

Swift Collision Updates Consumer Information on Auto Glass Damage After a Collision

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Swift Collision has updated its consumer information explaining how auto glass damage is evaluated after a collision and why technicians may consider more than the visible crack or chip when developing a repair plan.

The September update expands Swift Collision's existing auto glass information with guidance focused on four areas: the location and characteristics of the glass damage, surrounding components, vehicle technology associated with the glass, and vehicle-specific repair requirements.

The resource was developed to give vehicle owners a clearer understanding of why collision-related glass evaluation can extend beyond determining whether a windshield or window appears visibly damaged.

?Auto glass is integrated with several areas of a modern vehicle, so the evaluation often involves more than documenting a crack,? said a representative of Swift Collision. ?The condition of the glass, nearby components, and vehicle-specific information all contribute to determining the appropriate repair plan.?

The first area addressed in the September update is the location and characteristics of the damage.

Collision forces can affect windshields, door glass, quarter glass, back glass, and other glazed areas differently depending on where the impact occurred. Technicians can document cracking, chipping, separation, displacement, or other observable conditions during the initial inspection.

The updated information avoids establishing a universal rule based solely on the size of visible damage. Instead, the appropriate procedure depends on the glass involved, its documented condition, and applicable vehicle information.

This distinction is particularly relevant after a collision because the circumstances can differ from isolated road-debris damage. An impact involving the surrounding body structure may require technicians to evaluate the relationship between the damaged glass and adjacent components.

The second area covered by the update is the condition of surrounding components.

A windshield, for example, interfaces with the surrounding opening, exterior moldings, trim, and other components. Door glass operates within a system that can include tracks, regulators, seals, guides, and door structures.

When a collision affects these areas, evaluating only the visible glass may not provide a complete picture of the conditions relevant to the repair.

A side impact that damages a door illustrates this distinction. Broken or displaced door glass may be readily apparent, while technicians may also need to evaluate the components associated with its mounting and operation. The repair plan is based on documented findings rather than an assumption that surrounding components were necessarily damaged.

The third area in Swift Collision's September information addresses vehicle technology associated with auto glass.

Modern windshields can be associated with cameras, sensors, heating elements, antennas, rain-sensing equipment, and other vehicle features depending on the make, model, and configuration.

This technology can affect repair planning when a windshield is replaced or when collision repairs involve components positioned near the glass.

Swift Collision's update emphasizes that the presence of driver-assistance equipment does not mean every glass repair automatically requires the same diagnostic or calibration procedure. Applicable requirements depend on the individual vehicle and the work performed.

Technicians can consult manufacturer information to determine whether specific procedures apply. Swift Collision provides additional consumer information about ADAS services for vehicles equipped with applicable driver-assistance technology.

The fourth area addressed by the September update is vehicle-specific repair information.

Glass specifications and replacement procedures can differ among vehicles. Depending on the application, repair information may address the type of replacement glass, installation materials, preparation procedures, associated components, and additional operations relevant to the work being performed.

The updated resource explains that these requirements are reviewed for the individual vehicle rather than applying one general procedure to every collision-related glass repair.

This vehicle-specific approach is one of the principal additions to Swift Collision's September consumer information.

The update also distinguishes damage evaluation from the final repair decision. Documenting a chip, crack, or displaced piece of glass establishes an observable condition, but the appropriate response depends on the characteristics of that damage and the applicable repair information.

Similarly, identifying equipment near a windshield does not by itself establish that the equipment has been damaged. Inspection findings and manufacturer procedures determine whether additional evaluation or operations become part of the repair plan.

Swift Collision also addresses situations in which glass damage is discovered as part of a broader collision repair.

When an accident affects multiple areas of a vehicle, glass-related operations may need to be coordinated with body repairs, refinishing, component replacement, diagnostics, or other procedures. Establishing the sequence of work helps integrate the glass portion of the repair with the overall repair plan.

The September information further advises consumers to document changes noticed after an accident. Visible cracking, glass that no longer operates normally, changes around moldings or seals, and dashboard messages associated with vehicle technology can provide useful information during the initial evaluation.

These observations provide context for technicians but are not presented as a substitute for inspection or as proof of a particular repair requirement.

By organizing the updated information around damage characteristics, surrounding components, integrated technology, and vehicle-specific procedures, Swift Collision provides consumers with a more defined framework for understanding collision-related auto glass evaluation.

The September update is intended to clarify why modern auto glass repair can involve both the damaged glass and the vehicle systems or components associated with it, while avoiding a one-size-fits-all approach to repair requirements.

Swift Collision's updated September information is available directly through its auto glass repair resource.

About Swift Collision

Swift Collision provides collision repair and related vehicle restoration services, including collision repair, auto glass services, paintless dent repair, electric vehicle repair, ADAS services, and fleet solutions. The company's repair process incorporates damage evaluation, repair planning, vehicle-specific information, and applicable procedures based on the individual vehicle and documented repair requirements.

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