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LOOK FOR THE NEW CAPA LIGHTING SEAL

Same Distinctive Yellow Seal With A Unique Number—Sized for Lighting Products

Washington, DC – The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA) announces a new CAPA seal specifically for certified lighting products. The new seal for lighting is smaller than the seal used for sheet metal and plastic parts, and includes the prefix “L” before the number, for “Lighting.”

The smaller seal is literally a better fit for lighting parts, which may have a limited area upon which to apply the seal. Whether for metal, plastic, or lighting parts, the purpose of the tamper-proof seal remains the same: To identify every CAPA certified part. 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.



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. "As CAPA certified lighting parts begin to enter the market, it is crucial that the industry know how to tell the difference between certified and non-certified parts," said Jack Gillis, CAPA Executive Director. "Whether it's a fender, a bumper cover, or a headlamp, 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.

There are currently more than 10 CAPA certified lighting part numbers from three manufacturers, with nearly 500 more lights in the certification process. Stated Gillis, "As quality-minded manufacturers join the program and submit their parts to CAPA's comprehensive quality standards, the industry, and ultimately the American consumer, can look forward to increasing numbers of high quality, CAPA certified lighting parts available for use in collision repairs."

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.