



CBP Seizes Over \$9.9M in Counterfeit Automotive Parts in FY 2021 Q1

In the first quarter of fiscal year 2021, U.S. Customs and Border Protection seized over **70** shipments of merchandise related to the automotive industry. The seized merchandise is estimated to have a manufacturer's suggested retail price of over **\$9.96 million**.

Dependable automobile parts are essential to both personal and public safety. A close look at CBP statistics reflect a wide variety of automotive-related seizures. While

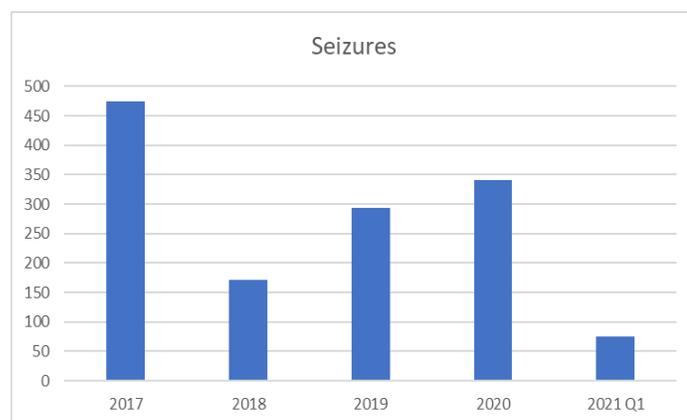
“cosmetic” merchandise like emblems and hood ornaments have been counterfeited, other car parts related to function and safety have also been seized. The following are examples of seized counterfeit automotive parts:

- Air bags that may lead to improper deployment or may not deploy at all;
- Brake pads that may not be made to the original manufacturer's specifications; and
- Auto body parts that may not uphold the required safety measures in crashes.

The consumer's health and safety is not the primary concern of counterfeit product manufacturers. Counterfeit parts installed in automobiles put drivers and everyone else on the road at risk of crashes, fires, and other fatal problems caused by these parts. Consequently, drivers and repair professionals beware: There are real risks and dangers related to these products. To avert such dangers, consumers should purchase from reputable sources and professional resellers should be aware that counterfeit parts may be part of the supply chain.



Brake pad seized at a port of entry. CBP photo



For additional information on the risks associated with violative merchandise, please visit:
<https://www.cbp.gov/FakeGoodsRealDangers>

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