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BMW X5 Rear Window Wiper

The BMW of North America Engineering Department reported to the International Carwash Association that "occasionally a BMW X5 rear wiper arm may be broken off or otherwise damaged in a car wash". They claim that "typically this damage is caused when the overhead brush comes down the rear window and catches the wiper, lifting it off the glass and pulling it away from the vehicle".

To resolve the problem BMW stated that "vehicles produced prior to May 2002 have a plastic arm which can break if caught in this manner. Vehicles produced after May 2002 have a metal arm, which can be bent if caught".

To prevent the arm from lifting off of the glass, BMW suggests that the wiper arm can be secured to the glass with a piece of tape while going through a car wash. The recommended tape is bright yellow and can easily be removed without any residue. The tape can be purchased from:

Tape Systems Inc.
ATT: Neil Scotti
630 South Columbus Ave.
Mount Vernon, NY 10550
Phone: 800-331-6758

The cost is 6 rolls for \$63.00 or 2 rolls for \$25.00 plus shipping.

The International Carwash Association would like to thank BMW for recognizing this issue and for the recommended preventive procedure. Stay tuned to the www.CarCareCentral.com Vehicle Damage Center for any updates/changes on this wiper or any other vehicle alerts.

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