
Modern Collision Rebuild

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***"It's nice to be recognized
for doing the right thing
but we would have
continued our
environmental efforts
whether we were
recognized or not."***

— Dick Strom, Owner

Modern Collision Rebuild has earned the highest level of EnviroStars certification: five stars! This Bainbridge Island collision repair shop meets stringent guidelines for hazardous waste management and pollution prevention. The shop also demonstrates extensive measures to protect air quality and was given special recognition from a joint project of EnviroStars, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, and industry trade associations. In addition to being recognized by EnviroStars for their efforts, Modern Collision Rebuild received a rebate on their annual Clean Air Agency registration fee and an exemption from routine air inspections.

Dick and Bobbi Strom have been recycling since about 1974. When business grew and their dumpster started to overflow, Dick and Bobbi started getting creative with waste reduction and recycling. Now they recycle over 17 materials including some hazardous wastes. Over the years they have reduced the toxicity of products, improved storage and spill control readiness, set up systems to reuse materials, and helped to establish new options for hard-to-recycle items.

Although they always keep their eyes open for ways to improve their own shop, the Stroms have moved beyond their own business and



*The staff of Modern Collision Rebuild on
Bainbridge Island*

helped others in their industry. Today they are progressive leaders in the autobody repair industry and the business community in general. The Stroms currently serve as co-chairs for the Kitsap County chapter of the Autobody Craftsman Association. Dick Strom also contributes insightful business and autobody-related articles to numerous publications.

Modern Collision Rebuild won a Kitsap County Earth Day Award in 2000 for Best Hazardous Waste Program. They have also received recognition from the Green Works program as a Distinguished Business in the Green for their solid waste recycling and use of recycled products.