial pricing methodologies, calculate an average claim cost database which lists varying fixed claim cost for different categories of vehicles and accidents
- The database can then automatically calculate fixed cost component based on the event and details of vehicle.
- For example the following information can be available using telematics :
 - Make : Toyota
 - Model : Land Cruiser
 - Body style : SUV
 - Year : 2016
 - Body part involved in accident : Front (Bumper and Hoods)
 - G-Force : 5g
- The claims cost models can then provide the following :
 - Estimated fixed cost of damage to the third party not at fault (repair costs).
 - Costs of towing/taxi/rent-a-car to both parties (if any).





Reduction in average claims cost

 Better negotiation at industry level

Customer Satisfaction

- Consistency and Transparency in the processing of claims.
- Quicker claims
 settlement

Reduced Fraud

- Efficiency in claim
 - management with the automation of claim management
- systems.
 Accident reconstruction allows for tackling fraud

Data availability for Analysis

 Support Actuarial Model with the driver details and provide other rating factors Quicker settlement between companies

- Time efficiency
- Less reconciliation issues



Potential Issues









Global Best Practices



US Blockchain

U.S. insurance giants State Farm and USAA have entered advanced testing of a block chain to automate the time-consuming and paper-heavy processing of automobile claims by netting out the balance of subrogation payments with a single payment on a regular basis between insurers

South Africa knock for Knock

South Africa implemented Knock-for-knock agreement where each insurer repairs its own policyholder's vehicle for simplification and speeding up the process. Later, insurers discontinued the agreement deeming it to be unfair to policyholders by losing their no-claim discount bonus even when not at fault.

- USA is the largest auto market in the world.
- All of the top 10 auto insurers have telematics programs on offer.
- Most of the insurers claim that over 70% of their telematics customers save money.

- insurers like AIG, Allianz, AXA and Munich Re for close to a decade.
- These IT companies have now shifted the focus to local Indian market due to the increasing interest by the local insurers.