

GLASS MECHANIC



Let's drill a hole to get the trapped dirt out



IT'S not the end of the world if your windshield becomes the victim of a stray pebble gone wild.

And forget about the strain it'll cause on your pockets fixing your windshield won't cost you that much. Really.

Like the old folks say, 'why fix something that ain't broken'?

Repairing is the answer, and repairing nicks on your windshield is what the good people at GlassMechanic do best.

Managing director Yeoh Eng Hui explained to *Mail Motor* that while windshield repair workshops have been around for some time, awareness of such workshops' existence is still poor among the masses.

It seems like a waste of a good thing: windshield replacements cost a bomb for expensive imports, while finding replacements for vintage/exotic cars can be a tough deal. But with a simple technology from America, consumers are offered

a quick and economical solution that is perfectly safe and very, very cheap.

All right, so how does it work?

Upon visiting GlassMechanic, the nick on your windshield will be inspected to see if it is in repairable condition (if the damage is too severe, you will be recommended to have the entire windshield replaced) and you will be asked how long the damage has been around, as the older the damage, the more 'contaminated' it is due to exposure to the elements.

Next, a small hole is drilled into the nick to remove any embedded dirt before a special device is applied to vacuum out the trapped air, which if not removed, will form 'bubbles' within the glass. A clear-coloured bonding resin is then injected into the nick which is then hardened or cured with ultraviolet light. Finally, the surface of the windshield is given a polish to smoothen the

affected area.

All this takes less than an hour.

The result is damage that is 95 per cent to 99 per cent as good as gone. Although a small blemish remains, you'll need to scrutinise hard before you can notice it — but who scrutinises windshields, anyway?

Repairs at GlassMechanic come with a lifetime guarantee. If any problem arises after repair, GlassMechanic will get it rectified at no cost. If you are still unsatisfied after that, they even offer a money-back guarantee — this shows how confident they are of their capabilities. They even have a mobile service and will come straight to your home upon request.

GlassMechanic is located at 60, Jalan SS2/55, 47300 Petaling Jaya, and is open Mondays to Saturdays from 9am to 5pm. For enquiries, contact 03-7873 7873.

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