



LEGAL FUND CONTRIBUTION

THE ISSUES

- The number of **design patents** granted to the automotive OEMs on crash parts has increased dramatically since the 1990s and **has more than doubled since 2005**. **Major car companies are creating a monopoly on collision repair parts**, and already control more than 72% of the collision parts market.
- Most alternative crash parts distributors are being either being locked out of the access to the patented parts or being forced to sell the parts at a significant operating loss.

WHY IT MATTERS

- The inability to sell patented crash parts reduces inventory offerings and prohibits alternative crash parts distributors from competing in the market.
- **The automotive alternative crash parts industry is at risk of losing jobs across all 50 states**. ABPA Member companies employ tens of thousands of American workers across the USA– **from manufacturing to distribution**.
- If we don't find a solution, alternative parts manufacturers and distributors will fail while car companies will increase their market share in crash parts.
- **If we don't find a solution, car companies will be free to raise prices due to the lack of competition. This will lead to consumers paying higher parts costs per accident repair bills and more totals, resulting in higher premiums for auto insurance.**

THE SOLUTION

- The ABPA board has decided it is their obligation to its members and consumers to seek legal advice and take legal action as the car companies continue to implement restrictive and possible illegal programs to inhibit competition in the market place for automotive crash parts.
- The ABPA does not have the ability to fight these battles without support from its members, consumers and related industries negatively affected both now and in the future- **your financial support is needed NOW**.
- Funds collected from members for the ABPA Legal Fund will be deposited directly into a special account that will be designated to support this legal battle.

HOW TO TAKE ACTION

- Please submit the attached pledge card with all contributions to the ABPA via fax (401-262-0193), email (etsgroupinc@gmail.com) or mail (address below).
- Your contributions to the ABPA Legal Fund will be a monthly occurrence and you can opt out at any time. We are asking for a two-year commitment and that if you do opt out at anytime that you give the association 30 days notice.
- Payments in the form of check, credit card and wire transfer are accepted.
 - To contribute by check, make payable to "ABPA" with notation in the memo field for "Legal Fund". Mail checks to: ABPA, 400 Putnam Pike, Suite J #503, Smithfield, RI 02917. Also include the completed pledge card with your check.
 - To contribute by credit card, fill out the pledge card with your credit card info.
 - To contribute by wire transfer, please call the ABPA office at 1-800-323-5832 for instructions.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



ABPA LEGAL FUND PLEDGE CARD

Contact Information

Contributor Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Distributor <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Insurer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		Recommended Monthly Contribution Dollar Amount: \$ _____	
Name:		Company:	
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Pledge Information

I am in support of the ABPA's efforts to combat OEM design patents and the resulting lack of competition they create in the marketplace. I pledge following dollar amount \$ _____ on a One-Time Monthly Annually basis to assist the ABPA in building their Legal Fund to fight this issue.

Name of Contributor: _____

Signature: _____

BY (Print Name if signing for a Company): _____

ITS (Print Title if signing for a Company): _____

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