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Research Brings New Light to Glass Repair Revolutionary G Flex System tests the quality, durability of laminated glass repairs under stress

28 April 2007 — Talladega, AL — GlasWeld, a complete solutions provider for the glass repair industry, today announced the launch of G Flex (patent pending), a system that tests the quality of a completed repair under stress. For the first time in glass repair history, technicians and companies can accurately and effectively measure the strength of their repairs. G Flex was designed to give the industry a way to examine, evaluate, and improve upon modern repair processes.

The new system was announced at the Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama, where GlasWeld sponsored RWI Racing's car number 66 with Steve Wallace as part of a partnership with the National Glass Association (NGA).

"The technology and performance represented by the teams at the Talladega Superspeedway provided a perfect metaphor for us in regard to the new G Flex," said Mike Boyle, president of GlasWeld. "We know that to validate our industry—and ensure high levels of professionalism—we have to raise standards. Directly testing the performance of a repair is one way to do this."

The G Flex System subjects glass to the stresses that laminated auto glass endures on a daily basis. Through the side-by-side comparison of glass that is undamaged, damaged and damaged-then-repaired, the G Flex provides a benchmark for analyzing the properties and characteristics of each type of glass. Through the use of specialized photography, GlasWeld is able to illustrate and analyze the impact of the stress on a repaired area. Visit www.glasweld.com/gflex to view.

GlasWeld plans to integrate the G Flex into an enhanced certification program that will combine in-depth testing of the participants' knowledge of the windshield repair process with the physical testing of the completed repair. Evaluating technician repairs with this technology will give the industry its first practical hands-on testing process. This program, coupled with the NGA's www.MyGlassClass.com, is vital to serving the needs of the industry.

The invention of the G Flex was spurred in part by the upcoming publication of the new American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard for repairing laminated auto glass, which is expected to be formalized later this year. G Flex is currently in the patent process.

About GlasWeld

Based in Bend, Oregon, GlasWeld provides complete glass repair solutions—from revolutionary equipment to unparalleled training programs and technical support—for both flat glass and auto glass. The company's proprietary G Force Scratch Removal System for glass scratch removal and G Fusion Auto Glass Repair System for windshield repair are distributed worldwide through an international distribution network.

GlasWeld's product line has been developed based on decades of industry research, development and customer feedback. To celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2007, GlasWeld has expanded its vision from saving glass around the world to saving the global environment through creative, tangible initiatives. For more information, visit glasweld.com or call 800-321-2597.

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