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CAPA: 18 Years as the Only Approved Certifying Body for Aftermarket Crash Parts by the New York Insurance Department

Washington D.C. - For 18 consecutive years, the Certified Automotive Parts Association has been deemed acceptable by the New York Superintendent of Insurance pursuant to the Fourth Amendment to regulation 64, as a qualified certification program for crash parts produced by manufacturers other than the original equipment manufacturer.

New York law states that if aftermarket crash parts have not been certified by CAPA, the manufacturer or distributor of the part must issue a written warranty attesting that the non-certified aftermarket crash part equals or exceeds the comparable car company brand crash part in terms of fit, form, finish, quality, and performance if the part is to be used in insurance paid repairs.

“CAPA takes the guess work out of finding high quality, fairly priced parts for insurers, repairers and, most importantly the consumers they serve,” said Jack Gillis, CAPA Executive Director. “Genuine CAPA Certified replacement parts are brand new and have been tested to match all of the important characteristics of the car company brand part that they replace,” said Gillis. “By insisting on CAPA Certified parts, New York state consumers, insurers, and repairers can be confident that the fit, finish, safety, and material content will match the car company brand part. Unless the part is CAPA Certified, consumers, insurers, and repairers are taking a risk that the materials, welds, strength, and safety are not the same as the car company part.”

Over the next few months, CAPA will be reaching out to the insurance and collision repair industries to be sure they understand the potential risks associated with non-CAPA Certified parts. Energy absorbers that explode, hood latches made of the wrong materials, and headlights that don't meet federal motor vehicle safety standards, are a few of the problems CAPA has discovered with non-CAPA Certified parts. Shortly, CAPA will be releasing CAPA's Part Quality Watch which will take a look at some of the problems associated with non-CAPA Certified parts.

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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 it 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 www.CAPAcertified.org.