

How to Keep the Garage Door Quiet

If you hate the noise which your overhead garage door makes and it has already started to interfere with your daily life, you must take action to deal with the problem right away. There is a set of steps which you can take to achieve optimal results. It is important to adopt each one of them. Follow the instructions below

Proper Alignment

Adjust the track sections so they create a smooth path for the garage door rollers - For this, you need to loosen the parts a little bit and set them in the appropriate position. Then you need to tighten the bolts which hold them again. They should not be too tight, however. Inspect the tracks after you are done to confirm that all components are properly aligned.

Tighten all nuts and bolts to ensure that there are no loose parts - Get appropriately sized torque wrench to do the job easily and quickly. When you perform this task, pay special attention to the hinges as they are typically the ones which loosen up most quickly. It is best to get a few spare nuts and bolts before you begin the task just in case. This can save you quite a lot of hassle.

Part Replacement

Perform thorough inspection of the springs, rollers, and hinges first - These parts make loud noises when they are not in good condition so check them closely. If a garage door spring is worn-out, it will have a dull coil which may appear deformed. Check the rollers for dented and deformed wheels and twisted stems. Look into the hollow cylinders of the hinges which house the stems. These are supposed to be round. If they have become oval, they are seriously worn-out.

Provide timely replacement - A worn-out spring must be replaced straight away. It is best to avoid breakage as it can cause further damage and possibly an accident. All hinges with oblong cylinders should be replaced with new ones. The same applies to all damaged rollers.

Replace the old rollers with nylon ones - The nylon rollers have the same size and design. The only difference is in the make of the wheels. The nylon wheels are quieter in addition to being more durable. They do not require lubrication maintenance and a large investment so anyone can get them and use them.

Lubricant Application

Provide cleaning and rust removal first - You should wipe all moving metal parts clean before you apply lubricant. If you have noticed any traces of rust, you should use solvent to remove them. This is essential since the rusty parts are even louder. The garage door parts must be spotless before moving on to the next step.

Lubricate all moving metal parts fully - Use lubricant which is recommended by the manufacturer of your garage door. Apply it to all coils of the springs and bearings. If you have metal rollers, lubricate them as well. The sections of the lift cables at the bottom brackets require lubrication too. If you use a liquid product, spread it over accessible surfaces with a brush or rage. Then you should run the door to enable the natural spreading of the lubricant.

Apply lubricant to the chain or screw drive garage door opener - You should clean the rail first and then provide lubrication. Apply a product which is recommended or approved by the manufacturer of the device.

In order to keep the door quiet in the long term, you need to provide regular lubrication maintenance, and to replace any worn-out components timely.

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