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Subject: Audi Collision Repair Standards

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Vehicle Structural/Unibody Component Replacement

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Applicable to All Audi Models

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Audi designs and equips its vehicles with the latest crashworthy features to help ensure optimum occupant safety. In maintaining these standards, Audi is providing Audi Certified Collision Repair Facilities with critical information pertaining to collision repair/parts replacement on Audi vehicles.

This Audi repair position statement refers to unibody/structural components including frame rails, apron assemblies, quarter panels, floor structures, bumpers, bumper reinforcement bars, A-pillars, B-pillars, and body panels. These structural components are specifically designed to work in conjunction to provide maximum passenger safety in the event of a future collision. Concessions to any of these individual structural components may negatively impact the complete vehicle structure in the event of a future collision.

Therefore, Audi does not support the use of aftermarket, alternative, reverse-engineered, or remanufactured collision parts for the repair of structural components of any Audi vehicle involved in an accident.

Additionally, Audi does not support the use of parts that have been removed or salvaged from another vehicle that was previously involved in a collision. These parts are compromised by being exposed to weathering, rust, environmental damage, and heat damage from welders used to remove the parts from vehicles that were previously involved in a collision. These elements can cause Audi's high-strength steel, aluminum, and carbon fiber vehicle unibody parts to lose their structural integrity, which can cause the vehicle to not perform properly if involved in a future collision.