

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

This General Membership Agreement (this "Agreement"), is made and entered into as of this 2025, ("Effective Date"), by and between the EQUIPMENT AND TOOL INSTITUTE ("ETI"), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation with offices located at 37899 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 220 Farmington Hills, Michigan, and "Member Company Name" a \_\_\_\_\_ with offices located at \_\_\_\_\_ ("Member"). ETI and Member may be referred to herein collectively as the "Parties."

### RECITALS

Member has been approved as a new member of ETI and in furtherance of its membership, Member enters into this Agreement, which constitutes a legal Agreement between Member and ETI.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, terms, and conditions set forth herein, Member agrees to be bound as set forth below.

### AGREEMENT

1. **Membership Levels.** Consistent with ETI's bylaws, as in effect and as amended from time to time ("Bylaws"), Member agrees to the conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Bylaws as a member with the membership level identified on the signatory page of this Agreement.

2. **Membership, Dues, Fees, Term & Termination.**

(a) This Agreement is applicable for Member's membership as set forth in the Bylaws. This shall be the term beginning on the Effective Date and ending on termination, expiration or cancellation of Member's membership in ETI or any earlier termination of this Agreement by ETI as provided in this Agreement and the Bylaws ("Term"). Unless terminated as provided herein and the Bylaws, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, renewing annually, at the beginning of each fiscal year based upon the Effective Date of this Agreement. Member shall be obligated to pay dues, assessments, or fees which accrued prior to the effective date of termination, expiration or cancellation. This Agreement shall be terminated upon the termination of Member's ETI membership.

(b) ETI shall have the right, in its complete and sole discretion, to terminate the Agreement if Member fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement or the Bylaws. ETI shall not be responsible for a refund of any fees and charges paid by Member prior to termination of this Agreement and its membership.

(c) ETI Member shall not:

i. violate this Agreement, the Bylaws or any lawful rule or practice duly adopted by ETI or engage in any other conduct prejudicial to the interests of ETI or its members.

ii. misuse or violate any automotive original equipment manufacturers ("OEM"), ETI members or other third-party's Intellectual Property Rights. For purposes of this Agreement, Intellectual Property Right means all intellectual property rights and interests, whether registered or unregistered, including, without limitation, patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, know-how, mask works, industrial designs, trade names, service marks, domain names, goodwill, and other intellectual property rights and interests of whatsoever nature, existing or to come into existence, in any country or jurisdiction in the world.

iii. disclose and/or misuse of ETI's, its members' or OEMs' private, proprietary or Confidential Information or violate the Privacy and Security requirements set forth in Exhibit A.

iv. disclose or transmit any Confidential Information to any Affiliates unless such Affiliate is also a member of ETI. For purposes of this Agreement, Affiliates means any entity that is a parent company, subsidiary, or sister company of another entity. For purposes of this definition, "parent company" means an entity that directly or indirectly owns more than 50% of the voting securities of another entity, "subsidiary" means an entity that is more than 50% owned by another entity, and "sister company" means an entity that has the same parent company as another entity.

v. violate OEM license agreements or other similar contractual obligations.

vi. offer products for the purpose of "tuning" any module on any vehicle.

vii. utilize a vehicle security gateway mechanism not validly authorized or licensed for use in the United States.

viii. openly criticize ETI policy or actions.

ix. act in any way detrimental to the reputation, image, and workings of ETI.

Additionally, if any ETI Member develops or offers products that support key, security or immobilizer functionality for vehicles 2016 MY and newer, it must certify compliance and provide sufficient evidence demonstrating that it follows and abides by the specific OEM process for that manufacturer, for example, the NASTF Guidelines using the API set forth on the NASTF website. If Member is not currently able to certify and make this demonstration, it must do so within 90 days of signing this agreement, or 90 days from being notified by ETI (Compliance period).

3. **Payment of Dues/Fees.** Member shall pay dues, fees and other assessments applicable to Member's level of membership, as established from time to time by ETI. ETI may

establish reasonable additional fees or charges for participation in meetings or for other benefits of membership. Member shall bear its own costs and expenses for participation in ETI, such as travel, employee compensation, and incidental expenses.

