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**SAE RELEASES DRAFT Z26.1 STANDARD  
NWRA Believes Standard Represents Threat to Repair Industry**

Today the National Windshield Repair Association (NWRA) obtained a draft copy of the new Automotive Glazing Standard (ANSI/SAE Z 26.1-2007) released by the Society of Automobile Engineers (SAE), a national automotive standards setting organization. NWRA believes that, as written, this proposed standard seriously threatens the repair industry.

Section 7.3 of the drafted standard states:

*“All modifications to the glazing materials made by someone other than the original glazing manufacturer shall be permanently marked on the glazing. Such modifications include but are not limited to a change in size, drilling, chemical treatment or repair. All such modifications, even when done with the expectation that compliance to this standard will be retained, shall be designated by subsequent permanent markings in characters at least 1.78mm (0.070”) in height. The markings shall indicate the nature of the change, the date (month and year), the location in which the change occurred, and a unique code that designates the change agent (e.g., body shop code, etc). The following codes shall be used as the leading character:*

*S = Size change*

*R = Repair*

*H = Holes added*

*T = Treatment or other change*

*For example, modification code S 0811 AZ 234239 represents glazing that is installed by cutting down a larger piece of glazing during August, 2011 in Arizona by shop 234239.”*

NWRA believes that this section of the drafted standard creates a liability concern for any person or company that works on laminated glass. NWRA is organizing a response to this draft and will take all actions necessary to protect the repair industry.

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For the past four months NWRA has attempted to prevent this language from being inserted into the drafted standard. NWRA believes that the language, as drafted, would affect the repair and replacement industries as well as those who provide aftermarket coatings and may possibly affect those who apply tints and films as well.

NWRA members will receive further information and updates next week.

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.

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