



Garage Door Safety

Garage doors are typically the largest moving items in a garage. 1 in 15 garages may lack the latest safety features or may not be operating properly.

Additionally, many more garage doors and openers could be showing signs of wear and tear, indicating a need for service or full replacement.

More than 70% of today's homeowners use their attached garage as the main entranceway into their home, relying on the automatic garage door opener for home access every day. If the garage door does not have the latest safety features, or is not operating properly, it could pose a danger to the homeowner.

In 1993, Underwriters Laboratories (UL) passed the UL 325 standard, requiring photo eyes to be installed with all residential garage door openers. Today, there are many garage door openers manufactured before 1993 that are still operational, but lack these safety requirements.

LiftMaster developed a 3-Step Safety Check called: **Don't Chance It. Check It™**

You may not be able to see or hear it, but your Garage Door Opener may not be operating properly or even safely. Don't Chance It. Check It™ using the LiftMaster 3-Step Safety Check:

1. Check the sides of the garage door for properly installed photo eyes (black sensors), mounted no higher than 6 inches off the floor.
2. Block the photo eye with an object over 6 inches tall, and press the Garage Door Openers close button. The door should not close.
3. Lay an object that is at least 1.5 inches higher on the ground in the door's path, and press the close button. The door should reverse off this object.

If the garage door openers fail any of these tests, we recommend the homeowner should have the doors updated or replaced for better safety protection.

Both State of Wisconsin and ASHI (American Society of Home Inspectors) Standards of Practice, require that garage doors and components be tested and reported as to their condition in the home inspection report.

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