

AUTOMOTIVE CERTIFICATION
PARTS · DISTRIBUTORS · SHOPS



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THE NSF AUTOMOTIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

offers services for the entire automotive supply chain. The Auto Parts Certification Program verifies the quality and performance of a range of auto parts via testing and inspection to identify high quality parts that are equivalent to OE parts in form, fit and function. Manufacturers of NSF International certified automotive parts are eligible to pursue additional certification and to use the NSF International sustainability mark if they meet certain environmental requirements.

Auto Parts Distributor Certification closes the supply chain gap between parts manufacturers and repair shops by addressing the key role distributors play in providing quality parts, ensuring full parts traceability and recall processes. The Repair Shop Certification Program enables repair shops to demonstrate that an independent, third-party organization evaluated and certified the capability of their facility, procedures, training and internal processes to execute higher quality, consistent and safer repairs.

INDUSTRY ACHIEVEMENTS

- One of the largest U.S. certifiers of aftermarket automotive parts
- Over 2,000 certified aftermarket automotive sheet metal and plastic parts
- Globally recognized as one of the premiere registrars of auto manufacturing facilities
- One of the top 3 ISO/TS registrars in the U.S.
- More than 350 auto-focused auditors supporting the program
- 4,500 auto clients including OEM and major parts manufacturers

NSF INTERNATIONAL is a global independent organization that writes standards, and tests and certifies products for the automotive, water, food, health sciences and consumer goods industries to minimize adverse health effects and protect the environment (nsf.org). The NSF mark appears on millions of food, water, consumer and automotive products. Founded in 1944, NSF is committed to protecting human health and safety worldwide.

WHAT ARE AFTERMARKET PARTS?

Aftermarket parts are newly manufactured parts for cars and trucks that do not originate from the original car manufacturer's dealers. The NSF mark can help you to identify high quality parts in a crowded marketplace.

WHY TRUST NSF CERTIFIED PARTS?

- Equivalent in form, fit and function to the OE part
- Manufacturing facilities go through approval process before parts are certified
- Certified parts are test-fitted on vehicles
- Ongoing testing of parts and facility inspections
- Avenue for feedback
- Publicly listed
- Limited lifetime warranty
- Full traceability of parts
- Meet all legal requirements

WHAT PARTS DOES NSF CERTIFY?

- Exterior lighting parts
- Front steel bumpers
- Rear step bumpers
- Vehicle energy absorbers
- Reinforcement bars (rebars)
- Vehicle bumper brackets
- Exterior sheet metal components
- Exterior plastic components

WHOM DOES CERTIFICATION BENEFIT?



CONSUMERS

- > Can get quality repairs for their vehicles using NSF certified replacement parts
- > Benefit with lower costs from a competitive marketplace with affordable, high-quality options for repair parts that come with a limited lifetime warranty

BODY SHOPS

- > Repair shops benefit because NSF certified parts are fit tested on vehicles to ensure they fit the first time, reducing time spent on repairs
- > More vehicles to repair, results in more work for body shops and fewer vehicles being totaled

DISTRIBUTORS

- > Marketplace credibility with insurers and repair shops
- > Reduced return rates, resulting in greater efficiency
- > Increased use of aftermarket parts leading to more sales

INSURERS

- > Can make quality repairs using NSF certified replacement parts
- > Using cost-effective alternative parts can reduce the number of vehicles that are totaled based on repair cost

“NSF certified parts have the quality and price point the industry is looking for. Techs and shop owners are becoming more accepting of aftermarket parts, and they’re more confident because they can see the quality.”

Cesar Nunez, Sales Manager
C&J Collision Parts & Glass Distributors



BENEFITS OF THE NSF MARK

Around the world, NSF International represents technical excellence in public health and safety, and the NSF mark is a symbol of this expertise.

The trusted NSF mark can be found on millions of consumer, commercial and industrial products, including bottled water, dietary supplements, food equipment, home water treatment products, home appliances, plumbing and faucets, and even pool and spa components. This mark is your assurance that the product has been tested by one of the most respected independent certification companies in existence today — NSF International.



- > After a facility is approved and a part passes all form, fit and performance tests, it receives the NSF mark.
- > Marking on parts is required for traceability, which is critical for any part that has potential safety and/or liability implications.
- > The NSF mark ensures that it is fully traceable from the point of final inspection back to the raw materials from which the part is made.
- > NSF certified parts are marked with two-part tamper-proof stickers, ensuring full traceability and guaranteeing that a part is truly NSF certified.
- > Decertified parts must be pulled from the shelves and have the marks removed.

