

## Ford Motor Company Advocates CCAR's "S/P2" Training to Ford and Lincoln-Mercury Dealers

The Coordinating Committee For Automotive Repair's (CCAR) "S/P2" online training in Safety and Pollution Prevention has been promoted to Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealers by Ford Motor Company for "use as part of an overall environmental awareness plan."

Overland Park, KS (<u>PRWEB</u>) February 10, 2005 -- Ford Motor Company has advocated the Coordinating Committee For Automotive Repair's (CCAR) "S/P2" online training in Safety and Pollution Prevention to Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealers across the United States.

"S/P2 is industry-recognized and recommended for dealership use as part of an overall environmental awareness plan," said Al Rocker, Field Operations Manager/ Technical Service Operations, Ford Customer Service Division. "Ford and Lincoln Mercury Dealers are encouraged to participate in the S/P2 training, which can play a valuable role in the important task of safety and environmental stewardship in both the collision repair and service repair departments."

Ford Motor Company, a global automotive industry leader based in Dearborn, Mich., manufactures and distributes automobiles in 200 markets across six continents. With more than 327,000 employees worldwide, Ford's core and affiliated automotive brands include Aston Martin, Ford, Jaguar, Land Rover, Lincoln, Mazda, Mercury and Volvo. Its automotive-related services include Ford Motor Credit Company and The Hertz Corporation.

CCAR's S/P2 is an Internet-based training that addresses key safety and pollution prevention issues for automotive repair professionals. It has been crafted to adhere to U.S. EPA and OSHA standards, which require that shop personnel be trained when they start work and at least annually on safety and environmental regulations.

"Ford is to be congratulated for its environmental focus on behalf of its more than 4,400 dealers across the United States," said Lirel Holt, CCAR Chairman of the Board. "We look forward to an ongoing partnership with Ford Motor Company as we seek to make the world a cleaner and safer place for everyone, create a healthy workforce environment, and enhance the daily lives of all who work in the industry."

S/P2 is also provided free of charge to automotive schools and training programs throughout the U.S. Currently, over 1,600 schools have access to the S/P2 courseware, representing a student audience of more than 130,000. S/P2 tracks technician/student progress through the training, grades tests and is constantly updated as changes occur in federal and state laws.

CCAR, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, also operates "CCAR-GreenLink®," the National Environmental Compliance Assistance Center for Automotive Repair, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



For more information on S/P2, visit its web site at <u>www.sp2.org</u> or call toll-free at 1-888-772-3535.

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