



Collision Position Statement

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INSTALLATION OF USED, SALVAGED, OR IMITATION SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEMS (SRS) & COMPONENTS

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.

Why General Motors takes this position

Due to the critical nature of the design of supplemental restraint systems, GM does not support the use of any used, salvaged, or imitation parts for repair. Only new, genuine GM warranted parts should be used in repair.

Proper operation of the air bag system requires that any repairs to the vehicle be made with new, GM warranted parts. Never use air bag parts from another vehicle or source.

Occupant Protection

General Motors' original equipment supplemental safety restraint components are carefully developed and specifically tuned for the specific vehicle environment. Corresponding safety restraint components from other models or other model years may appear similar from the outside or may even fit the vehicle, but different internal elements or calibrations may result in degraded restraint performance.

Regulatory Compliance

All new GM vehicles are designed and built to meet or exceed all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards. Use of safety restraint system components, other than those specified, could result in degraded performance and, under some circumstances, could render the system inoperative. A repair establishment that knowingly makes a regulated safety system inoperative violates the Safety Act and becomes liable accordingly.

Reliability

Reuse of used or salvaged components brings into question the conditions under which the safety restraint components were obtained and stored prior to use. Components could have



been damaged or stored under unfavorable conditions that could compromise performance and reliability.

Warranty and Service Plan Implications

Any damage, failure, or nonperformance 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.

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