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FORD OEM CERTIFICATION

Ford has become the latest OEM Manufacturer to announce a CERTIFIED OEM COLLISION REPAIR PROGRAM that they will oversee themselves. The name of their program is the **Ford Certified Collision Network**, otherwise known as **FCCN**. This program will replace the prior program that was administrated by Assured Performance. It is reported that shops that had already been approved through Assured Performance will still be grandfathered into the new program on an interim basis, but will then will have to be approved into the new Ford Program. These shops will not be able to renew their Ford Certification through Assured Performance starting January of 2019. This is of importance to the Rhode Island Class A shops that depend upon the Ford Certification (Aluminum) in order to obtain their "A" license. For those Class A shops that have already received their 2019 Auto Body License from the DBR based upon the Ford OEM Certification they should be okay for the time being; however, for those Class A shops that missed the December 31, 2018 deadline for the renewal for their 2019-2021 Auto Body license they must now apply to the new FCCN program.

Ford Motor Company has also just recently announced an update to their position statement on SCANNING. There is also a Lincoln position statement that basically mirrors the Ford statement. Of interest in these statements is that the Ford Motor Company declared that "All Ford Motor Company vehicles from and including model year 2010 forward involved in a collision require a pre-repair diagnostic scan during the estimation phase of a collision repair to properly identify all required repair. Additionally, the vehicle must have a post-repair diagnostic scan completed after the vehicle has been repaired to verify that new faults have not been introduced in the course of the repair and to verify that the vehicle has been fully repaired". Ford Motor Company also defined the word collision to mean "as damage that exceeds minor outer body panel cosmetic distortion".

INFORMATIONAL LINKS

To go to the **Ford Certified Collision Network** site that provides shops with information on their program [CLICK HERE](#)

To view the Minimum Certification Requirements to apply to the **Ford Certified Collision Network** [CLICK HERE](#)

These Ford Position Statements as well as other manufacturers Position Statements can be found on such web sites as [OEM 1 STOP](#).