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Table 20. Auto Dealership Subtypes by Time Period.

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Auto Dealerships		 <p><i>S. D. Jackman Ford Dealership, 211-215 E. Hutchinson Street, San Marcos, Hays County, constructed in 1920.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Two-Part Commercial Block form, similar to typical commercial architectural forms of the period. Typically located within a commercial area, often on a prominent corner lot. Masonry exterior finish. Large fixed display windows along front and side façade. Service department and offices located at rear. Decorative parapet, a visual element used to catch the attention of the passerby, obscures a flat roof. Large bay openings serving as vehicle entrances on secondary façades. 	 <p><i>J.P. "Punk" McNatt Motor Co., 2401 Johnson Street, Greenville, Hunt County, constructed ca. 1930.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One-Part Commercial Block form, similar to typical commercial architectural form of the period. Typically located within a commercial area, often on a prominent corner lot. Steel-frame construction with masonry exterior finish and metal panel along the frieze to allow a large, open interior showroom. Large fixed display windows curve around front and side façade. Service department and offices located at rear or side, in a more utilitarian portion of the building. A flat roof topped by a circular tower, meant to draw attention to the passerby (this example only). Large bay openings serving as vehicle entrances on secondary façades. Architectural and stylistic embellishment consistent with the era of construction, in this case Moderne/Streamlined. 	 <p><i>Lincoln/Mercury Dealership, 420 E. 2nd Street, Odessa, Ector County, constructed ca. 1955.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enframed Window Wall form with modest decorative elements. Typically located within a commercial area, often on a prominent corner lot. Reinforced concrete construction with masonry exterior finish to allow a large, open interior showroom. Large fixed canted windows along the front façade allow for display. Two-story flat roof over rear offices. Service department and offices located at rear in utilitarian building. Large bay openings serving as vehicle entrances on secondary façades (not visible in photo). Architectural and stylistic embellishment consistent with the era of construction, in this case Modern/International Style. 	 <p><i>301 S. Garland Avenue, Garland, Dallas County, constructed ca. 1968.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enframed Window Wall form with bold structural form rather than applied decorative elements. Typically located within a commercial area, often on a prominent corner lot (not visible in photo). Steel frame construction to allow a large, open interior showroom. Showroom featuring large bays of slanted plate glass windows for display and large glass doors. Sales offices located at rear of showroom in attached nondescript concrete block building. Service department located at rear of parcel in separate utilitarian building (not visible in photo). Large bay openings serving as vehicle entrances on secondary façades (not visible in photo). Architectural and stylistic embellishment consistent with the era of construction, in this case Neo-Expressionism.

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Table 21. Auto Parts Stores Subtypes by Time Period.

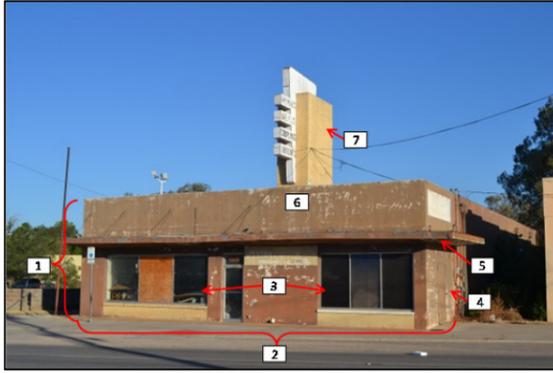
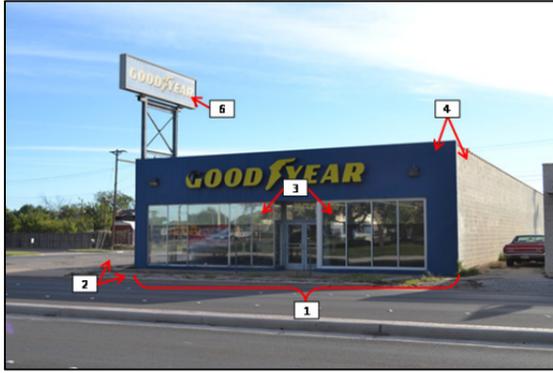
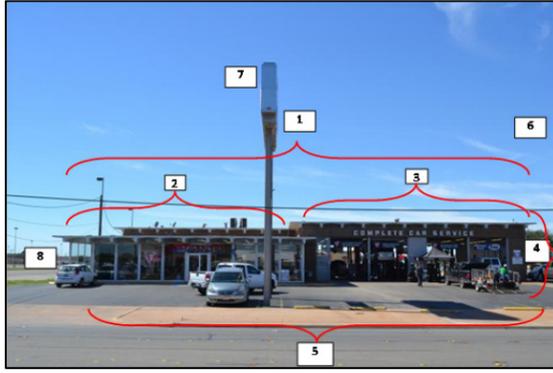
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Auto Parts Stores		 <p><i>Firestone auto parts store with Spanish Colonial Revival detailing, now an apartment leasing office, 1001 W. 7th Street, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, constructed ca. 1920.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One-Part Commercial Block form. 2. Prominent store front. 3. Service bays. Here, the original overhead doors have been replaced with fixed windows for adaptive reuse. 4. Masonry construction. 5. Located in a downtown area. 6. Signs located on and projecting from building. 	 <p><i>Auto parts store, 1215 E. Broadway Avenue, Sweetwater, Nolan County, constructed ca. 1935.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One-Part Commercial Block form. 2. Prominent store front. 3. Large display windows. 4. Brick construction with stucco cladding. 5. Canopy present along the front façade. 6. Stylistic ornamentation characteristic of the era, in this case Art Deco. 7. Projecting signage from roof draws attention of passing motorist. 	 <p><i>Goodyear auto parts store, 633 Pine Street, Abilene, Taylor County, constructed ca. 1955.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enframed Window Wall form. 2. Prominent store front adjacent to roadway with side parking. 3. Large fixed windows along the front façade allow for display. 4. Concrete block construction with stucco finish on front façade. 5. Service bays with overhead doors located along the side of the building, adjacent to the parking lot (not visible in photo). 6. Projecting signage from roof draws attention of passing motorist. 	 <p><i>Firestone auto parts store, 120 E. Pioneer Drive, Abilene, Taylor County, constructed ca. 1965.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commercial Box form set back from street. 2. Prominent storefront. 3. Service bays with overhead doors. 4. Masonry construction with brick finish. 5. Parking in front of building. 6. Located on sprawling commercial strip. 7. Large sign located near street. 8. Modern stylistic influences.

