

## How to Align Garage Door Tracks

The adjustment of **garage door tracks** could be a straight forward task unless it has caused serious problems to the door. If the door is jammed and the rollers have popped out, the task might be more difficult and the level of danger will be higher.

**Warning:** It's important to keep the door closed when you adjust the tracks and it's always best to unplug the opener to avoid accidents.

It's crucial to understand that tracks are extremely important parts of **garage doors** since they serve as the guides of the wheels, which carry the door. If they are problematic and not adjusted properly, the **garage door rollers** will pop out and the door will stop moving and jam. If the bolts are too loose, **Garage Door Repair Houston** underlines that the tracks will move as the door will open and close causing vibrations and, consequently, the movement of the door won't be proper, the garage system won't be stable or safe and it will also be noisy.

### Adjusting the tracks

The tracks are secured against the door jamb with **garage door brackets**, which have slots for easier adjustment. There are vertical and horizontal tracks and they are all secured with brackets that use bolts to keep tracks stable. The brackets will also be secured against the door frame or ceiling with bolts. The vertical and horizontal tracks are connected with a curved track with bolts, which must be tight as well. So, if all the above bolts are loose, they must be tightened. Before you do that, you must make sure the tracks are in the right position.

**Note:** the distance between the track and the door must be  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. If the track is positioned farther away, the door might fall. If the track is placed too close to the door, the door will probably bind.

If there are tiny gaps and you need to bring the door inwards, you must pull the tracks towards the inner part of the garage. You must do the opposite if you need to give some "air" to the door. When you adjust the tracks of your **overhead door**, it's important to consider the dimensions of the door and the right distances, so that the tracks can host the rollers and the door can move up and down properly.

You should start tightening the bolts one by one as you align the tracks and tighten them better when you are sure they are in the right position. One of your final requirements will be to check that the tracks are leveled properly. Once the tracks are properly adjusted and the bolts of all brackets are tightened, you can try the movement of the door manually before you plug in the **garage door opener**.

**Attention.** It's highly unlikely to find all bolts loosened up. Some will be tight and some will be loose. In order to adjust the tracks, the bolts must be loose but don't loosen them up all together. You might need to loosen up two at a time, adjust the track, tighten them and move on.

Attention: tracks are misaligned when the bolts of the brackets keeping them secure are loose. So, it's important to check them often. It's also critical to ensure they are adjusted if you hit the tracks with the car.

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