



# STATEMENT

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## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **USE OF SALVAGED COLLISION PARTS AND AIRBAG SYSTEMS**

**DEARBORN, Mich.** – Ford Motor Company is confident about the performance of airbag systems it designs and installs in its vehicles. However, Ford cannot be confident that airbag systems or components salvaged from other vehicles for re-use will perform properly.

Many factors may influence the integrity of salvaged airbag systems or components, such as weathering and removal techniques. In addition, airbag systems are designed for specific vehicles, with changes occurring even within specific vehicle models to accommodate technological advancements. It is possible for an airbag system or an individual airbag component to fit into an inappropriate vehicle, thereby jeopardizing the integrity of the airbag system.

For these reasons, Ford believes that only new airbag systems and components should be used to repair damaged vehicles.

Ford believes the interests of repairers and vehicle owners are best protected when new Genuine Ford Original Equipment replacement airbag systems and components are used.

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#### ***Collision Repair Note***

*Recycled, salvaged, aftermarket and reconditioned parts (including body parts, wheels and safety restraint components) are not authorized by Ford. Departure from the instructions provided in the Ford Workshop Manual, including alternate repair methods or the use of substitute components, risks compromising crash safety. Failure to follow these instructions may adversely affect structural integrity and crash safety performance, which could result in serious personal injury to vehicle occupants in a crash.*

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