

AutoLign Chosen as Inaugural Member of MQVP Program
(PRWEB) October 28, 2000 MILAN, Mich., October 23, 2000 $\hat{A}\Box$ AutoLign Manufacturing Group, Inc., the largest manufacturer of plastic bumper covers, fascias and mounting supports for aftermarket collision replacement in North America, has announced that it has been approved as the first bumper cover and fascia supplier to the newly developed Manufacturers $\hat{A}\Box$ Qualification and Validation Program MQVP.
Established to provide American automotive insurance companies with assurance of premium quality replacement collision parts, which mirror their Original Equipment counterparts in quality, form, fit, function, and durability, the MQVP program was developed by Global Validators, Inc., Troy, Mich.
The first subscriber to the MQVP program is Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio. Under the MQVP program, Nationwide will specify the use of AutoLign bumper covers for the repair of collision damaged vehicles insured by them.
The Nationwide announcement encompasses an entirely new approach to independently produced aftermarket parts in that it establishes a quality program which installs guidelines for participation by both manufacturers and distributors. The MQVP program is not set up to be exclusionary, manufacturers and distributors will be given the opportunity to qualify for participation.
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A rigorous six-month long qualification process preceded AutoLignÂ \square s ultimate selection as the first supplier of bumper covers to the MQVP program. QS9000 Registration Â \square the required quality systems expectation for Tier 1 suppliers to the OEMs Â \square is prerequisite for participation in the program. After verification and registration, AutoLign was required to undergo a complete independent review of its implementation to QS9000 compliance. Stringent requirements for the introduction of new products, and sophisticated real-time, on-line procedures for the handling of complaints and quality issues have been established.
$\hat{A}\Box$ We are extremely excited to have earned the right to participate in this pro-active action on the part of the insurance industry, $\hat{A}\Box$ said Phil Storm, president and CEO. $\hat{A}\Box$ The MQVP program should be a vehicle that returns cost-effective alternative aftermarket parts and good, clean competition to the collision repair industry. $\hat{A}\Box$

For more information on how to qualify for the MQVP program as a manufacturer or distributor, please contact Nationwide Insurance at 1-770-205-1571, or Global Validators, Inc. at 1-248-269-6553.

Headquartered in Milan, Mich., AutoLign is the largest manufacturer of bumper covers, fascias and mountings



for collision replacement in North America. Unique to AutoLign is its exclusive use of OE style tooling to manufacture products using OE quality materials. AutoLign is the first aftermarket fascia and bumper cover manufacturer in North America to be QS9000 Registered $\hat{A}\Box$ the quality standard of the world $\hat{A}\Box$ s automakers.

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