



Preserving consumer choice and affordable repair in the automotive collision parts industry

## **SAFETY IS TOP PRIORITY OF INDEPENDENT MANUFACTURERS, REPAIRERS, INSURERS**

Safety is the top priority of the CAR Coalition. It drives everything our member companies do. From producing and rigorously testing repair parts to advocating and incentivizing increased safety measures in vehicles, CAR Coalition members put consumer safety first.

Automotive manufacturers, both independent and original, use the same manufacturing processes to produce parts. In fact, many independently produced parts are often made by the same manufacturers that make automaker-branded parts. Independently produced parts also offer superior warranties, lifetime in many cases.

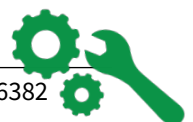
Many independently produced parts are certified by a third party to demonstrate their quality and comparability to the auto-maker branded part. One of these, the Certified Auto Parts Association (CAPA), provides the industry's most comprehensive standards for aftermarket part certifications. Many independent manufacturers also offer lifetime warranties on these parts.

Insurers also actively promote consumer safety through the incentivization of safe driving and the mandating of safety-focused parts. In fact, insurers founded the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which engages in rigorous vehicle and road safety research, as well as vehicle testing and grading.

All parts sold in the U.S. must comply with the same applicable federal and state regulations whether they are produced by an original or independent auto manufacturer. The suggestion that aftermarket parts are somehow inferior or unsafe is untrue and is a disservice to consumers.

There is also an effort to restrict consumers' ability to determine how and if their vehicle data is shared under the guise of safety. However, consumer choice/control and safety are not and should not be considered mutually exclusive. By controlling access to their vehicle-generated data, consumers are better positioned to protect their private information and determine how to best repair or maintain their vehicle. Additionally the rising repair costs and limited choice of parts and independent repair facilities often results in consumers putting off critical repairs that put themselves and the public at increased risk. Consumers should not have to choose between safety and repairing their vehicles.

### **ABOUT THE CAR COALITION**



The CAR Coalition is committed to preserving and protecting consumer choice and affordable vehicle repair by ensuring competition in the automotive collision parts industry. Members include: Allstate, Automotive Body Parts Association (ABPA), Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA) and LKQ Corporation.

