



Robert's Body Shop & Wrecker Service Reveals What Front-End Collision Damage Can Hide Beneath the Bumper

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Robert's Body Shop & Wrecker Service LLC, a collision repair shop in Greenwood, South Carolina, explains how front-end collision damage can hide after a crash and why post-repair inspections are essential. A vehicle can look drivable with only a dented bumper, even when components behind it have been affected. The company assesses visible panels and the underlying components before recommending any repairs.

Signs of front-end collision damage often appear first at the bumper. A bumper cover can spring back after a crash while the underlying brackets remain bent, and uneven gaps around the bumper or headlights can help trace the impact path. A sensor behind the cover may need inspection even when the visible bumper damage is minor, and the paint looks intact. A hood that no longer lines up with the fenders may indicate issues with its hinges or supports, and technicians can check the surrounding structure when the latch won't engage.

Components behind the grille can also be affected. An impact can damage the radiator or shift its mounts,

and a coolant leak may not be obvious until a technician checks beneath the vehicle. A warning light or rough running can prompt a check for engine damage, although nearby components may also be responsible. The extent of cooling-system damage helps determine whether the vehicle can be driven safely or needs towing.

The company also notes steps drivers can take after a crash. First, check on everyone in the vehicle, and then take photos of visible damage for the shop or insurer. If you smell coolant or see fluid on the ground, do not restart the engine.

Measurement is another part of the assessment because an impact can shift structural members without leaving obvious marks on nearby panels. To evaluate possible vehicle frame damage, technicians compare dimensions at several reference points with manufacturer specifications to see whether the front structure has moved. Robert's Body Shop & Wrecker Service LLC can use those findings to determine whether the vehicle needs structural repair. A vehicle that pulls to one side while driving or shows uneven gaps between panels may warrant a closer look at the structure.

Once technicians identify the affected areas, they can address the bumper or hood and assess adjoining hardware. If the structure has shifted, frame correction follows the vehicle's repair specifications. The type of front-end collision damage determines which repairs the estimate includes.

The process does not end when the bodywork is finished. Before returning a vehicle, technicians inspect the repairs and correct any uneven gaps between the affected panels. As the company describes them, post-repair checks can include structural measurements compared with manufacturer specifications, diagnostic scans, calibration of any affected cameras or sensors, and evaluation of airbag components, wheel alignment, and suspension. Together, these checks help confirm that the repairs addressed more than the visible collision damage.

Robert's Body Shop & Wrecker Service LLC is a third-generation, family-owned business founded in 1959 and operated by the founder's grandson, Hayden Godfrey. The company provides auto collision repair in Greenwood, along with auto painting, paintless dent repair, auto glass replacement, and towing for drivers across the surrounding Lakelands region. Technicians follow original equipment manufacturer repair procedures, and the company holds I-CAR Gold Class recognition and employs I-CAR Platinum-recognized professionals. The workmanship warranty covers the original customer for as long as they own the vehicle; replacement parts carry the manufacturer's warranty.

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