

THE IMPORTANCE OF A BATTERY BACKUP GARAGE DOOR OPENER

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Most people take their modern overhead garage doors for granted. They forget there was a time when entering their garage involved much more than using a remote control while cruising into their driveway. But the fact is that your garage door opener works on electricity and all it takes is a power outage to force you to open and shut the door manually; which was what everyone used to do before automatic garage door openers became the norm.



But it doesn't have to be that way. You can always install a battery backup (BBU) for your garage door's opening system or upgrade to a newer door operator that will more likely incorporate a BBU option. If you live in California you must by state law employ a door operator which has a battery backup function.

Let's take a detailed look at why it's important to have a battery backup for your garage door opener.

1. Power Outages

The door opener may be hardwired into your home's electrical system or it may be plugged

into an electrical outlet. If someone hits a power pole or if the circuit breaker trips, the power outage will prevent you from opening up your garage door with electricity, unless you have a battery backup.



2. Inclement weather conditions

A storm can cause a power outage, making it difficult for you to get out of your home. If you are planning on driving out at that moment of time, you will find that the garage door is non-functional. Even after the storm has passed, you will have to wait for the power to be restored before you can open up the garage door.



are down. You want to ensure that your family is back to the safety of your home, and having easy and quick access to your garage is crucial at times like this. When you have battery backup for your garage, this is something you will be able to do without any trouble.

3. A battery backup is beneficial if you have children

In the event of a blizzard or storm, you don't want to be stuck outside your house with kids only because some of the local power lines



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