Interpretation #1
Use of Used/Recycled Glass

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

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

“The most current version of the ANSI/AGSC/AGRSS Standard 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 Safety Council is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the safe replacement of auto glass. AGSC was founded and is supported by companies in the auto glass replacement industry and other stakeholders who keep safe installation as their primary goal.

AGSC is an accredited American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-standards development organization. It has developed the world’s only auto glass replacement safety standard, the AGRSS Standard (ANSI/AGSC/AGRSS Automotive Glass Replacement Safety Standard). The AGRSS Standard addresses procedures, education and product performance.

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