

To whom it may concern

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**Subject: Block Exemption Regulation No. 1400/2002**

With the new Block Exemption Regulation it is a necessity for Remy Automotive Europe as a manufacturer of premium products to ensure our customers of the compliance with this regulation in order to maintain the warranty on the vehicle.

**Background: Parts Quality Classification**

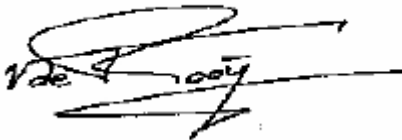
The new Block Exemption Regulation 1400/2002 aims to improve the conditions for effective competition in the spare part market. The regulation introduces three categories:

1. "Original spare part" (OSP) are parts, which are of the same quality as the components used for the assembly of new vehicles and manufactured according to specifications and production standards set by the carmakers for manufacturing the components or spare parts of the vehicle concerned. The term also includes spare parts manufactured in the same manufacturing plant as these components.
2. "Matching quality spare part" (MQSP) are spare parts manufactured by a company, which can certify at any times that the parts concerned match the quality of those components used for the assembly of the vehicles concerned.
3. "Replacement Spare Parts" describes spare parts, which are not manufactured to the same specification as the carmakers components used for the assembly of new vehicles and not of matching quality.

**Important:**

Category 1) and 2) can now be used by authorised repairers and independent repairers for the servicing and maintenance of any vehicle without invalidating warranty. This means that parts that are so certified by their component manufacturer are deemed to be the same quality as those parts supplied by the vehicle manufacturer.

**Based on the above classification, Remy Automotive Europe certifies its products to be in line with the "Matching quality spare part" (MQSP) category.**



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