



STATEMENT

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIRBAG, AIRBAG SYSTEM COMPONENT REPLACEMENT

DEARBORN, Mich. – The use of salvaged, used or reconditioned airbag modules or airbag system components to repair collision damage to vehicles raises serious concerns about safety, quality, warranty and liability.

Ford Motor Company is confident about the performance of the airbag modules and airbag system components it designs and installs in its vehicles. However, Ford cannot be confident about the performance of salvaged, used or reconditioned airbag modules or airbag system components.

For these reasons, Ford Motor Company recommends use of only new replacement airbag modules and airbag system components provided by Ford Motor Company through its authorized collision parts wholesaling dealers. Use of any salvaged, used or reconditioned replacement airbag module or airbag system component not recommended by Ford Motor Company can affect the safety characteristics of the vehicle, and could result in an increased risk of personal injury and death.

Many factors may influence the integrity of salvaged, used, or reconditioned airbag modules or airbag system components, such as weathering, removal processes, and reconditioning techniques. In addition, airbag modules and airbag system components are designed for specific vehicles, with changes occurring even within specific vehicle models to accommodate technological advancements. It is possible for a salvaged, used or reconditioned airbag module or airbag system component to fit into an inappropriate vehicle, thereby jeopardizing the integrity of the passive restraint system.

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Salvaged, used and reconditioned airbag modules and airbag system components are not covered by Ford Motor Company's new vehicle service part, or any variety of the Ford Extended Service Plan. In addition, any damage to or failure of a Ford part caused by the installation or improper performance of a salvaged, used or reconditioned airbag module or airbag system component is not covered by Ford Motor Company's new vehicle service part, or any variety of the Ford Extended Service Plan.

However, the use of a salvaged, used or reconditioned airbag module or airbag system component for collision repair does not, in itself, void Ford Motor Company's new vehicle service part, or any variety of the Ford Extended Service Plan. Warranty coverages for the rest of the vehicle, excluding the salvaged, used or reconditioned airbag module or airbag system component, remain in effect.

Ford believes the interests of vehicle owners and collision repairers are best protected when Genuine Ford Original Equipment collision replacement parts are used to repair collision damage.

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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.