

## What about Automotive Lifts Manufactured Overseas?



Regardless of the country of origin, ALI requires that all Authorized Production Facilities be represented by a legitimate Certification Program Participant with an organizational presence in North America. In today's global marketplace, evidence involving the proliferation of questionable and unsafe products across most industries can be seen by visiting the websites of the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. Within the automotive lift industry, these trends first became visible in the

last decade, as manufacturers, located in developing countries, and lift importers, not familiar with the relevant electrical and mechanical standards, became interested in the North American market. Today this trend continues. Therefore, the lift buyer/specifier must become educated regarding the relevant issues associated with purchasing a third-party certified lift.



Regardless of production facility location, organizations that are committed to a safe North American automotive lift market demonstrate this commitment through product compliance with all relevant National Standards. Some lift production facilities and their distributors do not have a supported presence in North America and are committed only to importing and selling lifts for whatever period proves to be financially beneficial. In today's society of disposable products, many components may be subject to wear and may need to be replaced or serviced. The lift buyer/specifier should consider this point as it relates to potential component delays, planned maintenance, and

“down time” contributed to replacement inspection support that may be required.

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