

December 20, 2007

Mr. John Turnbull, Chairman
SAE Z26.1 Committee
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Dear Mr. Turnbull,

I am writing on the behalf of the AGRSS Council (Automotive Glass Replacement Safety Standard), to request a clarification to the proposed addition 7.3 Modified Glazing Markings to your draft of the Z26.1 2007 Standard.

AGRSS is a “not for profit” organization assembled for the purpose of developing a “best practices” standard for the aftermarket replacement glass (ARG) industry. We have been successful in attaining ANSI approval of the standard (ANSI/AGRSS 002-2002) and we are proud to say it has been nationally accepted by our Industry and our customers. As a matter of fact, we have recently received the endorsement of State Farm Insurance and continue to work diligently to educate the consumer so they are aware of the need to demand auto glass replacement that is safe and structurally sound.

We have reviewed the proposed 7.3 revision to Z26.1 and would like some clarification. Our understanding is the Glazing Committee oversees Z26.1 addressing only the original (OE) glass installed in a vehicle. We would like you to clarify that 7.3 does indeed address only original glass and does not address any replacement glass installed in the vehicle because of defects or breakage. The replacement glass, to be installed, would require primers and possibly other “chemical treatments” to prepare the glass surface to accept the urethane/ adhesive, prior to re-glazing. The primers could be considered to be a chemical additive to the glass, thus requiring the identification markings as specified in 7.3 of your draft.

The AGRSS Standard references Z26.1, as an oversight document, that requires auto glass installation companies to use only automotive replacement glazing that meets the Z26.1 manufacturing requirements for their installations. We feel including the reference to your standard is an important part of a safe and structurally sound aftermarket installation. With this stated, we are sure that you will appreciate our concerns about 7.3.

Since ANSI/AGRSS 002-2002 is the standard that specifically addresses all “aftermarket replacement glass” and to eliminate any confusion as to what automotive glazing is covered in 7.3, we feel it would be appropriate to add a specific comment to 7.3, such as “7.3 applies to the original (OE) glass, only.

We look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Ketcherside, President
AGRSS Board of Directors