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LAMINATED GLASS GAINING GROUND AT 2005 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

DETROIT, Jan. 13, 2005 – Fifty production and concept vehicles on display at the 2005 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) tout laminated glass as standard or optional equipment (in applications aside from the windshield) in North America, as reported by the Enhanced Protective Glass Automotive Association (EPGAA). From being nonexistent at the 2000 NAIAS, to an approximate 150 percent increase over 2004; this growth clearly demonstrates the consumer and industry embrace of this automotive safety glass.

Production Vehicles

Audi A4	Jeep Grand Cherokee	Porsche Cayenne (roof)
Audi A8 Quattro	Lamborghini Murcielago Roadster	Rolls Royce Phantom
Bentley Continental GT	Land Rover LR3 (roof)	SAAB 9-7
BMW X5	Land Rover Range Rover	Subaru Outback (roof)
Buick LaCrosse	Lincoln Aviator	Subaru Forester (roof)
Buick Rainier	Lincoln Navigator	Volkswagen Phaeton
Cadillac STS	Lincoln Zephyr – 1939	Volvo S40
Chrysler Pacifica	Maybach 57 & 62	Volvo S60
Dodge Durango	Maserati Quattroporte	Volvo S80
Ferrari Superamerica (roof)	Mercedes CLS	Volvo V50
Ford Crown Victoria	Mercedes S-Class	Volvo V70
Ford GT	Mercury Grand Marquis	Volvo XC70
GMC Envoy Denali	Porsche Carrera GT	Volvo XC90
Jaguar XJ		

Concept Vehicles

Ford Mustang Saleen (roof)	Jeep Rescue (roof)	Nissan Azeal
Ford Mustang, Tiger racing CDC Glassback (roof)	Mercedes Benz Vision (roof)	Saturn Aura
General Motors Opel	Mercury Meta 1 (roof)	Volvo 3CC
General Motors Sequel		

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“The EPGAA has been working to educate the industry and consumers on using laminated glass in applications other than windshields,” said Mike Sanders, director for DuPont Automotive Safety Systems and EPGAA President. “This rapid adoption is proof that automakers and consumers alike are realizing the great benefits of laminated glass.”

Laminated glass – automotive safety glass designed for greater comfort and security, utilizes a plastic interlayer or film composite that is factory laminated to multiple glass layers. Laminated glass offers a variety of benefits, including acoustic improvement, weight savings of 12 percent over conventional tempered glass vehicle windows, enhanced security, and safety and solar protection. This application also meets all regulatory and industry standards for performance of glazing materials.

About the EPGAA

The Enhanced Protective Glass Automotive Association (EPGAA) is composed of laminate and glass providers to provide information and overall education on the development of laminated glass for added vehicle security, occupant comfort and safety. Currently, DuPont Automotive; Glasstech, Inc.; Guardian Industries Corp.; PPG Industries, Inc.; Saint-Gobain Sekurit; Sekisui America Corporation; Solutia Automotive; Southwall Technologies; Tamglass and Visteon are members of EPGAA. For more information on the EPGAA, visit www.epgaa.com.

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Editor’s Note: Automakers offer laminated glass as standard or optional equipment on additional vehicles not on display at the North American International Auto Show. For a complete list of vehicles, please contact Erin Hurst at 248-641-1446 or ehurst@eisbrenner.com.