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## **CAPA Technical Committee Approves New Standard for Replica Wheels**

**Kentwood, Mich. – November 30, 2020** – The Certified Automotive Parts Association (CAPA), an independent non-profit standard-setting and certification organization for automotive crash parts, announces the approval of CAPA Standard 901 for replica wheels. The standard applies to wheels made by independent manufacturers as a cost-effective replacement for damaged products. It contains requirements for construction quality, performance, markings, materials, dimensions, and appearance to ensure the aftermarket part is comparable to the car company service part.

Different manufacturing processes may result in variations in wheel durability. When restoring vehicles to pre-accident condition, it is important to use a wheel with performance comparable to that of the original wheel. Because less expensive alternatives may mean lower quality, certification to the new CAPA standard will help provide assurance of wheel comparability. All certified replica wheels will undergo extensive testing to demonstrate comparability to OEM service parts, allowing for more cost-effective, higher quality parts to be brought to market.

“CAPA’s goal is to provide the auto repair industry with a way to identify replacement parts that are comparable to those from the original equipment manufacturer,” said Clark Plucinski, Chairman at CAPA. “Our comprehensive certification program provides a reliable, objective means to identify high quality replacement parts. We are thrilled to expand the program to include replica wheels, giving repairers and consumers more options for replacement parts.”

CAPA’s standards are developed by its Technical Committee, which is comprised of representatives from several segments of the automotive industry, including parts manufacturers, insurers, distributors, collision repairers, and general interest. Current Committee members are:

- Scott Benavidez, Mr. B’s Paint & Body Shop
- Randall Bollander, Empire Auto Parts
- Jeff Chen, T.Y.G. Products, L.P.
- Mike Dolabi, National Autobody Parts Warehouse, Inc.
- Bill Dornon, LKQ/Keystone
- Rod Enlow, Vice Chairman, RENlow Auto Technical Consulting, Inc.
- Don Feeley, CAA
- Jim Fisher, PBSI-DS
- Jim Horner, USAA
- Scott Kohl, Liberty Mutual Insurance
- Jim Miras, Micro Rim Corp.
- Dan Risley, CCC
- Nick Scheid, Chairman, LNS & Associates
- Jim Sherman, Meyer Distributing

- Michael Smith, GEICO
- Chad Sulkala, Allstate
- Richard Wang, Gordon Auto Body Parts Co., Ltd.

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

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#### **About CAPA**

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).