



Collision Position Statement

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USE OF GENUINE GM ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT PARTS

General Motors (GM) vehicles, systems, and components are engineered, tested, and manufactured to help protect vehicle occupants and deliver the safety, durability, and performance expected of Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, and Cadillac vehicles. GM Genuine Parts are designed, engineered, tested, and validated by GM.

Salvage, Recycled, and Aftermarket Parts

GM does not approve or support the use of salvage, recycled/used, or non-Genuine aftermarket parts on Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, and Cadillac vehicles.

- Aftermarket parts are parts produced by companies other than GM that have not been designed, engineered, tested, or validated by GM for use on GM vehicles, and whose conformity to GM specifications cannot be confirmed by GM
- Salvage or recycled/used parts or parts removed from a previously damaged, flooded, burned, scrapped, or otherwise removed from a used vehicle.

Use of these non-approved parts can:

- Compromise crush zones and structural integrity due to prior damage or repairs.
- Introduce unknown variations in materials, corrosion protection, and NVH (noise/vibration/harshness) performance.
- Affect the performance and integration of safety systems and other vehicle systems that were validated using GM Genuine Parts.
- Prevent proper traceability for safety recalls or service campaigns.

Because GM does not design, engineer, test, or validate salvage, recycled/used, or aftermarket parts for use on GM vehicles, GM cannot confirm that such parts meet GM safety, performance, or durability requirements.

Non-GM Reconditioned Parts

Non-GM reconditioned parts—including re-manufactured, repaired, or re-finished structural or safety components—are not designed, engineered, tested, or validated by GM for reuse on GM vehicles. Reconditioning processes may alter material properties, coatings, dimensions, energy-management features, or attachment points in ways that are not visible during routine inspection.



Use of non-GM reconditioned parts can:

- Replicate or compound prior to impact, corrosion, or fatigue damage that may not be apparent.
- Change how components manage crash energy, deploy airbags, or interact with adjacent structures.
- Introduce unknown variability in ADAS sensor mounting, calibration, and performance.
- Create uncertainty in parts of traceability, including recalls and service campaigns.

For these reasons, GM does not approve the use of non-GM reconditioned parts in collision, structural, or system-dependent repairs on Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, and Cadillac vehicles.

Warranty and Service Plan Implications

Any damage, failure, or non-performance arising from the installation or presence of non-GM (aftermarket, salvage, recycled, reconditioned, or other) parts, accessories, or modifications is NOT COVERED under the GM New Vehicle Limited Warranty or any GM service plans. To ensure continued warranty coverage, GM requires that collision, structural, and system-dependent repairs utilize GM OE parts and GM approved procedures.

GM Recommendation

To help ensure that GM vehicles are returned as close as possible to their pre-collision condition and continue to perform as designed, GM recommends that collision repair facilities, insurers, and consumers:

- Follow GM Service Information and approved repair procedures.
- Use Genuine GM Parts for all collision, structural, and system-dependent repairs.

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