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Scrap Car Recycling- An Informed Decision

Cartakeback.com has launched a recycling certification scheme this week which is intended to promote the use of compliant facilities for the recycling of end of life vehicles following its success in meeting tough EU recycling targets for the second year in a row.

Cartakeback.com Limited, the UK's largest manufacturer approved car recycling network, is responsible for the take back and treatment of hundreds of thousands of vehicles which reach the end of their useful life each year. It is not widely known by the public, however, that from 2006 each vehicle must be recycled in accordance with strict targets which were laid down by the EU, in order to prevent the negative impact which they have on the environment.

All cars treated by Cartakeback Authorised Treatment Facilities are first de-polluted, which includes the removal of all hazardous materials such as oils, coolants, tyres and batteries and the detonation of pyrotechnic devices such as air bags; this recovers around 6-7% of the weight of a vehicle on average. Following the de-pollution process, the metallic content of each vehicle, around 75% on average, is recovered at specialist metal recovery operations, otherwise known as 'shredders' which rip the shells, complete with engines, into fist size fragments of metal. Unfortunately, the level of recycling which has been achieved after the vehicle has been de-polluted and the metal has been sent for processing leaves most Authorised Treatment Facilities somewhat short of the 85% recycling target.

Cartakeback, however, has developed systems to ensure that all Authorised Treatment Facilities in its network achieve the required 85% target for every vehicle processed, through the further recycling of non-metallic materials. This additional recycling is carried out by Cartakeback's ten shredder operator- shareholders, using post shredder technologies. This not only decreases the amount of waste going to land-fill but also means that less energy is required in processes where the recycled materials are used.

In a recent letter to Authorised Treatment Facilities, Steve Norgrove, Head of the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR) Producer Responsibility Unit, wrote "This is not an aspirational target, and to miss it is a criminal offence punishable by a fine. It has been clearly shown that the 85% target is achievable."

The new recycling certification scheme enables Cartakeback Authorised Treatment Facilities to display a 'Recycling Compliance Seal' on their websites showing that they have met their recycling obligations for the previous year. Disposers of vehicles such as local authorities and the public can check to see if the seal is valid by clicking on the seal which will present them with a certificate containing the company details, compliance period covered and date of issue.

Graham Price, manager for Cartakeback, said "The certification scheme will allow any person or organisation which intends to dispose of a vehicle at the end of its life to make an informed decision about which company they choose".

Cartakeback launched its 'Win a Car' competition earlier this month to raise awareness amongst the public concerning the correct de-registration of cars once they reach the end of their useful life. The competition gives customers the chance to drive away in a brand new Mitsubishi Colt CZ1, or win one of a selection of runner up prizes including a TomTom satellite navigation system and £500 worth of Halfords vouchers. The competition is free to enter for customers who obtain an official DVLA Certificate of Destruction when they dispose of their scrap

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car at any Cartakeback Authorised Treatment Facility or arrange to have their old car collected between 7th April and 6th July.

Customers can locate their nearest Authorised Treatment Facility, which includes licensed car scrap yards and dismantlers, or obtain an instant quotation for their vehicle to be collected by visiting www.cartakeback.com or by calling 0845 257 32 33.

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Cartakeback.com Limited is trusted by vehicle manufacturers to act as their exclusive service provider in meeting their obligations under the end of life vehicle regulations within the UK. Contracted brands include Alfa Romeo, Alpine, Aston Martin, Audi, Austin, Bentley, Bugatti, Citroen, Dacia, DAF, Datsun, Dodge, Fiat, Fiat Professional, Ford, Hillman, Humber, Hyundai, Iveco, Jaguar, Lamborghini, Lancia, Land Rover, LDV, Leyland, Leyland DAF, Lotus, Matra, Mazda, MG, MG X-Power, Mitsubishi, Morris, Nissan, Perodua, Peugeot, Proton, Renault, Renault Trucks, Riley, Rover, Seat, Simca, Singer, Skoda, Sunbeam, Talbot, Tata, Tatra, Triumph, Volkswagen, Volkswagen Commercial, Volvo and Wolseley, representing over 70% of vehicles on the road.

Cartakeback was responsible for over a quarter of the 900,000 vehicles which were de-registered using the DVLA's online Certificate of Destruction during 2006 via a network which contained 14% of all Authorised Treatment Facilities (ATFs); this had increased to 18% of all ATFs processing 30% of all vehicles de-registered with the DVLA system by the end of 2007.

The Cartakeback network continues to grow and currently consists of around 250 ATFs. The majority of sites have been approved by vehicle manufacturers however a number of ATFs have elected not to take vehicle manufacturers appointments whilst still being able to benefit from being part of the Cartakeback network.

The accessibility criteria set by the regulations require 75% of the population to be within 10 miles of an ATF and the remainder to be within 30 miles of an ATF. Cartakeback has exceeded the accessibility criteria with 90% of the UK population being within 10 miles of a Cartakeback ATF.

Cartakeback is owned equally by 10 UK based shredder operators including Ampthill Metal Company Ltd- Bedfordshire, Christie & Son Metal Merchants Ltd – Glasgow, Clearway Ltd- Belfast, Dunn Bros (1995) Ltd- Birmingham, SITA UK Ltd- Norwich, H. Williams & Sons Ltd- Hertfordshire, John R. Adam & Sons Ltd- Glasgow, RM Supplies Ltd- Inverkeithing, S. Norton & Co Ltd- Liverpool, T.J. Thomson & Son Ltd- Stockton-on-Tees.

Answers to some of the most frequently asked questions and links to several sources of further information are available on the FAQs page of the Cartakeback website at <http://www.cartakeback.com/en/faqs.asp>.

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