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When repairing Tesla vehicle how do you know when you need to use a scan tool? Tesla Body Repair Tech Note helps answer this question.

According to the document, scan tool requirements will be built into the service manual. The specific procedures that are being performed will generally have a step that says a scan tool is required to complete this procedure. Per the Tesla Body Repair Tech Note, "Toolbox is Tesla's diagnostic and repair software. When a component is replaced or installed, it is necessary to use Toolbox to make sure the component functions properly within the vehicle."

It is possible that a scan tool may be needed multiple times for the duration of repairs, for example: "If a Service Manual section is listed, perform the Toolbox operation at the completion of all procedures in that Service Manual section. If a Service Manual procedure is listed, perform the Toolbox operation at the completion of that procedure." Tesla also says to run a DTC check after any repair that required the use of a scan tool is completed.