

N I S S A N Collision Position Statement-Use of Salvaged Airbags

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TO: COLLISION REPAIR INDUSTRY

POSITION STATEMENT: Use of SALVAGED and/or USED Air Bag Components on Nissan Vehicles

FRANKLIN, TN– The original Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) parts utilized on Nissan vehicles are designed and specifically engineered for use in that vehicle. These Supplemental Restraint Systems and their components will help protect occupants in the event of a collision. The installation and use of a salvaged or used Supplemental Restraint System component in a Nissan vehicle may compromise the intended performance of the vehicle's air bag system, as there is no certainty of the history, quality, condition, compatibility, environmental or other degradation prior to salvage of a recycled or used air bag system component.

When Supplemental Restraint System repairs are necessary, Nissan North America recommends that any repairs be performed by an experienced professional using **only new** Genuine Nissan replacement parts designated for use on the specific Nissan vehicle Supplemental Restraint System affected. Following this recommendation, vehicle owners and repairers can best ensure that the supplemental restraint system parts used in the repair of the Nissan vehicle will help protect vehicle occupants in a possible future crash. When repairing a Nissan Supplemental Restraint System, Nissan strongly recommends pre- **and** post-repair system scans to ensure internal trouble codes are addressed.

Parts Warranty

Nissan North America's New Vehicle Limited Warranty, and Limited Warranty on replacement parts do not apply to any parts other than Genuine Nissan original equipment parts.

Nissan North America will not be responsible for any subsequent repair costs associated with a vehicle and/or part failure caused by the use of parts other than Genuine Nissan replacement parts.

For additional collision information: <u>http://collision.nissanusa.com</u>.