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LOOK FOR THE CAPA SEAL

Every CAPA Certified Part Has A Distinctive Yellow Seal With A Unique Number—Or It's Not CAPA Certified!

Washington, DC – The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA) is the only automotive parts certifying organization that requires that every certified part be identified by a tamper-proof seal. The top portion of the seal is designed to stay permanently on the part. The lower portion is designed to be removed and placed on the repair order to verify the use of a CAPA part. Every seal has a unique number that makes possible part traceability from the manufacturer to the vehicle on which the part is ultimately installed.

Recently, several manufacturers have joined the CAPA quality part certification program. While these manufacturers are in the process of certifying their parts to CAPA's quality standards, it is important that the public understand that part certification is not granted upon a manufacturer's entry to the program. Only after an individual part is tested and demonstrates that it meets all of CAPA's comprehensive requirements will it be certified and the manufacturer allowed to affix the CAPA quality seal. Parts without CAPA quality seals should not be considered CAPA certified.

CAPA makes available to the public on its website, www.capacertified.org, a feature which enables users to search its database by entering the CAPA seal number. Any visitor to www.capacertified.org, which is available free of charge, will be able to obtain important information about a particular part by entering the unique CAPA seal number. This system will provide instant verification that the part is currently certified.

This CAPA Seal search function, which has always been part of CAPA's vigorous internal quality and tracking system, provides the public with detailed information about the part. "Public integrity and public access go hand in hand, and providing free access to important quality information is vital to running a credible program", said Jack Gillis, CAPA Executive Director. "Repairers, part distributors, and insurers need to know that regardless of what a seller may say about the part, if it doesn't have a CAPA seal, it is not CAPA certified." This built-in confirmation enables each segment of the industry to have confidence in the fact that when they request CAPA certified parts, they actually receive them.

The Certified Automotive Parts Association, founded in 1987, is the nation's only independent, non-profit, third party crash parts quality certification organization. CAPA certification identifies, for both consumers and the industry, those parts that meet our high quality standards for fit, form, finish, material content and corrosion resistance. For more information see www.CAPAcertified.org.

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