



STORMWISE

Automotive Hail Repair

4 Types of Hail Damage You Can Spot Immediately

Size isn't the only factor in hailstorm damage. The wind, as well as the duration of the storm, can also have an impact on your vehicle.

Storms with higher wind speeds and longer durations are bound to cause more damage than short storms with low wind.

How can you spot hail damage, and what can you do about it? Is there a way to prevent this type of damage in the future?

Hail can cause several forms of damage to your vehicle, so here are **4 signs** to look out for, if you suspect hail damage on your vehicle!

DENTS

Dents are one of the most common forms of hail damage you can receive after a storm. They will be more common depending on the severity of the storm, and can vary in size and depth.

Hailstones often leave dents that are conical, and they will appear on the hood, roof, and side panels of your vehicle. They can even appear on your door, sometimes making it harder to open.

The good news is that comprehensive insurance will cover costs to repair dents and other damage caused by hail.



PAINT DAMAGE

As hail is falling, it can scrape against the sides and front of your car, leading to chips or scratches in the paint on your vehicle.

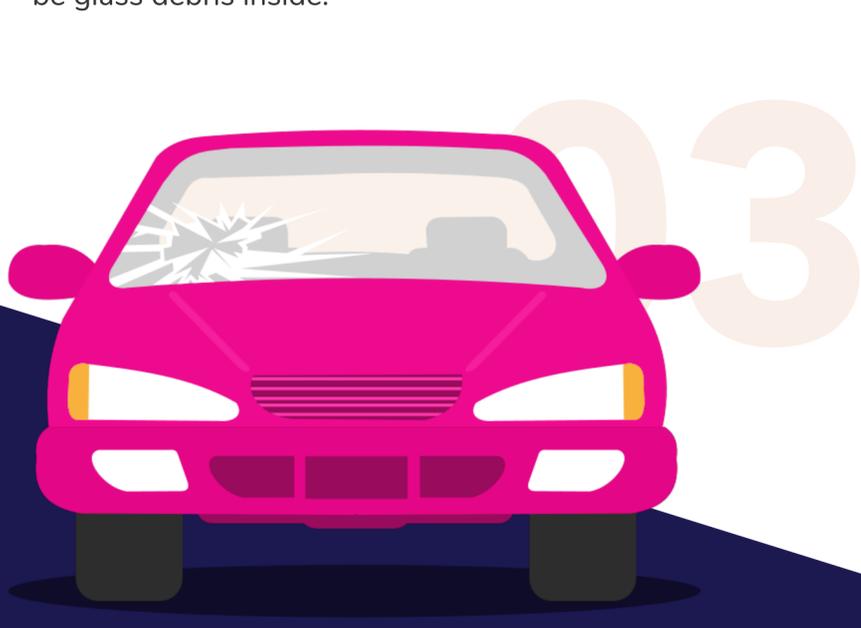
This can happen regardless of the size of the hail, so check your vehicle thoroughly after a hailstorm. If you notice strange marks left behind after a storm, hail likely caused it.



CRACKED GLASS

If the storm is severe enough, hail can cause cracks in your windshield, or on your side mirrors, or even shatter the glass and tail lights.

If you notice any damage to the front or back windshield of your vehicle, be careful when entering, as there could be glass debris inside.



DAMAGED FRAME AND SEVERE STRUCTURE DAMAGE

Large hailstones can knock your mirrors out of place with enough force. In some instances, they can completely break your side mirrors off of your vehicle. Pay close attention both to the glass on the mirror and the alignment.

A simple misalignment can be fixed quickly, but a torn off mirror will make your vehicle unsafe to drive for a while.

