Types of Restoration Companies: Which Model Fits Your Loss?

Canonical Web Version: https://restorationintel.com/types-of-restoration-companies/

Direct Answer: The short answer: restoration companies come in a few distinct shapes — franchises (national brand, local owner), independents (locally owned and operated), full-service/turnkey (mitigation through reconstruction under one roof), and specialists (mitigation-only, contents-only, or large-loss commercial). The right.

Field Benchmark & Decision Matrix

Operational Stage	Field Focus in This Guide	Documentation Requirement	Verification Gate
1. Franchise vs. independent	The short answer: restoration companies come in a few distinct shapes — franchises.	Timestamped photos, measurements & scope notes	Cross-check against primary standard prior to submission
2. Full-service (turnkey) vs. mitigation-only	Franchise operations (the national names you recognize) are locally owned businesses.	Timestamped photos, measurements & scope notes	Cross-check against primary standard prior to submission
3. Specialists	Independent companies are locally owned without a national affiliation. The best.	Timestamped photos, measurements & scope notes	Cross-check against primary standard prior to submission
4. The TPA network layer	Industry leaders themselves split on the question. The honest read from a recent C&R.	Timestamped photos, measurements & scope notes	Cross-check against primary standard prior to submission

Practitioner Operational Takeaways

• Confirm scope boundaries and loss classification for: Types of Restoration Companies: Which Model Fits Your Loss?.

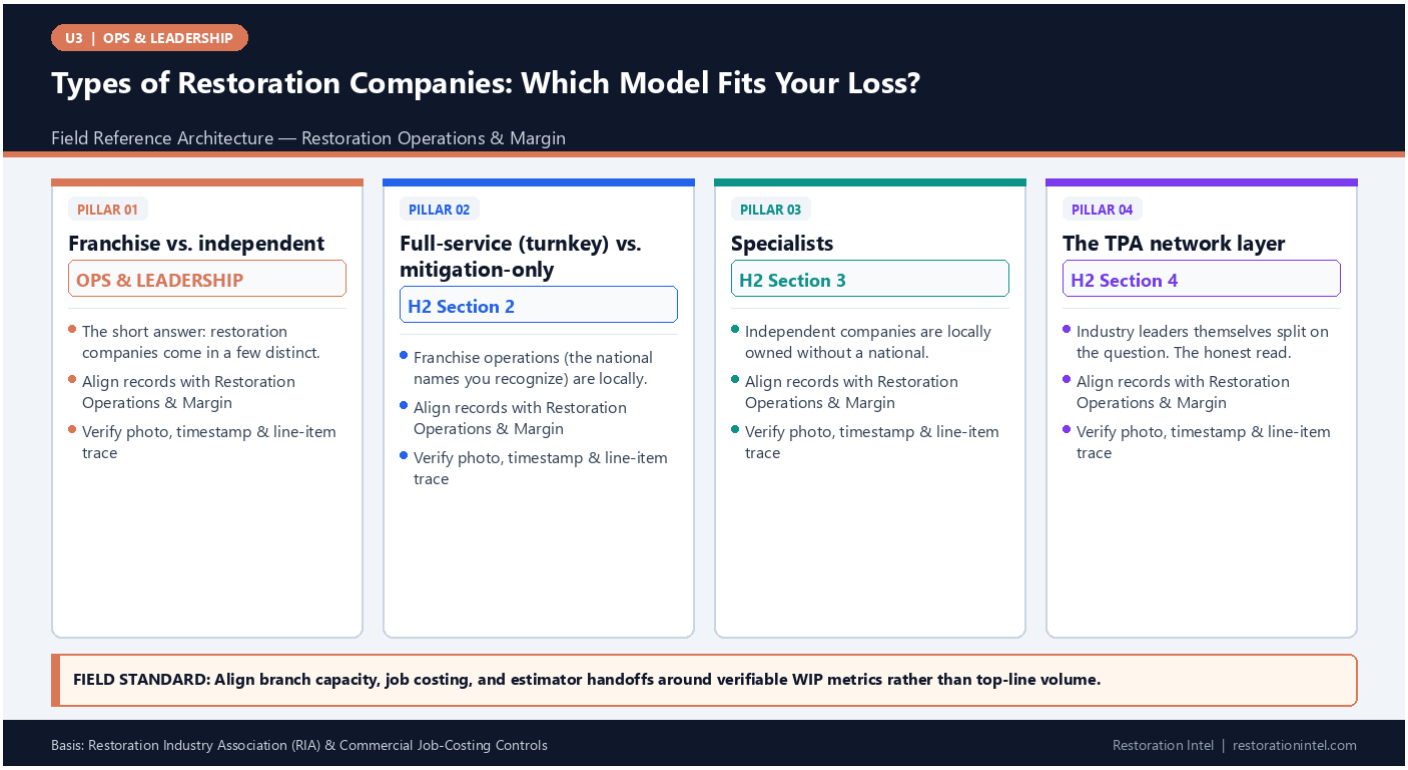
• Capture timestamped field photos, measurements, and serial/assembly notes before mobilization or tear-out.

• Tie every line item or operational recommendation to primary references (Restoration Industry Association (RIA), OSHA 1910.132 Personal Protective Equipment Standard).

• Verify internal cross-links and preserve all customer intake/compliance forms intact on the canonical page.

• Export and attach the Print-First PDF field brief and verify the sibling Markdown twin (.md) resolves HTTP 200.

Visual Workflow & Benchmark Summary



Companion Endpoints & Verified Primary Sources

- **Markdown Twin (plain text):** https://restorationintel.com/types-of-restoration-companies.md
- **Restoration Industry Association (RIA):** https://www.restorationindustry.org/
- **OSHA 1910.132 Personal Protective Equipment Standard:** https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.132
- **Verisk Xactimate Estimating Platform:** https://www.verisk.com/products/xactimate/