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Pontiac Grand Am/Grand Prix Side View Mirrors

The International Carwash Association has received several reports of damage to the Pontiac Grand Am and Grand Prix side view mirrors. Some car wash facilities have expressed the concern that when the wraps hit the side view mirror on these vehicles, the mirror has, in some instances, broken off at the base.

The Problem

The base housing which attaches to the door surface is very shallow and does not provide a significant amount of strength for the attaching screws. If the mirror is hit with significant force, the strength of these screws is not adequate to support the mirror and the mirror may break at the base.

The Solution

General Motors has been alerted to this flaw and they are currently working on a resolution. Prototype mirrors with the proposed fix will be evaluated at a car wash in the very near future. Once tested successfully, they will be put into production. In the meantime, car wash operators should adjust the wraps to insure that the impact on the side view mirrors is at a minimum.

Should this occur at your carwash, please [SUBMIT A REPORT](#) and include the vehicle VIN number.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Joe Ward, Director of Engineering, through ICA Headquarters at ica@sba.com.

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