



THE LINCOLN MOTOR COMPANY

## **Collision Position Statement**

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### **USE OF SALVAGED SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS**

The Lincoln Motor Company is confident about the performance of supplemental restraint systems it designs and installs in its vehicles. However, The Lincoln Motor Company cannot be confident that restraint systems or components salvaged from other vehicles for re-use will perform properly.

For this reason, The Lincoln Motor Company does not approve the repair of our vehicles using salvage supplemental restraint systems or individual components of those systems.

Use of salvaged or used restraint systems and components brings into question the integrity of those components and the conditions under which they were removed and stored. In addition, these systems are designed for specific vehicles, with changes occurring even within specific vehicle model years to accommodate technological advancements. It is possible for a restraint system or an individual airbag component to fit into an inappropriate vehicle, thereby jeopardizing the integrity of the airbag system and the safety of its occupants.

For these reasons, The Lincoln Motor Company only approves new airbag systems and components, installed using original Lincoln repair procedures, be used to repair damaged vehicles.

The Lincoln Motor Company believes the interests of repairers and vehicle owners are best protected when new Genuine Lincoln Original Equipment replacement airbag systems and components are installed following original Lincoln repair procedures.