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Paint and Trim Code Location

Foreword—This Document has not changed other than to put it into the new SAE Technical Standards Board Format. Definitions were changed to Section 3. All other section numbers have changed accordingly.

1. **Scope**—This SAE Recommended Practice is designed to provide readily accessible paint and trim code information on all passenger vehicles, lightweight trucks, and vans in a way that minimizes the time and effort required to locate and effectively use that information for body repair, parts ordering, vehicle maintenance, and information systems.

1.1 **Purpose**—The purpose of this document is to standardize locations for permanent labels on the vehicle to identify the body paint and trim colors as applied by the vehicle manufacturer. The label is to be readily accessible and readable without using tools.

2. References

2.1 **Applicable Publications**—There are no referenced publications specified herein.

3. Definitions

3.1 **Paint Code**—A code established by the vehicle manufacturer and paint supplier for paint color(s) applied for any given vehicle.

3.2 **Body (Primary) Color**—A base predominant color applied by the vehicle manufacturer.

3.3 **Trim Color**—An interior paint color in the appearance package.

3.4 **Secondary Color**—A color used to complement the body color.

3.5 **Accent Color**—A color applied to bumpers and attaching body parts.

3.6 **Stripe**—An optional exterior accent package adhesive/paint as applied by the vehicle manufacturer.

3.7 **Moulding**—An exterior garnish applied by the vehicle manufacturer.

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4. **Code Interpretation**—The codes are to be interpreted from OEM service bulletins, OEM and aftermarket service manuals, and OEM or paint manufacturers' color books/bulletins.
5. **Label and/or Plate Location**—The label and/or plate is to be located as follows:
 1. Primary - left B pillar
 2. Secondary - deck lid/tailgate
 3. Tertiary - right B pillar

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