



Cutler Car Wash

Location:
Grand Rapids, MI

Application:
Car Wash

Install Type:
Retrofit

Products:
Hollow Metal Replacement FRP Door (HMR-FRP)
Fiberglass Frame (AF-150)
Select Aluminum Continuous Gear Hinge (SL11 HD)

Overview

Cutler Car Wash is a busy facility catering to a steady stream of customers. Efficiency and reliability are crucial in the car wash business, where swift operations and minimal maintenance and downtime directly impact profitability.

Challenge

Cutler Car Wash faced persistent maintenance issues with their existing steel door and frame, causing operational disruptions and aesthetic concerns related to rust. The wide opening is required for supplies and equipment, including 50-gallon drums, which further aggravated the problems. Sagging, latching difficulties, and rust were recurring issues afflicting the steel door and frame, demanding frequent attention and maintenance.

Solution

Seeking a durable, low-maintenance solution, owner Josh Sanders turned to Special-Lite's Hollow Metal Replacement FRP Door (HMR-FRP), complemented by its Fiberglass Framing System (AF-150) and Select Aluminum Continuous Gear Hinge (SL11 HD). The low-maintenance fiberglass construction offered unparalleled durability by eliminating rust concerns, and ensuring long life and performance even in the demanding environment of a car wash.

“When I heard fiberglass doors and frames from Special-Lite were an option, it was a no-brainer. I also love the aluminum continuous hinge with a lifetime warranty that will never rust! The installation went smoothly, and now I have a zero-maintenance opening that operates perfectly every time. Not only that, but I never have to see rust on the door, frame, or hinge.”

—Josh Sanders, Owner

“I have been installing doors and frames for 40 years, and this (optional) adjustable lock pocket is the most innovative option I have encountered.”

—Dave Mete, Installer, D & D Mobile Locksmith

Outcome

Cutler Car Wash saw a significant improvement in efficiency and durability by opting for Special-Lite's fiberglass door and frame assembly. The elimination of maintenance issues has translated into smoother operations and reduced downtime. Sanders can now turn his focus to delivering exceptional customer service without worrying about door-related disruptions.



BEFORE

Hollow Metal Door



AFTER

Hybrid FRP Door