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QUICK DIY TIPS TO GET RID OF SQUEEKY DOORS

Are squeaky doors driving you crazy? Don't worry, there are quick and easy DIY solutions to help you eliminate those annoying squeaks and restore peace to your home. Here are some tips to get rid of squeaky doors:

Lubricate the Hinges: The most common cause of squeaky doors is friction between the hinges. Apply a lubricant such as WD-40, silicone spray, or powdered graphite to the hinge pins and along the hinge knuckles. Move the door back and forth to allow the lubricant to penetrate the hinge components. This will help reduce friction and eliminate the squeaking sound.

Tighten Loose Hinge Screws: Check the screws on the hinges to ensure they are tightly secured. Over time, screws may become loose, causing the door to squeak. Using a screwdriver, tighten any loose screws on the hinges, ensuring a snug fit between the door and the frame.

Use Bar Soap or Wax: Another simple and effective method to silence squeaky doors is by using bar soap or wax. Rub a bar of soap or a wax candle along the hinges and pins, coating them with a thin layer. Open and close the door several times to distribute the soap or wax evenly. The lubricating properties of the soap or wax will reduce friction and eliminate the squeak.

Apply Petroleum Jelly: Petroleum jelly, such as Vaseline, can be used as a lubricant to silence squeaky doors. Apply a small amount of petroleum jelly to the hinge pins and other moving parts of the hinge mechanism. Move the door back and forth to spread the jelly and provide smooth operation.



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Use a Hammer and Nail: For stubborn squeaks, you can try a more direct approach. Remove one of the hinge pins from the door by tapping it upward with a hammer and nail. Once removed, clean the pin and the hinge knuckles thoroughly. Apply a thin layer of lubricant, such as oil or grease, to the pin and reinsert it into the hinge. Tap the pin back into place using the hammer and nail. Repeat this process for each hinge pin.

Remember, regular maintenance is essential to prevent future squeaks. Periodically check the hinges and apply lubrication as needed. By following these DIY tips, you can quickly and easily eliminate squeaky doors, restoring quiet and smooth operation to your home

Question: Why does my door squeak?

Answer: Squeaky doors are usually caused by friction between the hinges or loose hinge screws. Over time, constant use and lack of lubrication can lead to the squeaking sound.

Question: What can I use to lubricate the hinges?

Answer: There are several options for lubricating hinges, including WD-40, silicone spray, powdered graphite, bar soap, wax, or petroleum jelly (such as Vaseline).

Question: Can I use cooking oil to lubricate the hinges?

Answer: While cooking oil may provide temporary relief, it is not a long-lasting solution as it tends to evaporate quickly. It's best to use a lubricant specifically designed for hinges.

Question: Will fixing the squeaky hinges also solve a misaligned or sticking door?

Answer: Fixing the squeaky hinges may help with minor misalignment or sticking issues. However, if the door is significantly misaligned or sticking, you may need to adjust the hinges or seek professional assistance for proper realignment.

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Tool of The Week

Hinge Tweaker: A hinge tweaker is a specialized tool designed to adjust and align door hinges. It is used to fix issues such as misalignment, sagging, or binding of doors by making precise adjustments to the hinges.



Product of The Week

Liquid Bearings 100%-Synthetic Oil:

Liquid Bearings 100%-Synthetic Oil is a specialized lubricant designed for various applications, including quieting squeaky hinges, freeing rusty components, and reducing friction. It is formulated with a 100% synthetic oil base, making it suitable for long-lasting lubrication.

