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General Motors Provides New Design for Truck Mast Antennas

Feedback from the ICA Damage Control Session at the 2001 June Car Care World Expo in Las Vegas regarding the GM Truck mast antenna problems aided in getting a new design change through the GM change process.

The new antenna features a tapered mast and is currently being used on the new GM Trailblazer, Envoy and Bravada. According to GM, the tapered mast is more flexible and transmits less load to the stud if the mast is not properly tightened at the dealership during installation. A new fluorescent orange plastic wrench will be included with each antenna. The wrench slips over the top of the antenna and has the corresponding hex opening allowing for damage free tightening of the antenna during dealership pre-delivery inspection. After installation, the wrench will be placed in the vehicles glove compartment.

The new tapered mast antenna base and plastic wrench will be phased into production November, 2001 and will include the 2001-2002 Chevrolet and GMC C/K Pickup Models (Silverado and Sierra), 2001-2002 GMC and Chevrolet Utility Models (Tahoe, Suburban, Denali, Yukon and Yukon XL) and the 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche.

The International Carwash Association would like to thank General Motors for listening to the ICA membership regarding problems that occur in a car wash and by providing corrective action. Bottom line is that we share the same customer.

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