



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 26, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Patrick Smith 540/720-7484

NWRA Turns ROLAGS Into ANSI Standard Announces Certification Program

The National Windshield Repair Association (NWRA) has received the acceptance of its Repair of Laminated Automotive Glass Standard (ROLAGS) by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), finalizing its bid to create a nationally recognized standard for the repair of laminated auto glass. On Wednesday, June 20, ANSI approved ANSI/NGA R1.1-2007, making it a national standard.

NWRA conceived the idea of the standard, sought the assistance of the National Glass Association (NGA), provided financial support and brought the standard to fruition.

ROLAGS is the result of three years of industry debate and public review led by the efforts and financial backing of the NWRA under the auspices of the NGA, which served as secretariat.

“Now that windshield repair has a standard, the industry should be able to build more credibility within the auto glass and automotive repair markets,” commented Patrick Smith, director of operations for the NWRA. “It has been a long time coming and everyone is glad it has been completed.”

“The NWRA also worked closely with ROLAGS committee chairperson Richard Inman, NGA National Standards manager Peg Stroka and Jackie Newman, standards writer, on this standard. They should be recognized for their efforts,” stated Smith.

The newly approved standard may be viewed at www.nwrassn.org.

The NWRA is currently in the final development phase of a new web based industry certification for windshield repair technicians based on ROLAGS. The new certification will be ready for industry usage this fall with a grand unveiling at the NWRA fall conference in Las Vegas. For more information concerning the certification program, please visit www.nwrassn.org.

Additionally, the NWRA is preparing another strong line-up of educational seminars for attendees, at its annual conference. This year the NWRA Annual Conference will take place at the Mandalay Bay Conference Center in Las Vegas on November 1-2, and this year, the association becomes an official co-sponsor of the Walt Gorman Memorial Windshield Repair Olympics, which will return to the NACE show floor for the second year in a row.

To register, visit www.nwrassn.org. Pre-registration runs through October 12, 2007.

P.O. Box 569 • Garrisonville • Virginia • 22463

Phone: 540-720-7484 • Fax: 540-720-3470 • www.nwrassn.org

The NWRA is a not-for-profit trade association organized in 1994 to promote the legitimacy of the windshield repair industry. The NWRA provides a forum for the exchange of ideas between its members and provides the public, industry and government with a reliable source of information regarding windshield repair. The NWRA also organizes, at a grass-roots level, campaigns to influence the governmental agencies responsible for establishing regulations for the windshield repair industry.

