



## How to Check and Lube a Garage Door

The maintenance of garage doors requires that parts made of steel or any other iron material are regularly cleaned and checked for rust. Moreover good and constant lubrication can increase the durability of the entire structure and ensure that it works as intended. There is a simple process for checking and lubricating standard garage doors.

- ✚ Watch out for the torsion spring risks. This means that you need to take steps to ensure that the door will not snap as you work. It may be necessary to either fix the springs into one place so that you have room to cover or alternative work in pairs so that someone is always on the lookout.
- ✚ Raise the garage door very slowly and ensure that the balance is just right. There comes a time when the rust is so great and widespread that you have no option but to completely replace the parts. This is your call but you should ensure that you are not too late or you may cause accidents at worst and reduce garage door performance at best.
- ✚ Remove all the dust particles and accumulation of grease. Normally the dust will have mixed with the oils to create a gluey material. Scrape it off gently and then clean the entire surfaces until there is no trace of dirt. You can then use a modern cleaner to complete the process. Dry out the surface before moving to the next stage.
- ✚ Make sure you use the viscous oils for purposes of lubrication because they have been found to be very effective and efficient. They also last longer and this means that you do not have to lubricate all the time. One of the options that you can consider is the use of 40WT motor oils or even a 10W40 product depending on your needs.
- ✚ The lubricant needs to be squirted across the torsion springs and other metallic parts. Make sure that you spread it evenly and that it has dribbled down to all the joints. Rubbing it in can be of great help. It is important not to oil the last inch of the springs that is supposed to touch the cones. This is because the contact and the need for a firm grip in order to hold the structure of the garage door together.
- ✚ Wipe off any excess oils. Certainly there should be no dripping on the floor after you have worked. It may be a good idea to hold the garage door in the open position for a few minutes in order to confirm that there are absolutely no spillages.

- ✚ Reassemble the garage door. Check the floor to ensure that you have left no gaps as the structure is supposed to be completely sealed. In some cases the drum will have moved out of position so you will need to readjust it.

Generally speaking, lubrication should be done at the beginning of winter and summer. Watch out for the telltale signs of rusty dust gathering at the base of the door or even unseemly squeaks every time you touch the door. With good lubrication you will be able to get a lot out of your garage door over a very long time.

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