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Maintenance of Your Steel Garage Door

You can begin by simply cleaning your garage doors with a mild detergent using a soft car brush several times a year. Some people remember to clean their doors whenever they wash their car.

Washing your garage doors regularly will reduce the buildup of corrosive elements. Avoid using any abrasive cleaners or corrosive chemicals on or around your garage doors.

Keep the area under the door where it meets the ground free of obstructions. This area tends to build up dirt, leaves, cobwebs, snow, ice, and more - all of which prevents the door from creating a solid seal with the ground and potentially affecting the weight distribution and alignment of the garage door

A good preventative maintenance strategy is to apply a silicone or teflon based lubricant to the moving parts of the garage door several times a year and particularly before the winter. While lubricating, you should also check the garage door hardware parts. With repeated use, the hardware on the garage door will tend to loosen over time.

The better you maintain and clean your garage door, the longer it will last. Regular maintenance and addressing a problem immediately before further damage can occur will insure longevity and reliability.

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Repainting of Your Steel Garage Door

Any garage door surface to be repainted must be properly prepared to assure continued performance of the factory applied coating system. In addition, adhesion between this surface and the new coating used to repaint the door will need to be carefully assessed.

PREPARATION: A clean door surface is the first step in the repainting process of your garage door. Door should be washed, thoroughly rinsed - free from any residue and completely dry before painting.

To ensure adhesion of new paint finish, an industrial solvent, such as Xylene (Xylol) is needed to remove the layer of factory-applied wax on the surface of the garage door. This step will assure maximum adhesion, preventing peeling or flaking of the new coating.

Painting should not be done in early morning or at temperatures below 50 degrees F.

Minor scratches, which have not left the metal substrate exposed, may be lightly sanded or buffed to create a smoother surface. Should substrate exposure exist, a primer specifically designed to protect exposed galvanized steel metal from corrosion is recommended. Allow sufficient time for the primer to dry before applying the topcoat.

PAINTING: Once the door has been properly prepared, it must be coated within 24 hours with a high-quality latex exterior house paint. Performing an adhesion test is recommended to assure that acceptable adhesion is evident. If poor adhesion is still observed even after washing and solvent-wiping, the surface may need to be “roughed-up” by light sanding (400 mesh recommended). It is imperative that the enamel finish itself not be removed during this process.

Paint must be thoroughly mixed before using. Several coats are recommended for complete coverage.