



A GUIDE TO **YOUR NEW PDS GARAGE DOOR**

Caring for your new garage door is key to ensuring its longevity and smooth operation. Here's a basic guide to keeping it in good condition:

NOTE: For cedar or ply clad doors, your door has been coated with a temporary timber preservative product. This is a temporary product that provides protection from the weather for a maximum of 14 days. It is your responsibility as the owner to ensure that your door is sealed/painted with a quality product to maintain the appearance of the door.

Regular Cleaning

Exterior

Clean the door's surface with a mild detergent and water every few months. If it's made of steel or aluminium, use a soft cloth or sponge to avoid scratching. For timber doors, you will need to refer to the manufacturers care instructions.

Tracks and Hardware:

Wipe the tracks and hardware to remove dirt and debris. Use a vacuum or compressed air to keep the tracks clear.

Lubricate Moving Parts

Apply a silicone-based lubricant to the rollers, tracks, hinges, and springs every 3-6 months. This helps prevent squeaking and ensures smooth operation. Avoid using WD-40 or oil-based lubricants as they can attract dirt and grime.

Keep the Area Around the Door Clear

Ensure that nothing is blocking the door or its tracks. It's important for both safety and performance. Clear out any debris, dirt or items that may obstruct movement.

Inspect the Door Regularly

Check for wear and tear, such as rust, cracks, or loose bolts. Look for issues with the door's balance and alignment.

Manually open and close the door a few times to see if it moves smoothly. If it's heavy or uneven, it may need adjustment.

Check the Weatherstripping

Inspect the weatherstripping along the bottom and sides of the door to make sure it's intact. Replace it if it's cracked or worn out to keep out drafts, rain, or pests.

Check and Tighten Hardware Periodically

Due to the constant movement of the door, screws, nuts, and bolts may loosen over time. Regularly check and tighten any loose hardware to keep the door operating correctly.

Timber Cladding Maintenance

Re-sealing & Refinishing

Reapply sealers every 1-2 years or as needed based on exposure. You may also want to refinish timbers every 3-4 years if it starts to look worn.

Monitor for Wear

Keep an eye out for signs of splitting, cracking, or warping, especially in areas that receive direct sunlight or heavy rain.

By following these steps, you can help maintain the natural charm and durability of your timber while preventing common issues caused by weathering and wear. With a bit of care, your timber will continue to perform beautifully and last for many years.

Professional Service

At least once every 2 years (or more frequently for high use doors), have a qualified technician inspect your garage door and opener. Regular maintenance can help identify small issues before they become big problems, ensuring the safety and longevity of your garage door.

Ready to schedule a
professional service?

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