OUR MISSION: Collaboration among automakers and their partners that strives to eliminate counterfeit automotive components that could harm U.S. consumers.

**Glass**
Counterfeit glass can shatter or displace, injuring and/or failing to protect vehicle occupants.
Laminated/tempered glass optimizes occupant safety during accidents and protects passengers from projectiles during normal driving conditions.

**Headlights and Taillights**
Use of high-quality materials and proper sealing methods protects connectors, wires and lenses from moisture intrusion and damage that can lead to failure or malfunction.
Genuine automotive lighting assemblies are designed for maximum light output for high-visibility driving at night or in extreme weather conditions.

**Grilles**
Counterfeit grilles may not properly house safety sensors that control the vehicle's supplemental restraint system (SRS) and/or other collision mitigation systems, thus rendering those systems inoperable.
Exacting design, materials and manufacturing ensure that safety sensors will remain securely in place and that cooling components are protected.

**Airbags**
Many counterfeit airbags have been found to improperly deploy, or not deploy at all, posing a risk to vehicle occupants.
Front, side and knee airbags supplement seat belts to help slow occupant movement and protect occupants in the event of a collision. Airbags work together with other safety systems and must meet exact specifications for proper operation.

**Body and Structural**
Counterfeit vehicle hoods designed without crumple zones may penetrate the passenger compartment in a crash, putting vehicle occupants at greater risk.
Body components, such as bumper absorbers and body panels, are specifically designed to operate in conjunction with both structural components and vehicle supplemental restraint systems.

**Brakes**
Counterfeit brake pads have been found to be made of grass clippings and saw dust, which would likely jeopardize stopping ability.
A moving vehicle carries tremendous energy and, when stopping, virtually all of it is converted into heat in the brake pads. So, brakes have to be made of materials that won’t melt, such as alloys, ceramics or composites.

**Suspension System**
Counterfeit suspension parts made of substandard materials have shown higher rates of failure, which may place drivers and passengers at risk.
A vehicle’s suspension maximizes the friction between the tires and the road surface, providing steering control, good handling and ride comfort for the passengers.

**Engine and Drivetrain**
Counterfeit spark plugs can overheat and may lead to fire. Counterfeit oil filters can cause sudden engine failure.
High-volume maintenance parts, like spark plugs and oil filters, are commonly counterfeited. Spark plugs ignite the engine’s fuel, providing the vehicle with power. The oil filter removes contaminants from engine oil to keep the engine clean. Composition and material quality are important for the best operation of these components.

**Wheels**
Counterfeit wheels have exhibited compromised structural integrity by cracking after hitting a pothole at just over 30 mph.
Exact specifications, materials, manufacturing methods and quality standards help ensure optimum performance.
Warning Signs / Indicators of Counterfeit-Produced Parts Include:

- Obviously undervalued shipments
- Shipping documents that contain vague or inaccurate descriptions
- Missing safety guidelines
- Lack of officially licensed product logos, tags or trademark notice(s)
- Poor packaging condition
- Different-than-expected aesthetic appearance (color, size, shape) compared to OE parts
- Redundant serial numbers
- Suspicious or redundant bar codes
- Poor model/brand emblem fitments, attachments and stampings
- Poor gap/flush tolerance qualities
- No visible manufacturer’s address on packages or labels
- Misspellings, incorrect fonts or incorrect logos on parts or packaging

STATES WITH COUNTERFEIT AIRBAG LAWS*

Alabama
California
Connecticut
Florida
Georgia
Iowa
Louisiana
Maryland
Massachusetts
Nebraska
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Rhode Island
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia
Washington

*Current as of 10/30/2019. For the most up-to-date list of states with counterfeit airbag laws, visit A2C2.com.

Counterfeit Airbag Law Model Legislation:

A person shall not knowingly and intentionally manufacture, import, install, reinstall, distribute, sell, or offer for sale any device intended to replace a supplemental restraint system component in any motor vehicle if the device is a counterfeit supplemental restraint system component or a nonfunctional airbag, or does not meet federal safety requirements as provided in Section 571.208 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

A person shall not knowingly and intentionally sell, install, or reinstall in a vehicle, any device that causes the vehicle’s diagnostic systems to fail to warn when the vehicle is equipped with a counterfeit supplemental restraint system component or nonfunctional airbag, or when no airbag is installed.

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