



How to Check For Potential Garage Door Problems

Even if you are not a trained garage door technician, chances are you can spot a potential door problem even before it happens. If you use your garage door regularly, your subconscious mind will tell you that something is amiss. Maybe it is opening slower or struggling to open, or there's a slight creaking sound to it.

The ability to catch an anomaly before it becomes a problem can prevent future inconveniences and high repair costs. Knowing how to diagnose your garage door problems can help you decide whether all that the doors need is a bit of motor oil, or if you need to bring technicians in for some repairs. Here are a few ways by which you can diagnose your door's overall health.

Unusual sounds

Your ears are great diagnostic tools when it comes to garage doors. Even older doors should be able to open and close smoothly, without making weird sounds. Most of the time, the only sound you should be hearing is that of the different parts turning and running as the door opens and closes.

If your doors are starting to squeak more, then you're in luck because you won't need to call the specialists. All you need is to lubricate the parts with some motor oil and you're all set. If you can hear scraping sounds as opposed to squeaks, then it means some parts are unnecessarily grinding against one another causing friction. Scraping sounds mean some parts may be misaligned or frayed and worn out. If this is the case, then it's time to check and replace them with the help of experienced technicians.

Popping sounds mean your rollers are old and worn out, and should be replaced. If you hear a loud bang while the door is opening, and find that door does not open after that, the bang may indicate a broken spring. Extension and torsion springs cause a loud bang when they snap.

Checking for symmetry

Garage doors are all about balance. Most of its parts work together to balance the door weight and balance the force of the door opening and closing. So if parts are broken or misaligned, then that balance is destroyed. You can easily see potential problems with the garage door's balance by just looking at the door. If it is uneven, and one side is sticking out

while the other is completely closed, it could mean that there is a problem with the spring's cables or pulleys.

There is also a sense of balance in the way the door opens and closes. If the garage door opens quickly and closes slowly, or vice versa, you may need to readjust the closing force. You may also need to check the track to see if it is dented, obstructed or bent.

While it is possible to just leave the diagnosis to our technicians, it helps to know the basics, especially since most garage door problems will cost you money. By knowing how the door works, you can retain some control over the entire process to ensure that the door gets everything it needs without putting too much strain on your pockets.

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