



Collision Industry News & Information

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The Nebraska Auto Body Association is beta testing its new 'Shop Check' service that informs consumers of their right to have an NABA member shop repair their vehicle. 'Shop Check' also lets consumers search for an NABA shop by city, state, telephone number, specialty and other parameters. Information from NABA shops has been input into the 'Shop Check' database and is now searchable from [NABA's home page](#). Shops are strongly encouraged to review their 'Shop Check' profile to ensure the accuracy and completeness of information being made available to Nebraska consumers. Listing updates and revisions may be emailed to NABA at nz41254@windstream.net NABA has also replaced the 'Your Car Your Choice' motto with 'NABA...Insist On It', which is designed to encourage consumers to consider NABA membership as a factor in choosing a collision repair shop.

The deadly earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan is having consequences for the automotive industry including plant shutdowns. An overview of how the disaster is impacting Japanese automobile manufacturers including Honda, Toyota, Nissan, GM, Volvo, Renault and Mitsubishi is available here. Car companies rely on Japanese parts in production, setbacks in the supply chain can slow or even shut down manufacturing. [Click here for a recent report.](#)

Model legislation that would have established aftermarket crash parts as a standard for repairing collision-damaged vehicles failed to win support from the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL). After postponing a vote earlier this year an amendment that would have classified "certified" aftermarket parts to be equivalent to OEM was defeated. NABA was one of 37 collision industry associations that endorsed SCRS in opposition to NCOIL's proposed act. NCOIL is a group of state lawmakers who are leaders or members of committees responsible for insurance legislation in their states.

State Farm is taking advantage of its extensive claims data to implement its annual vehicle insurance ratings for specific makes and models of vehicles. State Farm's Ratings for cars and motorcycles are [available here](#).

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers increased 0.4 percent in January on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 1.6 percent. Increases for energy commodities and for food accounted for over two thirds of the all items increase. The indexes for gasoline and fuel oil both increased in January, continuing their recent strong upward trend. The index for food at home posted its largest increase in over two years with all six major grocery store food group indexes rising. Over the last 12 months, the food index rose 1.8. The energy index has increased 7.3 percent over the last 12 months, with the gasoline index up 13.4 percent while the indexes for new vehicles and for used cars and trucks declined in January.

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