

AUTO HAIL REPAIR BAD PDR – HOLE DRILLING

The Auto Body Shops, and Catastrophic Hail Repair industries are full of bad Hail Repair Paintless Dent Repair Technicians.

One of the most widely used bad Hail Repair Techniques is HOLE DRILLING. To save time, and make a larger profit, unqualified, uncertified, and unscrupulous so call PDR technicians will drill large volume of holes in vehicles that are dangerous to the public.

All vehicles are designed to pass a crashworthiness test which is “the science of preventing or minimizing serious injuries or death following an accident through the use of safety systems.

There are five elements of crashworthiness:

- Maintaining the occupants’ survival space,
- Managing and distributing the collision forces away from the survival space,
- Providing proper restraint throughout the accident,
- Preventing ejection,
- and Preventing fires.



When technicians drill holes through panels to gain quick access to panels damaged by hail, they permanently damage the vehicles crashworthiness. Technicians knowingly drill these holes and are aware that it is a banned practice. Additionally, if a vehicle has hail damage only on one side of a vehicle, these technicians will purposely drill holes not only on the hail damaged panels of the vehicle but will go to the opposite side of the vehicle where there is no hail damage and drill holes just to match both sides.

The practice of drilling holes weakens the safe structure of the vehicle and unfortunately, this process is still widely used today. Recently, a very reputable Oklahoma PDR company took over the PDR services for an Auto Body shop in Oklahoma that has been in business since 1964. Hole Drilling was the normal everyday process for every dent and hail repair by the previous PDR service company. The owners of that Oklahoma Auto Body Shop were amazed when the new reputable PDR service company did the repairs without a single hole being drilled. Unfortunately, even auto dealerships still drill holes.