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Five acres featuring 400 exhibitors

The 2009 trade shows being hosted by the Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association (AAAA) from 2 to 4 April at the Sydney Exhibition Centre will be the largest and most comprehensive automotive trade event ever held in Australia.

“This is a once in four year opportunity for the New South Wales collision repair industry to see all the biggest names in the business showcasing their latest products and innovations under one big roof. As 88% of the Collision Repair exhibition space and 98% of the Auto Aftermarket Expo space have been sold, there are only a handful of display stands remaining,” said AAAA Executive Director Stuart Charity.

“And with the Monroe sponsored Park’n’Ride service offering free car parking and shuttle buses from the nearby Harold Park Paceway, trade visitors will attend this huge show at no charge. The AAAA spectacular will include two separate exhibitions – the Collision Repair Expo and the Australian Auto Aftermarket Expo – and a range of special industry events,” he said.

Collision Repair Expo

Sponsored by PPG Industries, the Collision Repair Expo will highlight paint products and application systems, chemicals and surface preparations, collision repair tools and equipment, replacement panels, parts and frames, computer software and hardware, and training programs.

At the Sydney Exhibition Centre next April, there will be plenty of opportunities to get into the action. The Expo will feature the I-Car Welding Accreditation program, where technicians will be able to complete a welding qualification test and gain their certificate at the show.

The Lowbake portable spray booth is another action event offering learning opportunities. The Lowbake facility incorporates a lecture room with a see through panel, so visitors can watch demonstrations from the top paint companies. This live demonstration innovation proved popular when launched at the Collision Repair Expo in Melbourne in 2007, with all sessions fully booked.

The extensive list of businesses confirmed as exhibitors at the Collision Repair Expo range from 3M, Autoliner, Car-O-Liner, De Beer, Globaljig, GPI, Lowbake and SAPE, and includes the major surface finishes brands – Akzo Nobel, BASF, ChemSpec, DuPont, PPG Industries, and others.

Expos run for the industry by the industry

Stuart Charity said the AAAA Expos are not run by private businesses. “Our events are run for the industry by the industry. We have industry members volunteering their time to provide the leadership to make successful shows,” he said.

“The enormous coverage of collision repair parts and equipment – including countless product launches, state of the art workshop equipment and business services on display at this Expo, make this event much more than just another trade show.

“This Expo will not be back in Sydney until 2013, so workshop owners and managers can’t afford to miss this one in April 2009. In addition, visitors to the Collision Repair Expo will also have the opportunity to explore the huge Auto Aftermarket Expo next door,” he concluded.

An up to date list of businesses exhibiting at the 2009 Collision Repair Expo is available at www.collisionrepair.com.au

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