



Collision Position Statement

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REMANUFACTURING OR REFINISHING STEEL & ALUMINUM WHEELS

Ford Motor Company original equipment wheels are engineered and tested by Ford Motor Company for strict impact, fatigue and durability standards. Any structural repair to a wheel or non-Ford Motor Company original equipment replacement wheel may introduce unintended defects and may alter load capacity and compromise handling, braking and overall safety. Ford Motor Company original equipment wheels are recommended to provide the design integrity, material properties and performance Ford Motor Company specifies and approves for Ford Motor Company vehicles.

Ford Motor Company's Position

- Ford Motor Company recommends replacing any steel or aluminum wheel with an approved new Ford Motor Company original equipment wheel, if its structure has been altered or compromised.
- Ford Motor Company has not validated or endorsed repairs that involve machining, welding, bending, straightening, re-plating or adding material beyond cosmetic coatings, as these may compromise the wheel's structural integrity and safety.

Ford Motor Company Limited Refinishing

Approved only when purely cosmetic—sanding or polishing that removes no metal. Any wheel exhibiting the following should be discarded:

- Visible or micro-cracks (not visible to the naked eye)
- Corrosion, gouges, dents beyond cosmetic repair
- Altered shape, contours or design lines
- Modified flanges, bolt seats, pilot holes or mounting surfaces
- Paint/coatings on functional surfaces
- High-temperature cures (>350 °F) or chrome plating
- Out-of-round or bent rims



Ford Motor Company Warranty & Safety

Ford Motor Company has tested its original equipment wheels to meet safety and performance standards. Remanufactured or refinished wheels have not been tested or validated by Ford Motor Company to meet the specifications of Ford Motor Company's original equipment parts and may pose a risk of unsafe vehicle operation or performance. Non-Ford Motor Company original equipment wheels or unauthorized repairs are not covered or warranted by Ford under the Ford warranty or extended service plan. Further, any vehicle damage or failure directly caused by the use of non-Ford Motor Company original equipment wheels or unauthorized repairs will not be covered under the manufacturer's original warranty.

Ford Motor Company Red Carpet Lease Agreement

Under every Ford Motor Company Red Carpet Lease Agreement, lessees must restore all collision-damaged parts exclusively with Genuine Ford Motor Company Original Equipment Parts. Any substitution with salvaged, aftermarket or reconditioned components may constitute a breach of lease terms.

Ford Motor Company original equipment parts are conceived, engineered and rigorously tested by Ford Motor Company as fundamental elements of your vehicle's safety and performance architecture and are designed to provide optimal crashworthiness performance, advanced driver assistance system (ADAS) functionality and structural integrity. Ford Motor Company original equipment parts are developed in lockstep with the vehicle itself. Utilizing any wheel not approved by Ford Motor Company may cause unsafe vehicle operation and performance, including loss of control which may result in injuries to the vehicle occupants or other drivers.

Support

Ford Dealers: <http://www.fordtechservice.dealerconnection.com>

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