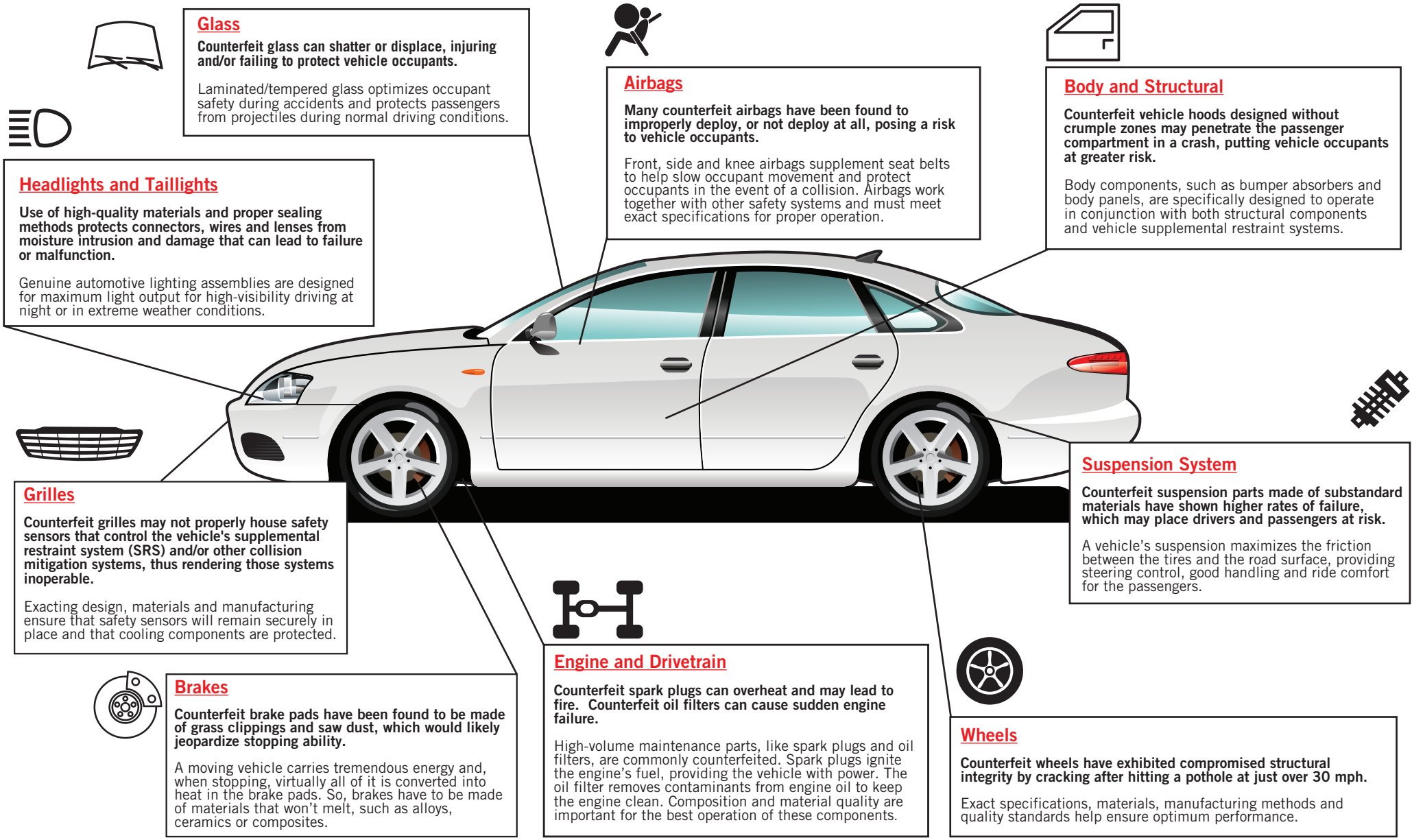


OUR MISSION: Collaboration among automakers and their partners that strives to eliminate counterfeit automotive components that could harm U.S. consumers.



