



## **Collision Position Statement**

### **February 15, 2018**

### **"CLIP" REPAIR (Sectioning of Two Vehicles) PROCEDURE NOT APPROVED**

Ford Motor Company does not approve the use of "clips" to repair collision damage to vehicles.

The use of a "clip" to repair collision damage voids Ford's New Vehicle Limited Warranty and any variety of Ford's Extended Service Plan, as well as Ford's new vehicle service part and corrosion warranties for each part in the "clip." Use of a "clip" also voids any variety of Ford's Extended Service Plan, new vehicle service part warranty and corrosion warranty for any damage to individual components, assemblies or systems on the original vehicle caused by individual components, assemblies or systems in the "clip."

Ford has adopted this position because it cannot be confident "clip" repair procedures return vehicles to pre-accident condition. Because every "clip" repair is unique, it is impossible to test whether the repair technique affects the safety, performance or durability of the vehicle. Other factors weigh heavily in this position, including:

- Hidden damage to individual components, assemblies or systems in the "clip" that may not be readily apparent to the repairer.
- Improper removal techniques and exposure to weather that may degrade the performance characteristics of individual components, assemblies or systems in the "clip."
- Mismatching of individual components, assemblies or systems. Individual component, assembly and system modifications occur throughout the production life of new-model vehicles. It is possible a "clip" component, assembly or system will not be compatible with the vehicle it is being used to repair.