

## **Garage door maintenance tips**

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Maintain the garage door regularly

The more your garage door is checked and maintained, the better it will work. Regular garage door maintenance is also good for your safety. By making sure all parts are tightened and in a good shape, you will be sure that the door will move correctly.

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Check the door's force as often as possible

The garage door's force is related to the reverse system. By checking it often, you'll be sure that the door will reverse should it be necessary. Put your hand out and touch the door as it comes down. If it does not reverse upon contact, it must be repaired.

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Parts work correctly when they are lubricated

Garage door parts are made of steel, which is a hard material. When parts move, they might scratch one another if there are no lubricants to protect the material, which could cause them to erode. Lubricants make movement much smoother and reduce noises.

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Test the sensors often

The sensors are installed to protect you from accidents. They keep the door from closing on objects or people but they must be aligned, clean and their wires need to be connected to the motor. Make sure the door reverses by holding out an item like a broom stick in front of the photo eyes.

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Visually inspect the door

It's not advised to repair your garage door alone, but you can check it visually. Pay attention to noises, check the tracks, rollers and all other parts. Our technicians say that problems can be avoided if you see anything wrong with garage door parts and call it in right away.

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Clean the lenses of the photo eyes

The photo eyes of your garage door opener might be aligned and wired, but if their lenses are dirty, they won't sense you passing under the closing door. It's vital for you to keep the sensors clean and wipe their lenses as often as possible.

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Check the reverse system every week

Since the garage door opener reverse system is essential to your safety, you should check it regularly. You can check it by putting a small object on the floor and under the closing door. If the door doesn't reverse, you should fix it right away.

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Paint the door every few years

The surface of the garage door is protected when it is painted once every few years. It actually depends on the material, but you should use varnishes that can protect steel or wood from elements. Coatings will help the door last longer and improve its appearance.

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Replace the worn weather seals

It's vital to replace the garage door weather seals when they're worn. They protect you from cold and warm air drafts, and they also protect the door. Pay attention to the bottom seal. If it is worn, there will be a tiny gap under the door.

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Clean the door and parts

It's imperative to keep garage door parts clean. Debris and elements might keep the door from closing all the way. Our experts suggest washing the door, too. It will look better and you can also check whether the paint is peeling off or if the surface is warped.

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Fasteners must be tightened

Fasteners (screws, bolts etc.) are important garage door parts because they keep the other components secure. If they get damaged, rusty or loose, there will be a problem. The door

will get noisy because of the rust or misaligned parts and this might also put your safety at risk.

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Check the opener's wires

The wires are really significant since they connect different parts of the electric garage door opener. They must be properly connected to the right terminals and be in good condition. If they are worn or disconnected, the opener might not work and your safety will be at risk.

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