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Car Wash Operators Go “Above and Beyond” Duty to Ensure Car Wash Safety

As ICA's Director of Engineering, it would be impossible to do my job without the help of the many dedicated car wash operators, equipment manufacturers and automobile manufacturers representatives who offer their time and facilities. I would like to extend my appreciation to the following car wash operators for their help in identifying and resolving many vehicle damage issues occurring at car washes across the country. Without their help, my job as the liaison between the car wash community and the automobile manufacturers would be much more difficult.

Many thanks to:

Bob Waldron
Pro Car Wash; Troy, Michigan

Paul VanDeVelde
America's Finest Auto Wash; New Baltimore, Michigan

Todd Christopher
Classic Auto Wash; Allen Park, Michigan

These individuals have opened their car wash facilities for testing by the automobile manufacturers and have provided expert advice on ways to correct problem discrepancies. They are also on ICA's Vehicle Car Wash Test Procedure Committee, who is currently submitting a car wash test procedure to the Society of Automotive Engineers (“SAE”) as an SAE Standard. Once the procedure is an SAE Standard, it will be available to all vehicle manufacturers to incorporate into their testing procedures.

In addition, I would like to thank Carol Defoe of Delta Sonic Carwash Systems in Buffalo, New York. Carol has helped me on numerous occasions by determining whether or not a vehicle manufacturer has a re-call or engineering bulletin issued, which may cover the damage issue at hand. Her enthusiastic assistance is most appreciated.

Thank you, Bob, Paul, Todd and Carol in helping make my job as ICA's Director of Engineering easier and more enjoyable.

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