



Collision Industry News

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EPA Releases New CRC Training Video Featuring NASCAR's Jeff Gordon

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under its Collision Repair Campaign (CRC), has released a free 19-minute training video to familiarize collision repair facilities with the requirements of new paint regulations.



The deadline for initial notification for existing shops/sources - which informs the EPA that a facility is subject to the standards and when the source will be in compliance - is Jan. 11, 2010. The deadline for notification of compliance for existing shops/sources - which certifies that the source is in compliance with the applicable requirements - is March 11, 2011. The compliance date for existing sources is Jan. 10, 2011.

All collision repair shops must comply by the January deadline, and they must submit a Notification of Compliance by March 11, 2011.

The new Auto Refinishing Regulation regulates national emission standards for area sources engaged in paint stripping and various surface coating operations.

Developed under the CRC, the video focuses on helping collision repair shops achieve meaningful emissions reductions. The campaign is designed to provide shops with the opportunity attain early compliance of the new regulation.

Visit the home page of the **EPA's Collision Repair Campaign** for additional resources for learning about the compliance requirements of the new regulations.

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Have you Surveyed Lately?

Collision repair shops need to understand the importance of participating in the State Farm Repair Facility Survey, whether they do business with State Farm or not.

State Farm is one of the larger insurers of automobiles. State Farm is also the only insurance claims department that surveys the current pricing of repair shops in order that it can formulate a fair market prevailing price.

Until a few years ago, a State Farm representative went from shop to shop and made sure the surveys were completed. Typically this was done once per year. Recently, State Farm has gone to an internet based survey that shops can update whenever they like. While the internet is much more efficient, it only works if everybody understands and participates.

Unfortunately, many



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Employee's Health

Flu is caused by viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs and is generally spread from person to person when an infected person coughs or sneezes. A vaccination against the H1N1 flue--when it is available--will be the best way to prevent the disease. To fight the annual flu, everyone should get a flue shot, especially health care workers.

The following simple, commonsense precautions recommended by the CDC should be communicated to your employees:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick.
- Stay home when you're sick or have flu symptoms. Get plenty of rest and check with a health care provider as needed.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve or elbow, not your hands. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- clean your hands after coughing or sneezing. Washing your hands often will help protect you against germs. When soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage stress, drink plenty of fluids, eat nutritious foods, and avoid smoking, which may increase the risk of serious consequences if you do contract the flu.

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shops fail to recognize the importance of the survey, or to remember to update their rates'. Recognizing this, ASA has taken an active position to help shop owners and managers and to build a clear understanding about the importance for shops to keep their rates updated. The State Farm Rate Facility Survey.

When shops do not update their rates, the State Farm Survey does not reflect current prevailing rates and may not be accurately reflected.

Included with this page is a page describing the common misconceptions regarding the State Farm Survey and also a simple set of instructions for using the online survey.

To view instructions for completing the survey, click here:

There is still time to register for NACE Arizona ASA code

