



ELVS Program Celebrates 2 Millionth Switch

The End of Life Vehicle Solutions program accepted the 2 millionth mercury switch, and had a celebration at EQIS in Ypsilanti in February.

ELVS is a non-profit organization established by vehicle manufacturers which provide dismantlers with information and supplies needed to remove, collect, and transport switches to proper recycling and disposal facilities, and track progress. It also provides educational outreach and promote vehicle recycling and proper management of substances of concern.



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Since 2000, the automotive industry has been working with various states to provide educational outreach on best practices for the removal of mercury automotive switches by dismantlers. ELVS will continue these efforts and provide program data via EQ's web site.

Mercury switches were used in convenience lighting and antilock braking systems and can be found in vehicles manufactured prior to 2003. There are an estimated 38 million mercury switches remaining in vehicles still in use. Removing mercury switches from vehicles before they are crushed and shredded for recycling prevents mercury from escaping into the environment.