



Very Important Notice to NWRA Membership

It has come to the attention of the NWRA that the Society of Automobile Engineers (SAE), a national automotive standards setting organization is working on a new Automotive Glazing Standard (Z26.1) through its SAE/ANSI Z26.1 Automotive Safety Glazing Committee. NWRA has reason to believe this new standard will raise very serious concerns for our industry.

It is our understanding that this standard, as drafted, would require all “modifications” to original factory-installed glass be marked on the glass so as to catalogue any alterations. Modifications to be cataloged would include repairs and replacements. The cataloging would be tracked by etching a trademark directly onto the glass surface. The trademark would provide information about the type of modification and the person or company that conducted the work on the glass.

Little information is available publicly, but what we been able to learn suggests that that repairs will be required to be marked with an identifying marker. Unfortunately, deliberations on the proposed standard have been closed, thus preventing the NWRA from obtaining the exact details of the proposal. We do know that the committee’s membership includes representatives of glass manufacturers, auto makers and suppliers of materials used to manufacture laminated glass.

For the past few months our quiet attempts to obtain a draft of the Z26.1 standard have not been successful, therefore, the attached letter was formally sent to the SAE committee chair, Mr. John Turnbull. Copies of the letter were also forwarded to American National Standards Institute (ANSI), as ANSI would need to approve any such standard. We have not received a reply to this official request for NWRA’s inclusion in the creation of any standard that affects the windshield repair industry.

NWRA is very familiar with the standards approval process as we have just finished the creation of the ROLAGS Standard. We all know that any ANSI standard must be submitted for public comment. We request that the NWRA membership be prepared to voice their concerns to the public submission of such a destructive standard.

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Our industry prides itself in the mitigation of visible damage to laminated glass. If a standard is created that forces us to mark our invisible repairs such a standard could seriously change the way we practice our craft and trade. Because of this NWRA will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as events allow.

This entire issue will be discussed in length at the NWRA Annual Conference this fall. Thank you for your time, vigilance and membership. We urge all members to continue to monitor this issue closely.

NWRA Board of Directors