RESOURCES



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The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) led National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center (IPR Center) stands at the forefront of the United States Government's response to global intellectual property (IP) theft and enforcement of its international trade laws. The mission of the IPR Center is to ensure national security by protecting the public's health and safety, the U.S. economy, and our war fighters, and to stop predatory and unfair trade practices that threaten the global economy. To accomplish this goal, the IPR Center brings together 25 partner agencies, consisting of 20 key federal agencies, Interpol, Europol, City of London Police, and the governments of Canada and Mexico in a task-force setting.

COUNTERFEIT AUTOMOTIVE PARTS—SAFETY HAZARD TO THE PUBLIC

Law enforcement has identified a trend of counterfeited automotive parts growing at an alarming rate. A counterfeit automotive part is one that bears the trademark of a legitimate and trusted brand, but was produced by another party and is usually not made to the specifications of the original equipment manufacturer. These counterfeits are produced illegally and sold at a profit sometimes to support other criminal activities. At best, these parts will not perform as well as authentic parts; at worst, they can fail catastrophically with potentially fatal consequences.

Some of the most dangerous counterfeits involve explosive elements of air bags which can literally explode in the victim's face during an accident. Among the counterfeit parts seized by law enforcement include: seat belts; oil and air filters; brake pads; brake rotors; control arms; windshields; bearings; steering linkages; ignition coils; microchips; spark plugs; wheels; solenoids; clutch housing; crankshafts; diagnostic equipment; suspension parts; and, oil pumps.

Counterfeit Airbag Law Model Legislation:

A person shall not knowingly and intentionally manufacture, import, install, reinstall, distribute, sell, or offer for sale any device intended to replace a supplemental restraint system component in any motor vehicle if the device is a counterfeit supplemental restraint system component or a nonfunctional airbag, or does not meet federal safety requirements as provided in Section 571.208 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

A person shall not knowingly and intentionally sell, install, or reinstall in a vehicle, any device that causes the vehicle's diagnostic systems to fail to warn when the vehicle is equipped with a counterfeit supplemental restraint system component or nonfunctional airbag, or when no airbag is installed.

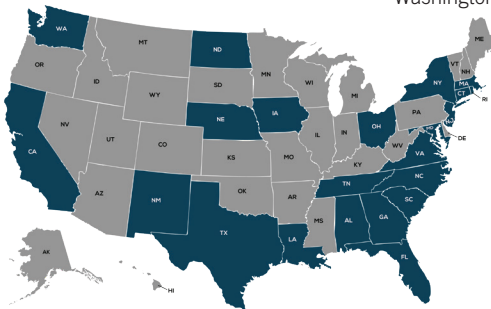
SPOTTING COUNTERFEITS

Warning Signs / Indicators of Counterfeit-Produced Parts Include:

- Obviously undervalued shipments
- Shipping documents that contain vague or inaccurate descriptions
- Missing safety guidelines
- Lack of officially licensed product logos, tags or trademark notice(s)
- Poor packaging condition
- Different-than-expected aesthetic appearance (color, size, shape) compared to OE parts
- Redundant serial numbers
- Suspicious or redundant bar codes
- Poor model/brand emblem fitments, attachments and stampings
- Poor gap/flush tolerance qualities
- No visible manufacturer's address on packages or labels
- Misspellings, incorrect fonts or incorrect logos on parts or packaging

STATES WITH COUNTERFEIT AIRBAG LAWS*

Alabama	Maryland	North Dakota
California	Massachusetts	Ohio
Connecticut	Nebraska	Rhode Island
Florida	New Jersey	South Carolina
Georgia	New Mexico	Tennessee
Iowa	New York	Texas
Louisiana	North Carolina	Virginia
		Washington



*Current as of 10/30/2019. For the most up-to-date list of states with counterfeit airbag laws, visit A2C2.com.

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