



AGRSS ISSUES FIRST INTERPRETATION;

ALLOWS USE OF USED/RECYCLED GLASS IN VERY LIMITED CASES

The Auto Glass Replacement Safety Standards (AGRSS) Council has issued an interpretation that clarifies the conditions under which recycled/salvage glass may be used in auto glass replacements.

The interpretation of the ANSI/AGRSS Standard is the first such interpretation issued and was developed in response to an inquiry from an auto glass company that wanted to know if the use of salvage glass met the ANSI/AGRSS Standard.

“The ANSI/AGRSS Standard is all about safe installations,” said AGRSS chairperson Cindy Minon-Ketcherside of JC’s Glass. “It was important for us to look at whether or not the use of salvage glass is consistent with the Standard.”

The Council defines the terms “recycled” and “used” as “any automotive glass previously installed in a motor vehicle at least once.”

In answer to the question, “Does the AGRSS Standard permit or address the use of recycled, or used stationary automotive glass, with the exception to remove or install (R&I) of automotive glass?” the Council said:

The “ANSI/AGRSS Standard 002-2002 does not prohibit the installation of “recycled” or “used” stationary automotive glass in motor vehicles provided the following three conditions are met:

1. The glass is in a condition that will permit a safe installation and must be free of obvious structural or visually objectionable flaws. Unacceptable flaws include delamination, edge chips, cracks/breaks, or distortion in an acute vision area, and
2. The glass is installed with a retention system compatible with the original equipment (OE) design, and
3. For adhesive bonded glass, the adhesive manufacturer’s application instructions must permit its use in connection with the installation of “recycled” or “used” adhesive bonded, stationary automotive glass.”

The Automotive Glass Replacement Safety Standards Council, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the safe replacement of auto glass. AGRSS was founded and is supported by companies in the auto glass replacement industry that keep safe installation as their primary goal.

AGRSS is an accredited American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-standards development organization. It has developed the world’s only auto glass replacement safety

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standard, the AGRSS standard (ANSI/AGRSS 002-2002 Automotive Glass Replacement Safety Standard). The AGRSS Standard addresses procedures, education and product performance.

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