

# Car Care Corner

## What's Really Stopping You? Get A Free Inspection During Brake Safety Week

(NAPSA)—Do you, like many vehicle owners, wait for your brakes to start grinding or the brake pedal to feel “soft” before heading to an automotive service shop for a “brake job”? There’s no better time to check the condition of your vehicle’s complete braking system than during MAP Brake Safety Awareness Week, Aug. 26 through Sept. 1, 2007.

Throughout this event, the nation’s leading consumer auto service nonprofit organization—the Motorist Assurance Program (MAP)—wants you to stop at any MAP-participating repair shop for a free brake and related undercar inspection. There’s no better way to ensure that your vehicle’s braking and other undercar systems are working properly before heading into the fall and winter driving seasons.

“For very obvious reasons, it’s important to make sure your brake system is working correctly and that all system components still have plenty of service life to ensure trouble-free performance,” said MAP President Larry Hecker. “Plus, it’s important to know what to look out for when it comes to brake components and other undercar parts that periodically wear out. Many vehicles require service that the average person wouldn’t be able to detect from daily driving, making it even more critical to perform periodic safety inspections.”

During Brake Safety Awareness Week, participating shops will offer free inspections, educate vehicle owners regarding key undercar systems, provide compli-



mentary automotive troubleshooting materials and answer consumers’ preventative maintenance questions. Look for a repair facility prominently displaying its Motorist Assurance Program decal near the entrance or customer waiting area, or find participating stores in your area by visiting the MAP Web site at [www.motorist.org](http://www.motorist.org).

MAP, a nonprofit program created by concerned automotive business owners, manufacturers and associations, requires all of its participating shops to adhere to a strict set of fact-based vehicle inspection and communication standards. MAP establishes criteria not only for recommending replacement of worn parts and other products, but also for how these recommendations are communicated to the vehicle owner.

MAP offers tips for choosing and working with qualified repair providers, a list of participating MAP shops in your area, a repair and replacement recommendations lookup for vehicle components and more at [www.motorist.org](http://www.motorist.org).