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SUBJECT:

Salvaged Airbags Or Other Salvaged Restraint System Component Usage

OVERVIEW:

This bulletin involves the position of Chrysler Group LLC in regard to Salvaged Air Bags or Other Salvaged Restraint System Component Usage.

DISCUSSION:

Chrysler Group LLC does not support the use of any supplemental restraint system (SRS) component, seatbelt component, or any other occupant protection component which has been removed from a vehicle previously damaged, flooded, burned, scrapped, or removed from use for any other reason--commonly referred to as "salvage parts." Restraint system components are engineered, tested, and manufactured to protect vehicle occupants based upon both government mandated and internal corporate requirements relative to vehicle safety and occupant protection. New Mopar® replacement parts are required to be equivalent to the originally installed parts and are tested to ensure these requirements are met. While some salvage parts may visually appear equivalent, there can be dramatic differences in the design and functional characteristics which could have a negative effect on the vehicle occupants in a future collision event. These specific design and functional characteristics can only be determined through destructive testing. Salvage components may have been affected by:

- Crash impact loads, Flood and Smoke or heat damage.
- Incorrect, improper, or inadequate disassembly and removal procedures.
- Weathering or environmental exposure outside of that expected during normal use.
- Abuse Additionally, salvage components are not traceable should a component recall be required in the future. It is in the best interest of the current or future vehicle owner and/or occupants that repairs to the SRS, seatbelt and occupant protection system are made using new original equipment parts. Anything less than this may expose operators and occupants too unnecessary risk.

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