

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and Association of Global Automakers Statement on use of OEM Repair Procedures

An automaker's top priority is its customers' safety, as is safeguarding the overall health of the motor vehicle fleet utilizing our nation's shared roadways every day.

All post-collision vehicle repairs must be conducted in accordance with the repair procedures issued by the vehicle's original equipment manufacturer (OEM), specific to that vehicle's year, make, and model. This includes any directives contained therein relative to pre- and post-scanning of vehicle systems.

OEMs develop repair procedures to help safely restore vehicle systems to proper conditions. The processes follow service and structural engineering practices that have been tested by the manufacturer through crash simulation, actual crash testing, and real-world validation of the repair methodology. Beyond the simple reinstallation of vehicle hardware, OEM repair procedures provide the measurements and tolerances to correctly recalibrate advanced driver safety and assist systems increasingly found on today's vehicles, including lane departure warnings, emergency braking, adaptive cruise control, and blind-spot monitoring.

Failure to follow OEM repair procedures in the course of a post-collision repair should be considered an unauthorized modification of a vehicle and its systems, introducing the potential for bodily injury and death to any future drivers and occupants of the vehicle, as well as occupants in other motor vehicles on the roadway.

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and The Association of Global Automakers represent automakers producing more than 99% of new cars and light trucks sold in the United States.

About the Alliance: The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers is a trade association of twelve car and light truck manufacturers representing 70% of all car and light truck sales in the United States. Formed in 1999, the Alliance serves as a leading advocacy group for the automobile industry on a range of public policy issues. The Alliance is committed to developing and implementing constructive solutions to public policy challenges that promote sustainable mobility and benefit society in the areas of environment, energy, and motor vehicle safety. For more information, visit www.autoalliance.org.

About Global Automakers: The Association of Global Automakers represents the U.S. operations of international motor vehicle manufacturers, original equipment suppliers, and other automotive-related trade associations. We work with industry leaders, legislators, regulators, and other stakeholders in the United States to create public policy that improves motor vehicle safety, encourages technological innovation and addresses environmental needs. Our goal is to foster an open and competitive automotive marketplace that encourages investment, job growth, and development of vehicles that can enhance Americans' quality of life. For more information, visit www.globalautomakers.org.