



Remanufactured automotive parts - sometimes better than new



**REMANUFACTURING**  
the ultimate form of recycling...



... because it saves the natural resources, it saves energy, it saves the world's environment and last but not least it saves your money and time when you buy an automotive spare part. All these savings are possible due to the fact that remanufactured units are used units which have been completely rebuild according to a precise recycling process. The material and the energy, both incorporated in the units, are reclaimed and are leading to this positive cost balance.

"Remanufacturing, is the ultimate form of recycling" said Professor Rolf Steinhilper of the University of Bayreuth in his latest book.

The purpose of this brochure is to explain to readers what a remanufactured or rebuilt product genuinely is, in case they have to select a replacement part for their car. They may be confused by the different parts appearing on the market (remanufactured, repaired, reused, recycled, new etc).

**Remanufacturing process  
for automotive components**

**Quality Assurance**

1. Complete Disassembly of the Product
2. Thorough Cleaning of all Parts
3. Inspection and Sorting of all Parts
4. Reconditioning of Parts and/or Repleanishment by new Parts
5. Product Reassembly

**Final Testing**

This brochure will help them to come to a better understanding about why they should choose a remanufactured part and will also explain the important contribution they would make to the society and a better environment.

Also the automotive trade will, by consulting this brochure, be in a better position to explain to their customers the great advantages of remanufacturing. It will also help them to eliminate the confusion about the different terms used to describe recycled parts.



Last but not least, for individuals responsible for education, politics, media etc, this brochure will help to better understand and communicate the benefits of remanufacturing to the whole society. If faced with aiting recommendations, regulations or legislation, it will help ensure that remanufacturing is properly considered.



APRA (Automotive Parts Rebuilders Association) is a global association with more than 2000 members. It employs more than 200.000 people who achieve a sales turnover of approx. 25 billion Euros. The membership consists of private independent remanufacturers/rebuilders, component manufacturers and vehicle manufacturers. The size of these companies is different, they vary from small over medium to large, but they all have the same objective which is to remanufacture automotive components which save you money and provide you with excellent quality. The Association itself has the objective to promote the general business interest of the remanufacturing industry and to promote the spirit of recycling for a better environment. The association has also the task to provide members with forums for interacting and consulting with each others on issues affecting the whole industry.

APRA has a European Division, which has produced this brochure, and which follows the same objective as the global association but also focusing on issues which are more specific to Europe. The principle which prevails is to think globally and act locally.

## Who is APRA?