

# **COLLISION REPAIR INFORMATION**

## **FOR THE COLLISION REPAIR PROFESSIONAL**

TITLE: TACOMA SMC BED REPAIR

SECTION: EXTERIOR BULLETIN #168

MODELS: TACOMA 2005 -

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Beginning with the 2005 Model Year, the Tacoma has been equipped with a Sheet Molded Compound (SMC) pick-up bed tub. The SMC bed offers rugged performance and utility attributes but, like all body components can sustain damage as a result of a collision. While materials are available to repair SMC, they typically require reinforcing, sanding, priming, and top-coating. SMC repairs of this type will lack the original Tacoma quality and appearance, and may not function as intended under future operating conditions and subsequent collisions. Therefore it is recommended to replace collision damaged SMC beds with genuine new original equipment replacement parts only.



(EXAMPLE OF TACOMA SMC PICK-UP BED)

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