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CCAR and Sherwin-Williams Automotive Finishes to Promote “GreenLink Shop” Program to A-Plus™ Network

**CCAR’s “GreenLink Shop” recognition goes to
Collision Repair facilities that demonstrate
environmental awareness and stewardship.**

OVERLAND PARK, KAN. – The Coordinating Committee For Automotive Repair (CCAR®) announces that it will partner with Sherwin-Williams Automotive Finishes (SWAF) to promote the **GreenLink Shop** designation for collision repair centers in Sherwin-Williams’ A-Plus™ Network and EcoLean™ certified facilities across the United States.

The **GreenLink Shop** status, an extension of CCAR’s **CCAR-GreenLink®** Environmental Compliance Assistance Center and **S/P2 Safety and Pollution Prevention®** E-learning Program, is designed to promote consumer confidence in local automotive repair facilities’ environmental/safety awareness and stewardship.

“We are excited to bring the benefits of CCAR’s **GreenLink Shop** recognition program to our **A-Plus Network** Members, said Brandon Devis, A-Plus Network Program Manager. “Our members continue to look for ways to set them apart from their respective competition and this is a great consumer driver benefit. There is a natural

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synergy between the **GreenLink Shop** recognition and our **EcoLean** training we provide through our **A-Plus** University workshops.”

Sherwin-Williams Automotive Finishes **A-Plus Network** has trained hundreds of collision repair professionals through its **A-Plus** University and **EcoLean** workshops. The **EcoLean** program has been developed for collision shop owners and managers who are interested in leveraging the power of lean production as well as business solutions that reduce environmental waste. According to Devis, the program is a huge success for the company and its customers, selling out workshops across the United States.

“The opportunity to work with Sherwin-Williams and the shop owners and managers that comprise its **A-Plus Network** is an extraordinary one for CCAR,” noted Daren Fristoe, CCAR President and Chief Operating Officer. “As an industry leader in automotive finishes, Sherwin-Williams represents recognized excellence in quality products and services, and we are proud to play a role in recognizing its **A-Plus Network** and **EcoLean** program.”

Repair facilities seeking the **GreenLink Shop** recognition must maintain high standards of excellence in environmental, health and safety (EHS) practices in four categories: business operations, employee training, safety compliance and environmental management. The CCAR initiative recognizes both auto mechanical service facilities and collision repair shops, with separate criteria established for each type of business.

For more information on the CCAR **GreenLink Shop** program, go to www.ccar-greenlink.org/gls or call toll-free to 888-476-5465. For additional information on Sherwin-Williams Automotive Finishes **A-Plus Network**, go to www.a-plusnetwork.com or call 216-332-8580.

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Editor’s note: The Sherwin-Williams Company, founded in 1866, is one of the world’s leading companies in the manufacture, distribution and sale of coatings and related products to professional, industrial, commercial and retail customers. Sherwin-Williams Automotive Finishes, a division of The Sherwin-Williams Company, manufactures and distributes a complete line of advanced technology paint and coating systems for automotive and fleet refinishing industries.