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Should I paint my garage door?

This is recommended for steel and wood doors. This is because their panels receive damage when coming in contact with rainwater and moisture. The appropriate paint will protect steel panels from rust and wood ones from decay. It must be applied to both sides of the door and to its frame as well.

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Is wax better than paint?

This depends on the weather conditions. In coastal areas and ones with harsh weather, it is best for the exterior side of the door to be waxed. You can use car wax or another product which is recommended by the door's manufacturer. It is best if wax is applied twice a year.

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What type of paint should I choose?

The most important issue is for the product to be formulated for outdoor use. In this way, it will provide the best protection. Check any requirements which the manufacturer of the garage door specifies and ensure that the paint meets them. It is up to you to pick the color.

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How important is weather stripping?

The weather seals go on the top, bottom, and sides of the door. They prevent moisture, cold air, and pests from entering the garage. They help prevent rust and further serious damage. They contribute to the energy efficiency of the garage as well.

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What is the difference between the bottom seal and threshold seal?

The bottom seal is attached directly to the bottom of the door. Its threshold counterpart is installed on the floor under the door. Both do an equally good job when it comes to insulation and insect protection. However, the threshold seal is not as effective for moisture protection as the bottom one.

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How do vinyl and rubber seals compare?

They offer virtually the same level of protection to the garage door. While rubber is more resistant to temperature extremes, vinyl has better resistance to chemicals and moisture. It is best to base your choice on the weather conditions in your area.

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How do I install weather stripping?

This depends on the types of seals you select. Some are set in place with the use of nails. There are also ones which have adhesive tape at the back. There are also specially designed retainers available. Some doors have retainers fitted at the bottom directly by the manufacturer.

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Can panel cleaning help for weatherproofing the door?

Yes, it can. Dirt can hold moisture and bacteria which can cause considerable damage. That is why you should clean the panels once or twice a year with a sponge, warm water, and detergent. Make sure that you do this before repainting the garage door.

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How often should I repaint my door?

In most cases, annual repainting is perfectly sufficient. However, if you notice cracks in the paint and it starts to peel off, you should repaint the door right away. Such issues typically occur due to harsh weather. Still, you may wish to consider better-quality paint.

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When should I replace the weather seals?

You should do this when they wear out. You should run a test to identify when this time has come. During the day, shut off the garage lights, and close the door fully while staying inside. If you see light coming through the sides of the door, you should replace the seals.

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How do I troubleshoot frozen garage door seals?

Use a heat gun or a hair dryer to melt the ice. Any other device which produces hot air will do just fine. You must not use a sharp object for breaking the ice. This can cause damage to the seals and to the panels as well.

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What kind of weatherproofing do glass garage doors need?

These doors cannot be painted. However, weather stripping can typically be applied to them. This will help to improve the insulation of the garage and keep the door cleaner for a longer time. The seals should not affect the aesthetics of the door.

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