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CAPA Announces Plans for New Vehicle Test Fit Lab in California

Washington, D.C. – CAPA is announcing that its Validator, Intertek, one of the world’s foremost testing labs, will be opening another CAPA Vehicle Test Fit Center in California. The new location will be in addition to CAPA’s Grand Rapids, Michigan facility, the site of CAPA’s original Vehicle Test Fit lab.

“CAPA’s Vehicle Test Fit (VTF) program was developed and implemented by CAPA in 1999. While today, CAPA’s unique vehicle test fit process has become the industry-accepted test for the quality of aftermarket parts, it was completely revolutionary when we originally introduced it,” said Jack Gillis, CAPA’s Executive Director. “It’s likely that of all CAPA’s extensive Certification requirements, the VTF has played the single most critical role in the universal acceptance of CAPA Certified parts as truly comparable to car company brand parts.”

The CAPA Certification program includes a variety of independently developed and publicly available standards which cover a broad array of part types. CAPA standards enable both insurers and collision repair shops to select fenders, lights, bumpers, hoods, bumper covers, grilles, and many more crash replacement part types, that truly match the quality of car company brand service parts. There are nearly 13,000 CAPA Certified part applications and CAPA’s new VTF lab will provide the opportunity for manufacturers to submit even more parts.

CAPA’s new VTF test lab will be located in Orange County. “This will provide manufacturers who participate in the CAPA Program the option of having their CAPA VTFs and other vehicle-related services performed at multiple locations in the U.S. Like the Grand Rapids lab, the California facility will contain state of the art measurement equipment as well as ASE Certified technicians test fitting the parts submitted for certification,” said Debbie Klouser, CAPA’s Director of Operations.

Andrew Gleason, Intertek’s Operations Manager of Automotive Products Certification said, “We are currently in the process of reviewing a number of potential locations and will be making the final decision shortly.”

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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 CAPAcertified.org.