



## NEWS

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## **CARLITE® DEMONSTRATES REPLACEMENT VALUE**

- Fit and installation are important factors in automotive replacement glass and can impact a vehicle's performance.
- Carlite® replacement glass offers the same sight, sound, safety and structural quality of the original vehicle manufacturer's glass.

DEARBORN, Mich., March 4, 2008 – As spring arrives vehicle owners' brace for the effects of spring weather - hail and road stones kicked up from potholes and road patches. Each year more than 11 million windshields and automotive glass products are replaced. In most cases, retailers, distributors and installers of automotive replacement glass see a significant jump in the demand for products and installation services.

Most consumers shop for auto glass out of necessity and may not be in a position to consider the best value and quality. Not all replacement glass is created or performs equally; one critical factor is fit. A recent tour of the Carlite® Nashville plant brought this point to life for a group of replacement glass retailers. "As we toured the plant we were impressed to see that Carlite replacement glass came off the same line as the windshields that were earmarked for the assembly line at a vehicle manufacturer. You can't beat that kind of fit and quality," said Mike Scorzo, President of Glass Doctor of Michigan.

Carlite is an original equipment manufacturer of windshields and replacement glass that, when installed correctly, meet or exceed federal safety standards and maintain the structural integrity of the vehicle. In addition, it provides the automaker's intended external noise reduction and visual clarity.

Last year, Automotive Components Holdings, the North American based company that produces Carlite, produced some 12 million windshields and tempered glass parts for automotive OEM's and the replacement glass market. Windshields represented about two million of those parts. ACH also produces back windows, door glass and quarter windows.

"This glass can give owners peace of mind because it's a true direct replacement. Regardless of age, it keeps the car in original shape," said Scorzo.

The tour of the Nashville plant was designed as part of an educational program for retailers and distributors of Carlite replacement glass. "The ongoing effort is designed to help retailers and distributors understand the care we take in manufacturing and ultimately help provide quality and value for consumers," said John Heller, Director, Automotive Operations for Automotive Components Holdings.

ACH is a temporary company established and managed by Ford to ensure the flow of quality components and systems while preparing the automotive component operations for sale or idling. Today, the \$4 billion company and its 12 plants are supported by 11,000 full-time employees, mostly leased from Visteon or Ford.

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