



Collision Position Statement

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USE OF SALVAGED SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS

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

For this reason, Ford Motor Company does not approve the repair of our vehicles using salvage supplemental restraint systems or individual components of those systems.

Reuse of salvaged or used restraint systems and components brings into question the integrity of those components and the conditions under which they were removed and stored. In addition, these systems are designed for specific vehicles, with changes occurring even within specific vehicle model years to accommodate technological advancements. It is possible for a restraint system or an individual airbag component to fit into an inappropriate vehicle, thereby jeopardizing the integrity of the airbag system and the safety of its occupants.

For these reasons, Ford only approves new airbag systems and components, installed using original Ford repair procedures, 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 installed following original Ford procedures.