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Sheet Metal Guarantee:

Pete's Auto Parts guarantees all sheet metal against perforation (metal rust-through) due to corrosion in normal use.

All body and sheet metal components are warranted against rust through — an actual hole in the panel — for **LIFE**, never expiring, even if the vehicle is sold, we guarantee the parts we sell against perforation corrosion. Includes doors, hoods, fenders, lids/gates, bed boxes, all sheet metal custom cuts including quarter panels, and metal bumpers. Should a claim prove necessary, we will provide a replacement part in a similar condition as the original (or better) or if such a part is unavailable, we will pay the fair cost to repair or replace, at our option.

Please note, this covers perforation due to corrosion on body sheet metal from inside to outer body surface, it excludes all forms of surface corrosion. Also excludes purposeful damage to the part, such as forcing perforation. To make a warranty claim, simply text a picture of your original invoice, VIN and images of the part including the perforation to 616-669-6592 or email that same information to your salesperson. Must have original invoice to make claim.

Rust Prevention: to avoid the hassle of having to repair rust, do your best to prevent it using these tips:

- **Wash Your Vehicle.** An easy way to prevent rust is by washing your vehicle often. Dirt or salt left on your vehicle can damage the clear coat and paint and expose your car to the elements, causing rust. Bird droppings can also cause damage if left on your vehicle, the acid breaks down paint/clear coat.
- **Keep The Interior Clean.** Spilled liquids inside your vehicle can seep through the carpet and potentially cause rust.
- **Make Sure Your Paint Job Isn't Damaged.** The clear coat and the paint on your vehicle provide protection against the elements, but once damaged, the metal is exposed and will rust.
- **Watch Where You Park.** Parking on dry surfaces is best. When habitually parking your vehicle on grass, dirt, snow or flooded surfaces the moisture on your vehicle is greater and so will be the rust.
- **Repair Before It Spreads.** Take care to have small areas of rust repaired to keep it from spreading.

Identifying Rust: Rust stands for "**red dust**" after its color and texture. When iron comes into contact with water and oxygen, it goes through a process called oxidation that results in rust. Here are some types of rust:

- **Surface Rust** can sometimes be removed by sanding the area, it only affects the very surface of the metal when paint and clear coat break down over time from excess sunlight, scrapes and dents.
- **Bubble Rust** can be removed the same as surface rust, but you'll first have to use a wire brush to get the rough scales off. When surface rust is left untreated, it bubbles, and you can identify it as rust that has expanded into bubble rust by creating "scales" and exposing the metal underneath.
- **Corrosion** happens if surface/bubble rust is left untreated. As the bubble rust flakes off, it leaves the metal thin and exposed. At this point usually the part must be replaced or patched by welding in.
- Perforation happens when corrosion continues and there is a literal hole in the panel. This is when the guarantee kicks in and Pete's Auto Parts replaces the panel. Most vehicle manufacturers have this same warranty for perforation. It is usually better to repair before you get to this unsightly state.