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Save Money, Save Resources!

Be Smart ...Use Quality Recycled (second hand) Auto Parts!

Owning and running a car can be an expensive obligation these days. Using recycled (second hand) auto parts is one of the smartest ways to save money while at the same time contributing to more efficient use of the world's scarce resources.

For example, if you are driving say a 1998 vehicle, and need a replacement panel due to some damage, why wouldn't you consider getting a quote on a quality recycled part, which has come from a similar age vehicle? After all, why pay 100% new retail price for a 2003/04 panel when you may be able to save up to 50% by sourcing a recycled "like, kind and quality" 1998 part? When the panel is fitted and painted, who can tell if it is new or recycled? Remember, re-use is the cheapest, simplest and purest form of recycling, so save money and save resources!

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Quality auto parts recyclers de-pollute and dismantle vehicles, complying with relevant environmental requirements. Serviceable panels and mechanical parts are cleaned and tested for re-sale. Recycled parts may be entered into the computer inventory system and placed in undercover warehouse storage racking, waiting for sale. Quality recyclers, such as APRAA* members, also offer various levels of warranties from 30 days to 6 months or more.

Many quality auto parts recyclers may also offer as a supplement, new or non-genuine auto parts, plus other services such as a fitting service, so often a call or visit to your local auto recycler, will be the start of an ongoing relationship!

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As part of the overall recycling process, any unwanted whole or part vehicles, panels, mechanical parts, interiors, wheels, tyres etc are transported to the local metal recyclers for material recycling via the shredding operation. Australia is a major recycled steel producer.

In summary, be smart ... save some money and save resources - use quality recycled auto parts!

** The Auto Parts Recyclers Association of Australia Inc (APRAA) is the peak, national association for auto parts recyclers/dismantlers throughout Australia. Look for the APRAA logo, as evidence that you are dealing with a reputable, licensed operator, satisfying all the business and environmental compliance requirements.*

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On-Line Parts Locating "free service" - refer www.apraa.com

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ABOUT APRAA:

APRAA is the peak, national association for the auto parts recycling/dismantling industry (refer www.apraa.com). APRAA is an affiliate chapter of the Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) based in the USA (www.autorecyc.org).

APRAA was the dream of a small but visionary group of auto recyclers who wanted to make a difference, to progress the auto industry from 'wreckers' to 'recyclers'. This key group set the foundations to harness an active and passionate industry, to achieve a recognised and respected national representation for auto parts recyclers/dismantlers throughout Australia. APRAA is currently working with the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council to progress a Code of Practice for auto recyclers.

More than 500,000 vehicles are retired from Australian roads each year. Recent reports by both the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council and the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage found that there are significant levels of pollution and criminal activity resulting from non-existent or inadequate controls on the illegitimate operators in the industry.

Overseas research has shown End-of-Life-Vehicle (ELV) contaminants that enter the environment include fluids such as oil, petrol, brake fluids, coolant etc as well as toxic heavy metals such as lead, hexavalent chromium, mercury, along with PCBs. While the metal fraction of ELVs is generally recovered by metal recyclers, at least 100,000 tonnes of waste from ELVs is generated annually, representing a substantial resource loss.

- For a copy of the Commonwealth Government's *Information Paper on the Environmental Impacts of End-of-Life Vehicles*, refer www.deh.gov.au .
- For a copy of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council's Proposal for a *Code of Practice for Dealers in Second Hand Auto Parts*, refer www.carsafe.com.au under the *Publications* section.
- To dispose of an unwanted ELV, access your nearest APRAA member via the *Planet Ark website* www.recyclingnearyou.com.au
- For details on the *APRAA Accreditation Program and Directory*, or for a copy of the *APRAA Waste Oil Management brochures* - refer the APRAA Website www.apraa.com .

For more information on APRAA, refer APRAA's website www.apraa.com, contact Alan Marshall at the APRAA National Office. Why not take a look at APRAA's On-Line Recycled Parts "free" Locating System at the same time.



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