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### **Progressive Insurance Joins NABC as a Corporate Member**

*Princeton Junction, NJ, May 4, 2009* — The National Auto Body Council (NABC) is pleased to announce its newest corporate member, Progressive Insurance, one of the largest insurance companies in the U.S.

That insurance companies like Progressive step forward in support of NABC and its mission to improve the collision industry image speaks to the sweeping scope of the collision industry. After all, this is a trade that includes insurers, paint suppliers, and parts vendors in addition to body shops. The final product—a safe, quality repair—is dependent upon all their efforts.

“We rely on body shops to repair our customers’ vehicles after accidents,” explains Chris Andreoli, corporate claims process manager for Progressive, “so we’re happy to join an organization that calls attention to the good and important work these facilities do every day. Since we work closely with body shops on our common goal of taking care of customers after car accidents, being part of an organization that will help us learn more about the repair industry and its challenges makes a lot of sense and will assist us in helping each other and our customers.”

In addition, Progressive is gearing up for this year’s Recycled Rides in which it will be participating. “We can’t say enough about this exciting program where everyone works together to reconstruct vehicles for the benefit of families in need,” Andreoli adds. “It sets an excellent example; the public can see the positives that come when professionals pool their efforts, expertise and resources for the greater good.”

NABC welcomes Progressive and looks forward to a long and productive relationship with the insurer. “Whether we are a large or small company, being a good corporate citizen is of paramount importance to society,” states NABC Executive Director Chuck Sulkala. “I am very happy that Progressive has chosen membership in NABC and participation in Recycled Rides. Most gratifying is that they came to us of their own volition: they saw the value in what we do. That kind of forward thinking and concern for the industry will certainly contribute to NABC’s future planning and initiatives.”

*Companies and collision repairers interested in changing the industry for the better can help by becoming a member of NABC. Membership applications are available on the website at [www.autobodycouncil.org](http://www.autobodycouncil.org).*

**About Progressive:** The Progressive Group of Insurance Companies, in business since 1937, is one of the country’s largest auto insurance groups, the largest seller of motorcycle policies, and a market leader in commercial auto insurance based on premiums written. The Common Shares of The Progressive Corporation, the Mayfield Village, Ohio-based holding company, are publicly traded at NYSE:PGR.

**About NABC:** NABC is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the image of the collision industry. Our ongoing and continued success is a direct result of the efforts and support of our sponsoring companies and membership. Please contact NABC directly for membership information. Call 1-888-667-7433 (888-66PRIDE) or go to [www.autobodycouncil.org](http://www.autobodycouncil.org).

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