

# SECURITY TIPS FOR AUTOMATED GARAGE DOORS

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## Convenience v Security

Millions of consumers **value the convenience** of their automated garage door, which they can open and close with the push of a button while remaining in their vehicle. To preserve convenience and avoid the problems associated with manually operated locks, many consumers **sacrifice security** by leaving their automated garage doors unlocked and vulnerable to invasion.

## Commonly-Practiced Automated Garage Door Invasion Techniques:

**Corner-Pulling** - when criminals pull out on one of the bottom corners of an older style swingout garage door enough to gain entry

**Code-Grabbing** - when criminals duplicate the signal codes transmitted by fixed code garage door opener (GDO) remote controls to automatically open the door

**Release-Grabbing** - when criminals disengage garage doors from the GDOs by hooking and pulling (from outside the garage) the GDO's emergency release-lever, or cord attached to it, and manually open the door

**Back-Driving** - when criminals force the garage door towards the open position, to drive the GDO motor backwards and open the door



## You Can Protect Against These Invasion Threats by Taking Three (3) Simple Steps:

**Step 1: Use a Sectional Roll-Up Garage Door** – If you still have an older style swingout garage door, replace it with a sectional roll-up garage door to protect against the threat of **Corner-Pulling**

**Step 2: Only Use Rolling Code Remote Controls** – If you are using fixed code remote controls, replace them with rolling code remote controls to protect against the risk of **Code-Grabbing**

**Step 3: Add Gaplock** – The automated garage door lock that works with the automated opener to:

- Automatically lock your garage door every time it is closed, and unlock it before it is opened
- Protect against the threats of **Release-Grabbing** and **Back-Driving**
- Eliminate the need to use manually operated locks which severely hamper automated garage door convenience and frequently result in costly damage to the door and/or opener (when the opener is activated while the door is still locked)



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If you live in a home with an automated garage door, the questions posed below will help you identify key areas where you can **improve security**. Every question with a “**no**” check mark indicates a vulnerability that creates an invasion threat for your garage/home.

**Yes**    **No**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you close and lock your garage door when you are not in the garage?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is there an interior door from your garage to your home? And if so, is it treated as an exterior door in terms of security (solid core, locking mechanism)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you upgraded your older style swingout garage door with a roll-up door to protect against <b>Corner-Pulling</b> ?                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is your GDO* operated by a rolling code remote control (provided with an upgraded GDO* or purchased separately) to protect against <b>Code-Grabbing</b> ?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the GDO* remote control in your car located out of sight?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have any type of locking mechanism on your garage door other than the GDO*?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have an automated locking device on your garage door that works with the GDO* to protect against <b>Release-Grabbing</b> and <b>Back-Driving</b> ?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your garage door's automated locking device automatically lock when the door is closed and unlock when opened?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Can your automated lock be connected to your home's security system to detect when the garage door is unlocked?   |

\*GDO – Garage Door Opener



*...the automated lock for automated garage doors*

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