4. **ETI Name and Logo.**

(a) During the Term of this Agreement, ETI grants Member a nonexclusive, non-assignable and non-transferable limited license to use the ETI name and logo only in strict compliance with ETI's Logo Use Policy found at <https://www.ertools.org/logo/>. Member agrees that the ETI name and logo may not be otherwise used, copied, reproduced or altered in any manner. Nothing in this Agreement, or in Member's use of the ETI name and logo, will give Member any right whatsoever in the ETI name and logo, or in any similar marks, beyond the limited right granted in this Agreement.

(b) Upon any termination, expiration, cancellation or suspension of Member's membership or the Term of this Agreement, Member shall discontinue all use of the ETI name and/or logo. Furthermore, ETI has an absolute right to terminate, cancel, suspend or withdraw Member's limited license to use the ETI name and logo at any time.

(c) The ETI name and logo contain intellectual property exclusive to ETI. All right, interest, title to, and ownership and intellectual property rights in, the ETI name and/or logo and all copies remain with ETI.

5. **Approval of Bylaws.** Member has reviewed, hereby approves and agrees to abide by the Bylaws.

6. **Antitrust Policy.** Member agrees to comply with all applicable antitrust laws pertaining to Member's participation in ETI. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require or permit conduct that violates any applicable antitrust law.

7. **Confidential Information, Privacy and Security.**

(a) Member acknowledges that certain original equipment manufacturers may provide proprietary data to ETI's TEK-NET library or other repository in order for ETI's members to develop equipment and tools for their customers, and that this data is made available on condition that such data be held by ETI and its members on a confidential basis.

(b) Member agrees that the information received in connection with its membership in ETI or through ETI's TEK-NET library or other repository (collectively, "Confidential Information") is proprietary and shall be maintained in confidence with at least the same degree of care that it uses to protect its own confidential and proprietary information, but no less than a reasonable degree of care under the circumstances. ETI facilitates the exchange of Confidential Information to Member for the sole purpose of the developing, manufacturing and

selling vehicle diagnostic service tools, and performing vehicle diagnosis, and tests ("Authorized Use"). Member agrees to comply with all Data Privacy and Security Requirements set forth in Exhibit A, which is incorporated herein.

(c) Member will use the Confidential Information exclusively for the Authorized Use. Member will (i) treat as confidential the Confidential Information and protect the Confidential Information in the same manner and at a minimum with the same degree of care that Member protects its own trade secrets and other confidential business information; (ii) not alter, modify, disassemble, reverse engineer or decompile any of the Confidential Information; (iii) not, directly or indirectly, disclose, report or transfer Confidential Information to any third party without ETI's prior written consent, except as explicitly provided herein; and (iv) not, directly or indirectly, disclose, report or transfer Confidential Information to employees, directors or agents of Member, except for those employees, directors or agents who must have the information in order to accomplish the Authorized Use and who owe a duty or contractual obligation of confidentiality to Member. Member may not reproduce for distribution or use outside Member any copyrighted materials provided to Member under this Agreement without the permission of the copyright owner.

(d) Member represents and warrants that it will maintain reasonable technical, administrative and physical measures consistent with industry standards and applicable law to protect the Confidential Information from unauthorized access or disclosure and that it will promptly notify ETI of any failure to comply with law, breach of security, or unauthorized access to Confidential Information.

(e) Member shall promptly delete and deliver upon ETI's request all Confidential Information and all copies thereof to ETI at any time upon request made by ETI, on the expiration or termination of this Agreement, and at any point at which Member ceases to be a member in good standing of ETI for any reason.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Member shall not be obliged to maintain in confidence Confidential Information required to be disclosed to government agencies or pursuant to court order, but only to the extent that such disclosures are so required. In such instances, Member shall, before making such disclosure and to the extent legally permitted, immediately provide written notice of such required disclosure to ETI in order to permit ETI to protect its interests in preserving the confidentiality of the Confidential Information.

(g) The obligations of this Section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

## 8. **Representations and Warranties.**

a. Member represents and warrants that it has the full power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement.

b. Member represents and warrants that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in connection with its membership.

c. Member represents and warrants that its products, services, including all related documentation, software, and other materials do not and will not infringe upon, misappropriate, or violate any Intellectual Property Right of any third party including automotive original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs") and other ETI members. For purposes of this Agreement, Intellectual Property Right means all intellectual property rights and interests, whether registered or unregistered, including, without limitation, patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, know-how, mask works, industrial designs, trade names, service marks, domain names, goodwill, and other intellectual property rights and interests of whatsoever nature, existing or to come into existence, in any country or jurisdiction in the world.

