

Beware of Loss from Damage

The average cost due to theft at many carwashes is \$25,000. 80% of that loss is damage to either the building or equipment, not the loss of actual currency. When an incident occurs, it is critical to take plenty of pictures of the vehicle still in the bay if possible, as well as any damage to the vehicle, property, and equipment. The person driving the vehicle is in control and accountable for their actions. Insurance rates are typically lower for self serve, automatic, and express tunnel owners when compared to full service operations.



The difference being at a full service wash an attendant takes possession and assumes the liability for the customer's car. To assist you with this, visit our website at www.pressureservices.com and under the Support tab at the top you will find forms as we continue to make them available.

Prevent Damage To Your Equipment And Loss From Theft

There are cost effective solutions to minimize loss to both you and your insurance company. You can install shock and vibration sensors in your entry controllers. Inquire as to whether the manufacturer of your entry controller has an option available. Many companies can install aftermarket security devices in existing entry controllers. The majority of these types of thefts happen spur of the moment looking for an easy target. A local siren or alarm can eliminate that scenario. If possible tie it into a central station alarm if available.



The local alarm prevents the immediate damage to the equipment while the central station will hopefully keep them from coming back at a later time.

Sensors can also be applied to change machines, vending machines and vacuums. In our territory we have had entire entry controllers and bill changers stolen. More common is damage to equipment from thieves attempting to break in usually totaling more than the value of the money inside. We sell Unitec Entry Controllers and options vary by model. Portals and Wash Select II models have internal alarm systems which include a door open switch, shock sensor and siren.



Alarm systems

The alarm is standard on the Portal but is an option for the Wash Select II. The Portal also has an output on its I/O board which can be wired to an external (facility) alarm. This is normally open and would close if the shock sensor is tripped or if the door is opened without a valid user password. The Wash Select II doesn't have an external alarm output but the alarm company could connect a pair of wires to the door switch to trip the alarm when the door is opened (much like a facility door switch). Other preventative measures are; superior lighting, developing a rapport with the local police, plenty of security signage, and video surveillance. Video surveillance has drastically come down in price with better resolution. The added benefit is pictures of the thief, car license, or damage to equipment or structure captured for review.

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