



## **ARA Board of Directors**

### **Statement on Genuine Recycled Parts Utilization**

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The Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) calls on all stakeholders involved in the collision repair marketplace to recognize the genuine value, safety and other benefits each repair part option (recycled, new, aftermarket, remanufactured) may provide in a professional, safe, quality repair.

It is ARA's opinion that the marketplace's electronic pricing systems must utilize consistent principles to determine collision parts selection and that entities such as TechCor and I-CAR must continue to play an integral role in shaping acceptable collision repair procedures.

To truly realize the intrinsic value that each part may afford, ARA also believes collision repairers must have access to a uniform system that provides them with incentive compensation that promotes the efficient and unbiased parts utilization including genuine recycled parts.

ARA's underlying desire is for more professional collision repair representatives to fix repairable vehicles owned by consumers within the insurance pipeline structure. Repair procedures that advance only the highest priced parts option ensure more vehicles owned by consumers will ultimately be declared total losses by insurance companies. In this situation, all stakeholders lose: consumers who lose their vehicles, insurers who book increased claims costs and repairers who see a reduction in the volume of repairable vehicles in their professional repair facilities.