9. **Assignment.** Member may not assign the benefits or obligations of this Agreement without the prior written approval of ETI.

10. **Limitation of Liability.** Member acknowledges that the Confidential Information provided under this Agreement is provided "as is." ETI additionally EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY WARRANTIES OF NON-INFRINGEMENT, MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. IN NO EVENT SHALL ETI BE LIABLE TO MEMBER OR ITS AFFILIATES FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, EXEMPLARY OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOST PROFITS, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.

11. **Use of Name.** ETI shall have the right to include Member's name in any lists of Members published by ETI and to announce that Member has joined ETI.

12. **No Transfer.** Member may not transfer, assign or sublicense any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of ETI. Any attempted transfer in violation of this Section is null and void.

13. **Notice.** Any notice or communication permitted or required by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall become effective two business days after the mailing thereof by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and addressed to:

If to ETI, to:

If to Member:

14. **No Joint Liability.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to create a joint, venture, partnership or agency relationship between ETI and Member or to make the Parties jointly liable for any obligation arising out of the activities and services contemplated by this Agreement.

15. **Governing Law.**

(a) All matters relating to this Agreement, and any dispute or claim arising therefrom or related thereto (in each case, including non-contractual disputes or claims), shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Michigan without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Michigan or any other jurisdiction).

(b) Any legal suit, action, or proceeding arising out of, or related to, this Agreement shall be instituted exclusively in the federal courts of the United States or the courts of the State of Michigan, although ETI retains the right to bring any suit, action, or proceeding against Member for breach of this Agreement in Member's country of residence or any other relevant country. Member waives any and all objections to the exercise of jurisdiction over Member by such courts and to venue in such courts.

16. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining provisions will nevertheless remain in full force and effect; and a substitute, valid, and enforceable provision most nearly reflecting the original intent shall be developed in place of the invalid provision.

17. **Integration.** This Agreement supersedes and replaces any and all prior representations, agreements and understandings relating to Member's membership in ETI, except the Bylaws. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the Bylaws, the terms of the Bylaws will prevail.

18. **Damages.** Upon Member's failure to pay dues or other breach of this Agreement, Member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion from membership in ETI, as well as payment of ETI's reasonable attorneys' fees and such fines and other penalties as ETI's Board of Directors may approve and as may be proven under law or equity.

19. **Defense, Indemnification, and Hold Harmless.** Member agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless ETI and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and other representatives and contractors (collectively "Indemnified Parties") against all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any kind (including, without limitation, legal fees and costs), directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of, or in any way related to Member's ETI violation of this Agreement.

20. **Waiver of Liability.** MEMBER HEREBY WAIVES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LOSSES, AND DAMAGES OF ANY KIND OR NATURE,

IT MAY HAVE AGAINST ETI AND/OR THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RESULTING FROM, ARISING OUT OF, OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO MEMBER'S MEMBERSHIP IN ETI OR THIS AGREEMENT. THIS WAIVER OF LIABILITY APPLIES TO ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LOSSES, AND DAMAGES OF ANY KIND OR NATURE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DIRECT, INDIRECT, GENERAL, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY, STATUTORY, CONTRACTUAL, OR DAMAGES OR LOSSES OF ANY OTHER KIND OR TYPE. THIS WAIVER OF LIABILITY APPLIES WHETHER THE ALLEGED LIABILITY IS BASED ON CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE, TORT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR ANY OTHER BASIS AND EVEN IF ETI OR THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. THIS WAIVER OF LIABILITY SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW.

21. **Waiver and Severability.** No waiver by ETI of any term or condition set out in this Agreement shall be deemed a further or continuing waiver of such term or condition or a waiver of any other term or condition, and any failure of ETI to assert a right or provision under this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of such right or provision. If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable for any reason, such provision shall be eliminated or limited to the minimum extent such that the remaining provisions of the Agreement will continue in full force and effect.

22. **Modifications.** No modification to this Agreement is binding, unless in writing and signed by both of the Parties.

23. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

*[Signature Page Follows]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have signed this Agreement on the day and Effective Date first written above.

EQUIPMENT AND TOOL INSTITUTE:	<b>Member Company Name:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Full Member <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member <input type="checkbox"/> Trainer Member
By:	By:
Print Name:	Print Name:
Title	Title
Date	Date