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Use of Original SAF Spare Parts

Art. 4 I lit. k) of EC Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation No. 1400/2002 dated 31.07.2002 states:

The vehicle manufacturer may prescribe the exclusive use of and procurement of original spare parts from him, if and insofar as the work to be carried out is performed within the framework of his liability for defects, goodwill, recall actions and manufacturer's guarantees, i.e. in cases where he has to bear the costs of this work.

In view of this interpretation of the EC Motor Vehicle Block Exemption Regulation, SAF prescribes that only original spare parts procured from SAF may be used for all work within the framework of the liability for defects, the warranty (including SAF Guarantee of Competence and SAF *INTEGRAL GUARANTEE*), goodwill and recall actions.

In the event that original SAF spare parts are not used and a consequent failure occurs or a claim is made under the warranty, then according to the general civil and private law regulations, the burden of proof is reversed, i.e. the vehicle owner would then have to prove that the non-original SAF spare part had not caused the damage or was not responsible for the damage occurring. If the vehicle owner is unable to prove this, SAF would be entitled to reject all claims made in such cases.

Finally we would recommend that only original SAF spare parts be used also for maintenance and repair work outside the liability for defects and warranty/guarantees. Only original SAF spare parts have been tested and approved by SAF.