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# Volkswagen Collision Repair Standards

## Wheel Repair and Reconditioning

*Applicable to All Volkswagen Models*

Volkswagen designs and equips their vehicles with the latest crashworthy features to help ensure optimum occupant safety. In maintaining these standards, Volkswagen is providing collision repair centers with critical information pertaining to collision repair/parts replacement on Volkswagen vehicles.

Wheel reconditioning is a repair process by which a collision damaged wheel surface is repaired to eliminate collision damage; this process may include heating, filling, straightening, welding, removing wheel substance, reshaping, or re-plating.\*

**NOTE: Reconditioned wheels do not meet the exacting specifications of genuine Volkswagen wheels and therefore are not an acceptable method of repair on any Volkswagen vehicle.**

**A reconditioned wheel or any wheel not approved by Volkswagen may cause unsafe vehicle operation, including loss of control which may result in injury or death of the vehicle occupants or other drivers.** Volkswagen approves only wheel repairs which are limited to surface sanding and cosmetic refinishing processes that remove and replace only paint coatings. Any wheel near the area of collision damage should be thoroughly examined to ensure that the wheel meets the original safety specifications.

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS DOCUMENT TO THE FOLLOWING: COLLISION REPAIR CENTER MANAGERS, ESTIMATORS, AND TECHNICIANS.

*NOTE: The Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, contains section 570.10 regarding Wheel Assemblies. Based on section (a) Wheel integrity, state governments which have mandatory vehicle safety inspections **require that vehicle wheels do not have any indication of repair by welding.***

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