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**Vehicle Damage Alert:
Karcher Dryer System**

CHICAGO, IL – March 14, 2007 - Some car wash operators with Karcher automatic car wash dryer systems have experienced problems when the vehicle being serviced has add-on items (e.g. exterior mounted spare tires).

Karcher dryer systems are equipped with “photo eyes” that are used to map the shape of vehicles. This mapping allows the dryer to follow the surface of standard vehicles at a defined distance, but Karcher has identified some exceptional situations when vehicle contact, and thereby potential damage, can occur.

The [bulletin from Karcher](#) describes how you can determine if your dryer could contact vehicles incorrectly, and suggestions for modifying the dryer system. Car wash operators can also request free modification kits from Karcher. For more information, contact your distributor or Karcher directly.

Please visit www.carwash.org/OperatorInformation/VehicleDamageCenter to report vehicle damage occurring at your wash and share all issued Vehicle Damage Alerts with your staff.

If you have any questions, please contact the International Carwash Association at (312) 321-5199 or info@CarWash.org.

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