



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

CHOICE AND SAVINGS CRUCIAL FOR CONSUMERS IN POST-COLLISION REPAIR PROCESS

The automotive repair industry is the largest consumer repair industry in America. Within this industry, companies independent of original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) represent 70% of the total parts and service market while franchised automotive dealers account for the remaining 30%.

With the average age of the U.S. light vehicle fleet at 11.8 years, most cars are not covered by warranties from the OEMs. Consumers need and deserve cost effective options when repairs are needed, particularly following a collision.

At the same time, the cost of car parts has increased dramatically in recent years. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, prices for motor vehicle repairs were 61.07% higher in 2017 than they were in 2000.

Repair costs are increasing largely due to restrictive patents that should not be applied to repair parts and other restrictions limiting consumers' use of independent parts and repairs, including the inability of independent manufacturers and repairers to analyze or repair a manufacturer-produced part and fees to access model specific repair procedures and OBDII ports.

Consumers deserve transparency and choice in the repair process.

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.

