



Collision Position Statement

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"CLIP" REPAIR (Sectioning of Two Vehicles) PROCEDURE NOT APPROVED

Ford Motor Company does not approve the use of "clips" to repair collision damage to vehicles.

The use of a "clip" to repair collision damage voids The Ford Motor Company's New Vehicle Limited Warranty and any variety of The Ford Motor Company's Extended Service Plan, as well as Ford Motor Company's new vehicle service part and corrosion warranties for each part in the "clip." Use of a "clip" also voids any variety of Ford Motor Company's Extended Service Plan, new vehicle service part warranty and corrosion warranty for any damage to individual components, assemblies or systems on the original vehicle caused by individual components, assemblies or systems in the "clip."

The Ford Motor Company has adopted this position because it cannot be confident "clip" repair procedures return vehicles to pre-accident condition. Because every "clip" repair is unique, it is impossible to test whether the repair technique affects the safety, performance, or durability of the vehicle. Other factors weigh heavily in this position, including:

- Hidden damage to individual components, assemblies or systems in the "clip" that may not be readily apparent to the repairer.
- Improper removal techniques and exposure to weather that may degrade the performance characteristics of individual components, assemblies, or systems in the "clip."
- Mismatching of individual components, assemblies, or systems. Individual component, assembly and system modifications occur throughout the production life of new-model vehicles. It is possible a "clip" component, assembly or system will not be compatible with the vehicle it is being used to repair.