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I-CAR TO RELEASE NEW DAMAGE ANALYSIS COURSE TO THE INDUSTRY

HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL – February 1, 2010 – I-CAR, The Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair, has announced that it will premiere its newest course, *Advanced Material Damage Analysis* (DAM08) on March 1.

The course offers students training on how advanced materials affect collision energy management along with understanding the necessary repair considerations for such materials.

“This course was developed for anyone in the estimating or appraisal process and is an excellent course for industry professionals who may not have significant training on advanced high-strength steel,” said Jeff Peevy, I-CAR Director of Field Operations.

Peevy noted that interest in damage analysis for advanced materials continues to increase as vehicle manufacturers have been using a growing number of different materials that all contribute to vehicle safety, reduced vehicle structure weight, and improved fuel efficiency.

The *Advanced Material Damage Analysis* (DAM08) course will help students:

- Identify advanced materials used for vehicle construction and describe their characteristics and applications
- Explain how advanced vehicle construction materials affect collision energy management
- Understand damage analysis considerations for advanced materials
- Make repair vs. replace decisions for specific advanced materials and understand general damage analysis considerations
- Describe the effects of heat and straightening on different advanced materials
- Explain advanced materials recycled parts considerations, joining methods, corrosion protection, and refinishing considerations

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Registration is currently open for classes available now for *Advanced Material Damage Analysis* and new classes are being added to I-CAR's schedules daily. Information on classes scheduled in your area can be found on the I-CAR web site at www.i-car.com through the class search feature or by contacting I-CAR Customer Care at 800-422-7872.

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