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## Import Exhaust Repairs Made Simple

(NAPSA)—So your import vehicle needs exhaust work? If so, is it really necessary to go to a dealership or high-end import specialist and pay the extra money commonly associated with this ser-vi-ce? You may be surprised.

Thousands of service shops now have access to original equipment (OE)-style replacement exhaust components. Depending on the brand offered by the shop, you might even enjoy the benefits of more robust, premium-grade materials, factory-quality fit and a carefully tuned exhaust “note” that helps make your vehicle sound like new.

“Many import owners feel that the dealership or high-end import specialists are the only ones with quality replacement exhaust products,” said Bill Shutt, emissions control product manager for Tenneco Inc.’s Walker brand. “The fact is, you can save hundreds of dollars by relying on a qualified repair shop that carries a leading exhaust brand.”

In some cases, according to Shutt, an “aftermarket” system will be virtually identical to the more expensive OE product. In fact, some aftermarket manufacturers, including Tenneco, also design and produce OE systems for vehicle manufacturers around the world.



“The bottom line for the consumer, regardless of the vehicle make or model, is finding the best total value in terms of fit, durability, exhaust flow characteristics, and sound,” Shutt said. “These benefits are available through any repair shop that carries Walker products and other leading aftermarket brands.”

The same is true in the case of catalytic converter replacement, said Shutt. Some vehicle owners assume that quality converter service is available only through the dealership. In truth, however, virtually any qualified shop can install an OE-style replacement converter on nearly any import model.

For more information or to find a qualified installer of exhaust products for import vehicles, visit [www.walkerexhaust.com](http://www.walkerexhaust.com).