

How to Replace Garage Door Rollers

Every **overhead door** is designed to move upwards and downwards with the assistance of rollers, which sit in tracks in order to keep secure and not pop out. The good news is that they are not worn easily but then again it will depend on their material. If they are made of plain steel, rust will catch up with them eventually and they will need replacement since they will be very noisy.

There are six **garage door rollers** in overhead doors – three at each side. There are two top, two middle and two bottom rollers. The replacement of the top and middle rollers is easier than the bottom one since the latter is often connected with the cable, which must not be removed. It's important to choose the right size of rollers and this will depend on the weight of the door. If you haven't changed the door, you can measure the current rollers and the length of the stem.

Warnings:

- Release the **electric garage door opener** before you replace the rollers. **Garage Door Repair Seattle** insists that the opener must be unplugged, too.
- Don't forget the tension of the springs. In order to avoid accidents, it's best to work with the door in the open position since the tension of the springs is released when the door is open.
- It's vital to place C-clamps under the bottom rollers and into the tracks in order to ensure that the door will remain in one place and won't fall down. For better support, use a chair or ladder under the door.

How to replace the bottom rollers

Attention: Do not loosen the bolts of the bottom rollers' brackets.

The task will be easier if you pull the door towards the inner part of the garage. This will give you enough space to remove the old roller. Your first priority should be to get the roller from the **garage door track**. If you have a difficulty to do it, you can use pliers to bend the tracks a bit in order to free the roller. Make sure the two guide holes at the bracket that secure the roller are straight or do so with the assistance of the stem. Insert the new roller and put it back on tracks. If you have previously bent the tracks, use the pliers again to straighten them. If you use a hammer, make sure to hit gently the track but not at the exact point the roller sits or you might damage it.

How to replace middle and top rollers

Both top and middle rollers are secured with brackets or hinges. So, you need to remove their bolts first. Then you can remove the rollers from the track. If you have a hard time doing so, just angle the stem with direction to the inside of the garage or just bend a bit the track to free the roller. Insert the new roller to the hinge of the middle roller or the retainer of the top one. If the **garage door hinge** is rusty, you should replace it, too. Then you just have to put the rollers back in the track, straighten again the tracks and secure the retainer and hinges.

Remove carefully the C-clamps and once you check the door moves smoothly, reconnect the opener. It's important to remember that all bolts are tightened and the tracks are aligned, too.

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