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## NOTICE TO ALL REGISTERED ACCOUNT HOLDERS

## Re: Reinstatement of Aftermarket Reinforcement Bars, Bumper Absorbers and Bumper Brackets for MPI Estimates.

Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) is pleased to announce that Diamond Standard is now an approved supplier of impact absorbers, reinforcement bars, steel bumpers, bumper kits and bumper mounting brackets as they meet all the requirements of CAPA 501 and NSF Protocols P368, P369, P370, and P371.

On March 10, 2010 MPI suspended the use of structural aftermarket parts including reinforcement bars, impact absorbers and bumper mounting brackets on MPI claims because of differences in material properties and the lack of testing and certification.

The Certified Auto Parts Association (CAPA) and NSF International have conducted independent dynamic and destructive tests on the above mentioned parts and have created standards which these parts must meet, known as CAPA 501 and NSF Protocols P368, P369, P370, and P371.

The Diamond Standard brand and its associated manufacturing group, Reflexxion Automotive and Production Bumper Stampings, uniquely supply a variety of "One Quality" parts that include USA-made front steel bumpers, high strength steel and aluminum reinforcement bars, high-density and dual-high-density foam energy absorbers, full assembly step bumper systems and face bars, bumper top pads, bumper brackets, braces and supports.

Diamond Standard parts replicate the safety and damageability characteristics of corresponding OEM parts and are dynamically and destructively third-party tested. Results are also validated by former crashworthiness experts from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

As of July 15, 2015 Diamond Standard parts will be added to Mitchell's Alternate Parts Program (MAPP). These parts are easily identified by the part numbers ending with the suffix of DS (Diamond Standard), DSN (Diamond Standard NSF certified) or DSC (Diamond Standard CAPA certified). Structural parts not ending in DS, DSN or DSC are not approved for use on MPI claims.

Below are two examples; example 1 shows how Diamond Standard parts will appear on a MPI estimate and example 2 is a sample of Diamond Standards distinct labeling for traceability.

## Example 1:

Sup	Labor Type	Labor Op	Part Description	Part Type	Part Number
	В	07	Frt Bumper Assy		
	В	RR	Frt Bumper Face Bar	AM	** F01002411DSC
	В	RR	Frt Add w/Fog Lamps		
	В	RR	R Frt Bumper Plate	AM	** F01067180DSN
	В	RR	L Frt Bumper Plate	AM	** F01066180DSN

## Example 2:



If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice, please contact the Parts Control Unit:

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