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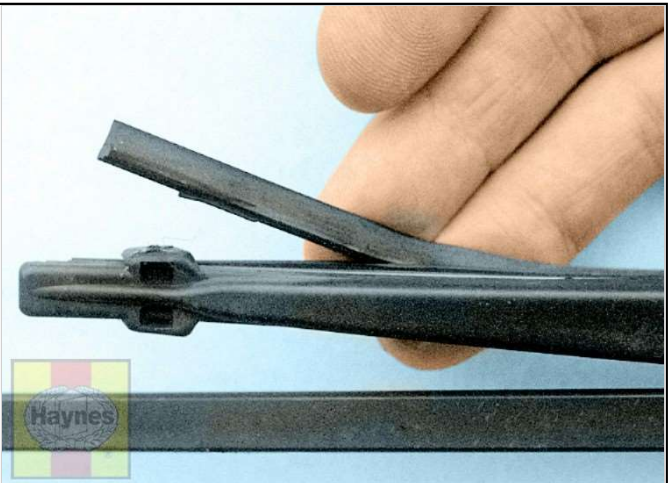
22 Wiper blade check and replacement

1 Road film can build up on the wiper blades and affect their efficiency, so they should be washed regularly with a mild detergent solution.

Check

2 The wiper and blade assembly should be inspected periodically. Even if you don't use your wipers, the sun and elements will dry out the rubber portions, causing them to crack and break apart (see illustration) . If inspection reveals hardened or cracked rubber, replace the wiper blades. If inspection reveals nothing unusual, wet the windshield, turn the wipers on, allow them to cycle several times, then shut them off. An uneven wiper pattern across the glass or streaks over clean glass indicate that the blades should be replaced.

22.2 Check the condition of the wiper blades; if they are cracked or show any signs of deterioration, or if the glass swept area is smeared, replace them



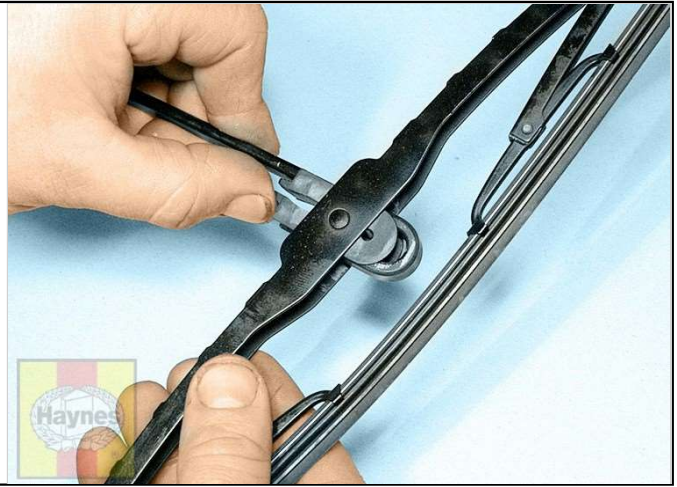
3 The operation of the wiper mechanism can loosen the fasteners, so they should be checked and tightened, as necessary, at the same time the wiper blades are checked (see [Chapter 12](#) for further information regarding the wiper mechanism).

Wiper blade replacement

4 Pull the wiper/blade assembly away from the glass.

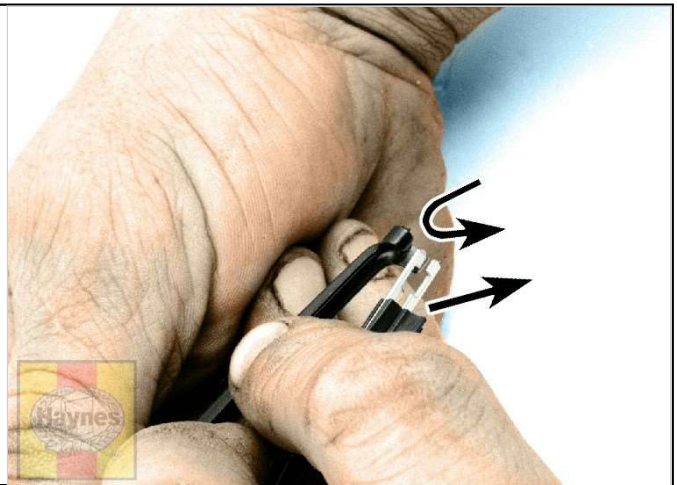
5 Press the retaining lever and slide the blade assembly down and out of the wiper arm (see illustration) .

22.5 To remove a wiper blade, pull the arm fully away from the windshield until it locks, swivel the blade 90-degrees, press the locking tab with your fingers and slide the blade out of the arm's hooked end



6 Detach the end of the element from the wiper frame, then slide the element out of the frame (see illustration)

22.6 Detach the end of the wiper element from the end of the frame, then slide the element out



7 Compare the new element with the old for length, design, etc.

8 Slide the new element into place and insert the end in the wiper frame to lock it in place.

9 Reinstall the blade assembly on the arm, wet the glass and check for proper operation.

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