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### **CAPA Announces New Standard for Automotive Glass**

**Kentwood, MI** – The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA), an independent non-profit standard-setting and certification organization for automotive crash parts, announces that its Technical Committee has approved the CAPA 801 Standard for the certification of automotive glass. The standard—the first in the industry for independently produced aftermarket glass—currently applies to windshields but may be expanded to include side and rear windows in the future. It contains requirements for materials, dimension and appearance.

In the past, fit and clarity were the primary concerns when using aftermarket glass; however, with the growing trend of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) being incorporated with automotive glass, considerations surrounding the functionality of ADAS equipment must be also made. Following feedback from the collision repair industry regarding the quality of aftermarket automotive glass, CAPA created the 801 Standard, which requires demonstrated compliance to applicable sections of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 205, Glazing Materials, as well as ADAS-related hardware, appearance, materials and dimensional requirements not addressed by the Federal standard. The standard does not include requirements for glass installation.

“Our Technical Committee’s experience and expertise in standard development provides the industry the assurance of safe and quality aftermarket auto glass,” said CAPA Board Chair Clark Plucinski.

CAPA’s Technical Committee, led by Chair Nick Scheid of LNS & Associates, and Vice Chair Rod Enlow of RENlow Auto Technical Consulting, Inc., is responsible for CAPA’s Standard Development and approval, and is comprised of collision repairers, insurers, part distributors, manufacturers, and other industry experts.

Manufacturers wishing for more information about the standard, or to have their automotive glass certified by CAPA, can contact Jillian Rahal at 616-656-7401 or [jillian.rahal@intertek.com](mailto:jillian.rahal@intertek.com). Information can also be found at the CAPA website, [www.CAPAcertified.org](http://www.CAPAcertified.org).

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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 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](http://CAPAcertified.org).*