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CAPA's Standard for Lighting Parts Ensures Quality and Safety of Aftermarket Parts for Consumers, Provides Confidence in Vehicle Repairs

Kentwood, Mich. – October 27, 2022 – The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA), an independent non-profit standard-setting and certification organization for automotive crash parts, reminds the industry that the CAPA 301 Lighting Standard requires independently verified conformance to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108 (FMVSS 108). CAPA's mission, to ensure consumers have access to high quality automotive replacement parts and services by identifying sustainable options at competitive prices, is more important than ever, based on several recent OEM lighting part recalls for noncompliance with FMVSS 108.

CAPA's Lighting Standard for aftermarket parts requires FMVSS 108 compliance, including photometric, environmental, and vibration testing, regardless of any noncompliances the OEM service part may demonstrate. A CAPA Certified lighting part must demonstrate compliance to FMVSS 108 at initial certification, as well as every subsequent CAPA Certified lot produced.

"Recent recalls of OEM lighting parts have reinforced the need for independent verification of FMVSS compliance," said Clark Plucinski, CAPA Board Chairman. "Consumers can rest assured that CAPA Certified Lighting parts are a high quality, safe alternative and may safely be used on any repair."

To be sure a part is a genuine CAPA Certified replacement part, look for the yellow and blue CAPA Quality Seal that comes on every CAPA Certified part. This seal provides independent assurance that the vehicle repair has been made with a high-quality aftermarket part. More information on the CAPA Certification Program, including an informative factsheet on the CAPA 301 Lighting Standard, can be found at www.CAPACertified.org.

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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.