Table 22a. Auto Repair Subtypes by Time Period: 1880–1944.

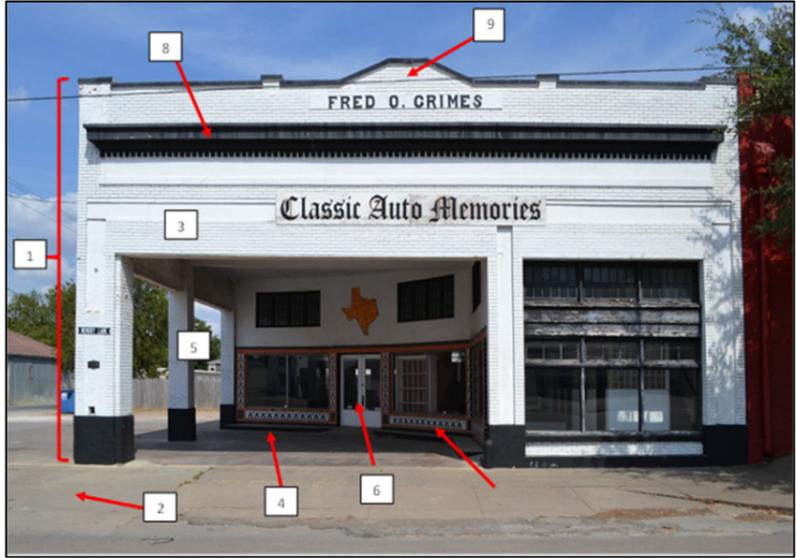
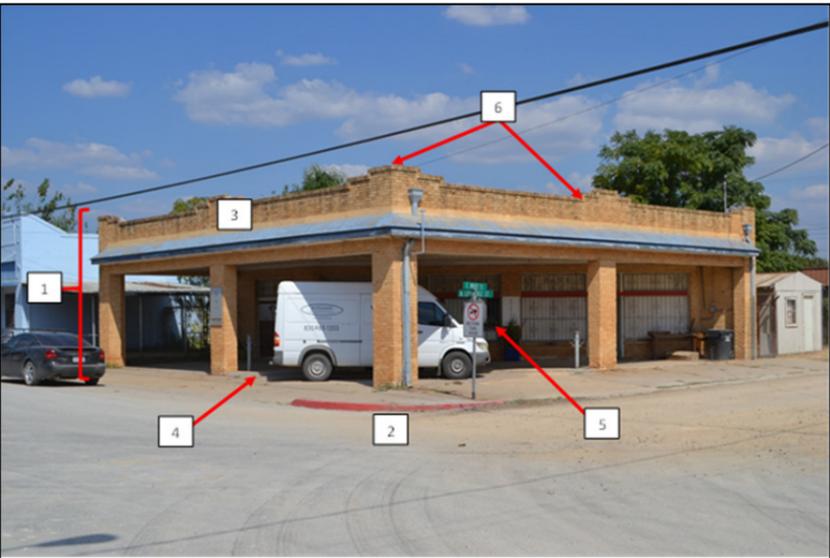
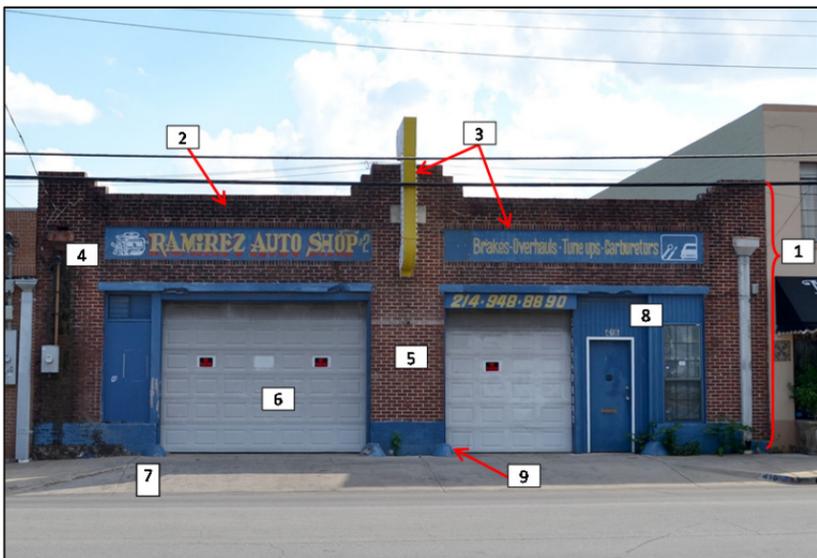
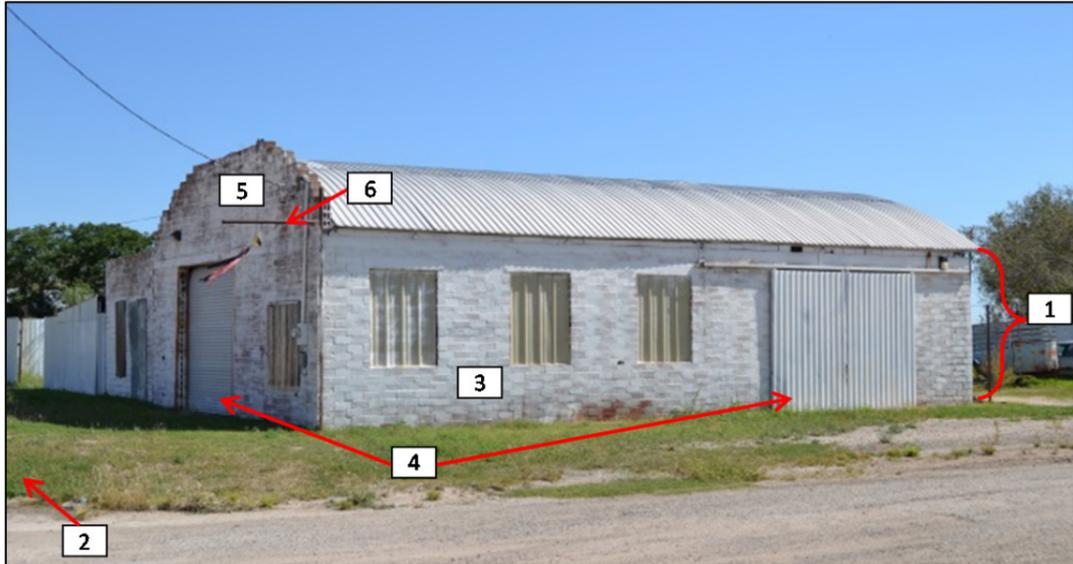
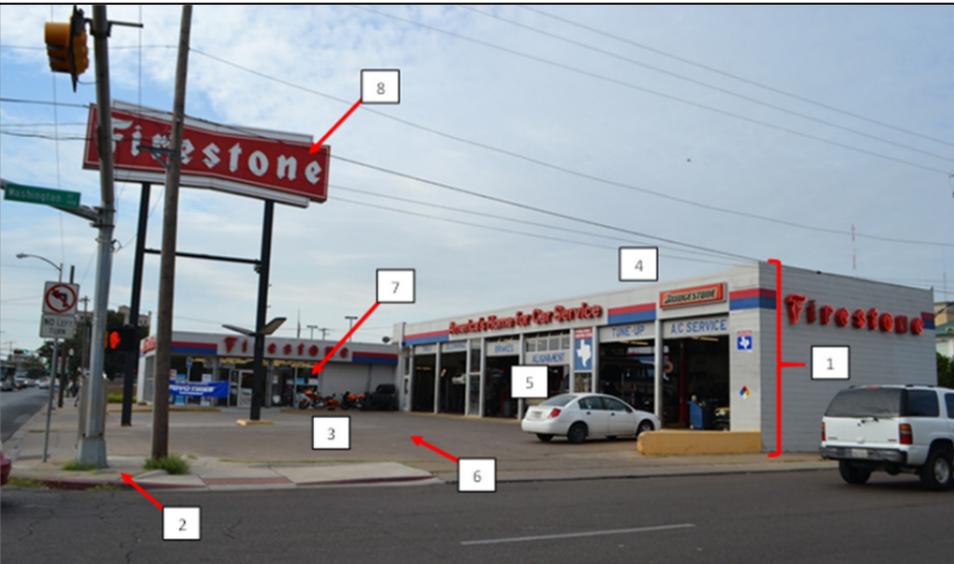
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Auto Repair Shops	 <p><i>Grimes Garage, 110 N. Waco Street, Hillsboro, Hill County, constructed in 1914.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One-Part Commercial Block form with a simple, rectangular footprint. 2. Located on a corner lot at the periphery of downtown. 3. Load-bearing masonry construction with a flat roof. 4. Inset service bay providing vehicular access from two streets. 5. Prominent service bay on side wall (not visible from this perspective). 6. Double-door entrance provides access to interior spaces. 7. Decorative tilework is a distinctive architectural feature. 8. Dentiled entablature evokes a sense of Classical Revival style. 9. Brick parapet on front obscure flat roof. 	 <p><i>Garage, 200 N. Commerce Street, Dilley, Frio County, constructed ca. 1925.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One-Part Commercial Block form with a simple, rectangular footprint. 2. Located on a corner lot at the periphery of downtown. 3. Load-bearing masonry construction with a flat roof. 4. Inset service bay providing vehicular access from two streets. 5. Central doorway and large display windows within inset service bay. 6. Stepped brick parapet evokes a sense of Classical Revival style. 	 <p><i>416 W. Davis Street, Dallas, Dallas County, constructed in 1933.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One-Part Commercial Block form that is similar to traditional commercial architectural forms predating World War II; typically located as part of a commercial block in or on the fringes of the historic downtown. 2. Parapet obscures flat or slightly pitched shed roof. 3. Signage could include painted or applied panel on the parapet or a metal or wood signed suspended from the parapet or rising from parapet or roof. 4. Load-bearing masonry construction. Brick is most common exterior finish, but other materials, such as stucco, may be used. 5. Simple, utilitarian façade that typically displays modest amounts of stylistic ornamentation or embellishment. 6. Prominent service bay is the façade's dominant visual feature and a signature characteristic of this subtype. 7. Cut in sidewalk leading to service bay provides direct access to/from service bay and nearby street; concrete ramp facilitates vehicle access to building. 8. Small public area for offices and/or waiting area for patrons; in this case, a single door provides interior access, but other examples have display windows on the front and/or side. 9. Bollards at bottom corners of service-bay openings are a common architectural feature to protect walls from vehicle damage.

