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How can garage door panels be reinforced?

For this, specially designed steel struts have to be installed. They create stronger bonds between the panels and make them stiffer and more resistant to impact and heavy winds. The struts will add extra weight to the door so the spring will require balancing.

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Do I have to paint my door's panels?

Steel and wood overhead garage doors have to be painted so that the panels receive protection from water damage. Exterior-grade paint must be used. The units with glass panels and those with PVC overlay do not require painting for protection from the elements.

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Is it mandatory to apply weather seals?

You will most probably not lose your warranty if you do not add weather seals to the door. However, they are considered mandatory as they provide better protection to the panels and improve the insulation of the garage. They have to be replaced after getting worn-out for ensuring adequate performance at all times.

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How do I recognize damaged glass panels?

You should provide regular inspection to the panels and look for fine cracks which increase the risk of breakage. Cracked panels should be replaced timely as they pose safety and security risks. Matching replacement components have to be implemented.

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How should I clean my sheet metal garage door?

The panels have to be washed twice a year. You need to dissolve one cup of detergent in five gallons of water. Dip a sponge into the solution and rub the surfaces gently to remove dirt and grease. Use clean water and sponge to rinse the door and let it dry completely before use.

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Can insulation be added to an existing door?

This is possible in most cases. Depending on the design of the steel panels, soft rolls or rigid panels can be added. Wood doors require panel insulation. The insulation material can be attached with the use of tape or special fasteners.

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How often do panels require repainting?

This should be done once every year. Even if the existing paint does not appear to be cracked or damaged, it has lost most of its protective properties due to the impact of UV radiation and water. You can readily use better paint for better protection.

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Why do the bottom panels keep getting rust spots?

This problem can occur even when the unit is painted. This is because chemicals from road salts and driveway cleaners get in contact with the paint and damage it. Then the steel layer is exposed and becomes rusty. You have to wash the floor regularly to avoid this issue.

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How are decayed wood panels repaired?

The decayed wood is removed and so is some of the undamaged material around it. The whole is filled with appropriate filler and then sealed properly. The repaired panels are repainted for effective protection and the source of moisture must be eliminated as well.

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Is panel waxing better than painting?

The application of car wax onto the exterior side of steel garage doors is recommended when they are exposed to harsh environmental conditions. These include sand and salt carried by the wind, very low temperatures, and high humidity. In such cases, wax provides better protection than paint.

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Why do the panels get black residue?

Such marks appear on doors which use oil tempered garage door springs. Tiny drops of oil get deposited on the panels as the spring operates. They can be removed easily as part of regular cleaning. You need to use a solution of detergent and water a soft sponge.

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When is panel replacement required?

Corroded steel sections and ones with deep dents or holes in them have to be replaced straight away. Heavily decayed wood sections have to be removed and new strong ones installed in their place. Broken glass panels require immediate replacement.

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