



STATEMENT

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MAINTAINING FORD VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS

DEARBORN, Mich. – Today’s vehicles are using more advanced high-strength steels, exotic metals and composite materials than ever before, while integrating highly advanced driver assist and safety-system technologies in an effort to improve passenger safety.

All Ford Motor Company vehicles—equipped with Genuine Ford Original Equipment Parts—are subjected to a battery of stringent internal tests as well as Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) tests to help ensure all individual components work as a system during a crash sequence and meet or exceed the performance standards established by Ford and the U.S. government (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration). It is critical for these systems to be repaired with parts that will deliver the intended level of form, function, performance and safety our engineers originally specified.

Genuine Ford Original Equipment collision replacement parts are designed by Ford Motor Company and produced to the same specifications and tolerances as the parts on the vehicle when it was manufactured. These parts meet stringent requirements for fit, finish, structural integrity, corrosion protection and dent resistance. They are the only parts proven during vehicle development to deliver the intended level of protection as a whole system.

Many parts play an integral role in your vehicle's overall structural integrity and the function of its safety systems. When Genuine Ford Original Equipment collision replacement parts are installed using factory-recommended materials and procedures, they deliver the same structural performance characteristics as the original parts.

New aftermarket collision parts may not be made of the same material or to the same tolerances and specifications as Genuine Ford Original Equipment collision replacement parts, and are not tested with the rest of the system during vehicle development. Thus, some new aftermarket collision parts may not be of the same quality or have the same performance characteristics as OEM parts.

Quality concerns may also exist with salvage and remanufactured/reconditioned parts due to the uncertainty of the source, condition and durability of these parts.

For these reasons, Ford Motor Company strongly recommends the use of original equipment replacement parts for collision repair. Use of new aftermarket, salvage or remanufactured/reconditioned parts could result in diminished value of the vehicle, and both increased vehicle damage and changes to the crash protection offered by the vehicle.

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Collision Repair Note

Recycled, salvaged, aftermarket and reconditioned parts (including body parts, wheels and safety restraint components) are not authorized by Ford. Departure from the instructions provided in the Ford Workshop Manual, including alternate repair methods or the use of substitute components, risks compromising crash safety. Failure to follow these instructions may adversely affect structural integrity and crash safety performance, which could result in serious personal injury to vehicle occupants in a crash.