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CAPA Certifies More Than 128 Million Parts

Kentwood, Mich. – September 10, 2021– The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA), an independent non-profit standard-setting and certification organization for automotive crash parts, announces that it has certified more than 128 million aftermarket parts since 1990. Representative samples of the parts were tested and certified to CAPA’s standards by a third party, independent test laboratory.

“For over 30 years, CAPA’s priority has always been to ensure that high quality, certified aftermarket parts are an option for insurers, repairers, and ultimately consumers,” said Clark Plucinski, CAPA chairman. “Without these high quality alternatives to OEM parts, it is likely that more vehicles would be considered ‘totaled’ simply because they would be too expensive to repair using only OEM parts, and that’s not good for consumers or the collision repair industry.

“We are proud to continue to work with the dedicated manufacturers who chose to obtain CAPA certification for their parts. This is especially true for manufacturers whose products fall under newer CAPA standards for which the market may not be fully developed. These are the manufacturers looking forward and anticipating the future needs of the industry,” Plucinski continued.

CAPA currently has 14 standards for the certification of aftermarket parts:

Standard	Part Type	Parts Included
CAPA 101	Metal Parts	Fenders, hoods – cosmetic parts on the exterior of the vehicle
CAPA 201	Plastic Parts	Bumper fascia, grilles – cosmetic parts on the exterior of the vehicle
CAPA 202	Nonwoven Fabric Parts	Hood liners, fender liners
CAPA 301	Lighting Parts	Headlamps, taillamps, turn signal lamps – exterior vehicle lighting
CAPA 401	Attachment Parts	Bumper brackets, mounting brackets, hinges
CAPA 402	Front Support Parts	Radiator supports, upper and lower tie bars
CAPA 501	Bumper Parts	Bumpers, reinforcement bars, energy absorbers
CAPA 601	Radiators	Radiators
CAPA 602	Air Conditioning Condensers	AC condensers

CAPA 701	Exterior Mirrors	Passenger and driver side mirror assemblies, mirror glass, housings
CAPA 702	Exterior Cameras	Rearview and sideview cameras
CAPA 703	Sensors	Ultrasonic part distance control sensors
CAPA 801	Automotive Glass	Windshields
CAPA 901	Replica Wheels	Replica wheels

Automotive aftermarket (AM) parts are those sold for use after the vehicle enters the marketplace. There are a variety of types of aftermarket parts including those sold by the car companies under their own brand, independently manufactured parts, recycled, and remanufactured parts. Not all aftermarket parts are certified – car company branded parts are not independently certified, and only a few manufacturers take the steps to have their parts CAPA Certified.

CAPA Certified parts can be identified with a yellow, two-part seal with a unique number and bar code, and are verified to have the same fit, finish, and performance of the car company service part.

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About CAPA

The Certified Automotive Parts Association, founded in 1987, is the nation’s only independent, non-profit certification organization for automotive crash parts whose sole purpose is to ensure that both consumers and the industry have the means to identify high-quality parts via the CAPA Quality Seal. CAPA is an ANSI-accredited standards developer for competitive crash repair parts. For more information see CAPAcertified.org.