



STATEMENT

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

USE OF NEW AFTERMARKET (IMITATION) COLLISION PARTS

DEARBORN, Mich., June 1, 2004 – The use of new aftermarket (imitation) collision parts to repair collision damage to vehicles raises concerns about warranty and quality.

Imitation collision parts are not covered by Ford Motor Company's new vehicle service part or corrosion warranty, or any variety of the Ford Extended Service Plan. In addition, any damage to or failure of a Ford part caused by the installation or improper performance of an imitation part is not covered by Ford Motor Company's new vehicle service part or corrosion warranty, or any variety of the Ford Extended Service Plan.

However, the use of an imitation collision part for collision repair does not, in itself, void Ford Motor Company's new vehicle service part or corrosion warranty, or any variety of the Ford Extended Service Plan. Warranty coverages for the rest of the vehicle, excluding the imitation part itself, remain in effect.

Ford believes the interests of vehicle owners and collision repairers are best protected when genuine Ford replacement collision parts are used to repair collision damage.

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