Table 22b. Auto Repair Subtypes by Time Period: 1945–1980.

	Postwar Road Expansion: 1945–1956	Effects of the Interstate Highway System: 1957–1980
Auto Repair Shops	 <p><i>E. Broadway Street, Roscoe, Nolan County, constructed 1947. Note the reuse of a prefabricated Quonset Hut structure surrounded by a concrete block masonry veneer.</i></p>  <p><i>1706 W. Front Street, Midland, Midland County, constructed ca. 1950.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Buildings exhibit a simple, rectangular footprint. 2. Located on a corner lot at the periphery of downtown. 3. Utilitarian exterior materials, such as concrete block, sometimes covered with stucco. 4. Large service-bay openings on front a side façades facing street, with either overhead or sliding garage doors. 5. Minimal architectural detailing. 6. Signage projects from building. 	 <p><i>Firestone Store, 1020 San Bernardo Avenue, Laredo, Webb County, constructed ca. 1965.</i></p> <p>Character-defining Features:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detached, free-standing commercial building; orientation can vary depending on lot/parcel location; some have elongated plans that provide maximum street exposure, while others have a store-like front with service bays and driveway on side elevation, which creates a deep building footprint. 2. Corner location but service bays typically face onto major thoroughfare 3. Expansive paved area for parking and entrance to service bays. 4. Masonry (often concrete masonry units) exterior finish. 5. Multiple service bays with overhead garage doors that extend over much of the surface area of the façade. 6. Set back from street with paved parking and ample room to enter/exist service bays. 7. Small public space contains office, waiting room, restrooms, and stockroom for inventory and supplies. <p>Prominent free-standing sign with company branding/logo</p>