

Abbott's Auto Care Newsletter

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HAIL DAMAGE

Are you thinking about purchasing a cheap second-hand car?

Recent storms have left thousands of cars hail damaged and most that were insured have been sold as a **'repairable write off'** by insurance companies.

Many of these damaged cars have been purchased from clearance auctions in Brisbane to be repaired and re sold to unsuspecting buyers.

A quick way to remove hail dents is to push the dents out from the inside with special tools.

This is a specialised procedure and with the huge number of cars damaged, extra technicians have been flown in to Australia to help the local guys repair the cars as quickly as possible.

Repairing the cars this way is considerably cheaper than traditional paint and panel repairs but can have disastrous long-term issues.

The base layer paint bond to the car metal can be damaged and moisture forms under the paint resulting in rust within twelve months.

This is definitely not a good result for the value of your new purchase.

BEWARE

- Hail damaged cars that have been sold by insurance companies are difficult to insure
- **'Repairable write off'** damaged vehicles have a reduced market value. It is your responsibility to declare hail damage history when seeking new insurance cover
- Always check online through REVS, your intended purchase car history.

Happy motoring!

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