



Windshield Wipers Not Working — What It Usually Is

How real visits for a wiper problem ended at independent shops across the US — the part actually replaced, how often, and what it cost when it was the only fix.

Pump

The single most common outcome — roughly one in five of these visits when combined with the runner-up

Pump **\$182 – \$624**

Fuse **\$56 – \$239**

typical cost when it was the only fix
(parts + labor)

THE FIX INVOLVED	SHARE OF THESE VISITS*	TYPICAL COST†	MEDIAN
Pump	17.1%	\$182 – \$624	\$333
Fuse	6.2%	\$56 – \$239	\$115
Hose	6.1%	\$103 – \$387	\$207
Switch	5.4%	\$126 – \$344	\$216
Other, rarer causes	smaller shares — wiper switches, linkage, fuses, washer nozzles	varies	—

*Share of visits whose repair involved this part; combined repairs count toward each part, so shares overlap and don't add to 100%.

†Middle half of real invoices when this was the only fix — parts + labor, all vehicle types.

WHICH ONE IS YOURS? LISTEN FIRST

- **Streaking or chattering** — That's the blades, not the system — the rubber hardens within a year or two.
- **Wipers move together wrong or one stops** — Wipers colliding, lazy, or parked mid-glass mean the linkage has popped a joint or the arm splines stripped — mechanical, visible, and modest to repair.
- **Nothing moves** — Dead silence is fuse, switch, or motor in that diagnostic order.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE SHOP

Wipers that don't move at all point at the motor, linkage or switch; washers that don't spray at the pump or a frozen or clogged line. Expect a check of the fuse and switch first — the cheap causes. A wiper motor or linkage is the moderate answer.

ABOUT THIS DATA · HOW TO USE THIS BRIEF

Vehicles **all makes and models, US fleet**

Data confidence **High** — *large sample, stable shares*

Records through **July 2026**, refreshed continuously

Source **paid invoices from independent US repair shops**

Take it to the shop. It tells you what the likely answers are and what each one should cost — so when the diagnosis comes back, you already know whether the number fits. Vehicle-specific price reports for the common fixes are on fixdozer.com.

NOT A DIAGNOSIS This brief describes how other owners' visits for a wiper problem ended. Your vehicle, its history and the shop's testing decide yours. FixDozer does not perform repairs and receives nothing from shops.