IN-MARKET SURVEILLANCE OF CERTIFIED PARTS

The process does not stop with certification. Certification is just the beginning of a journey of continuous improvement and sales of the highest quality parts on the market. Manufacturers are audited against the highest standards in the industry on an unprecedented quarterly basis. In addition, NSF certified parts are purchased from the U.S. distribution system and tested at NSF’s world-class laboratory on an ongoing basis. NSF certified parts, systems and processes are at an all-time high in terms of quality.



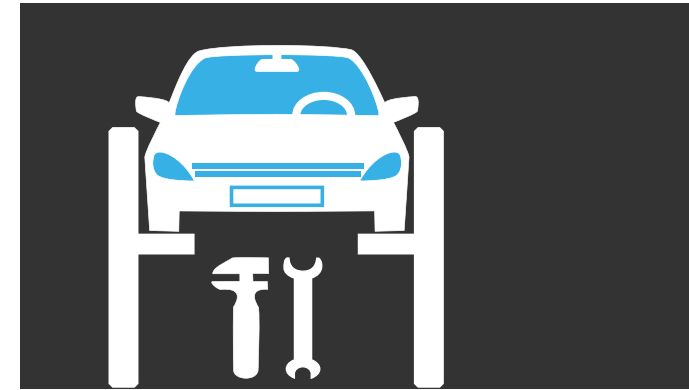
NSF certified collision repair parts come with a limited lifetime warranty.

NSF is trusted worldwide to protect the safety and reliability of food, water, medical, pharmaceutical and automotive products, as well as other consumer goods. We have certified over 492,000 products to date and test over 24,000 products annually.

AUTOMOTIVE CERTIFICATION THROUGHOUT THE SUPPLY CHAIN

BODY SHOP

The NSF Automotive Repair Shop Certification Program enables companies to identify shops that have been evaluated by an independent third-party organization which certified that their facility, procedures, training and internal processes are capable of executing high quality repairs.



NSF DIMENSIONAL TESTING

All parts are compared to the OE service parts for dimensional conformance based on:

- Size
- Weight
- Hole placement



NSF VEHICLE TEST FIT

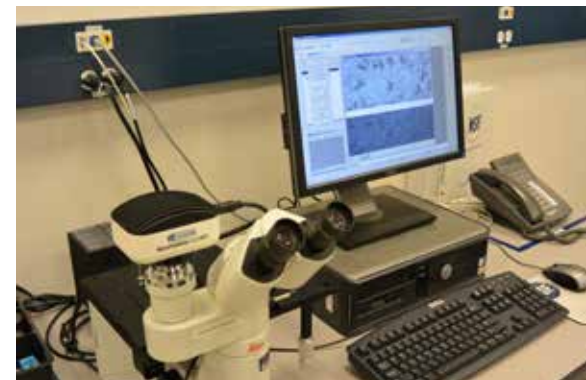
- Vehicle test fit is required for exterior parts
- Fit tested on vehicles to ensure they fit the first time, reducing time spent on repairs



NSF MATERIAL TESTING

Material tests are performed on all parts and compared to OE service parts based on:

- Yield strength
- Tensile strength
- Material strength/thickness
- Corrosion
- UV testing
- Coating adhesion



NSF PERFORMANCE TESTING

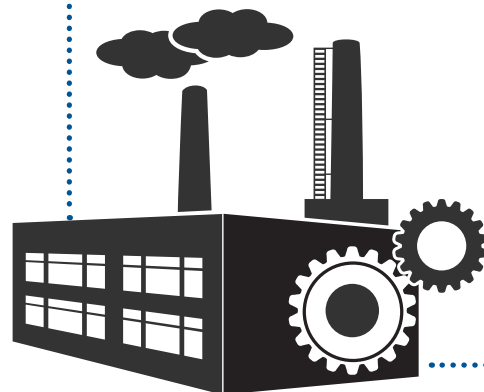
Bumpers and reinforcement bars have an additional requirement for a dynamic functional test. Quasi static pole test determines the peak force a part can carry when mounted at the part's mounting points.

Lamps are tested for illumination per FMVSS 108.



MANUFACTURER

- In-plant quality control testing
- Manufacturer must have a current ISO or TS registration and maintain an in-process quality assurance program
- Process for tracking and responding to complaints and returns, maintaining part traceability
- Part-marking system that includes part number, manufacturer name, and/or logo and a product recall procedure
- After certification, NSF conducts quarterly facility audits to test that parts' manufacturers and products continuously meet the requirements of the program



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