



GarageDoorCare.com Launches Garage Door Maintenance and Safety Tips YouTube Channel

Dayton, Ohio (May 10, 2011) – A garage door is the largest moving appliance in a home; and yet, most folks don't realize that there are some simple steps they can take to maintain their garage door.

International Door Association (IDA), the world's largest trade association of professional garage door and access system dealers and installers, is launching its [Garage Door Care YouTube channel](#), to show consumers how to properly maintain and assess their garage door system. This channel is an extension of IDA's consumer website, [GarageDoorCare.com](#), which helps consumers understand garage door operation and safety.

"We want to remind homeowners not to neglect the garage door system," said Chris Long, IDA Managing Director. "When it comes to maintenance, our video series will help homeowners understand how they can perform garage door maintenance checkups to keep their garage door working as it should and help keep their family safe."

The video series covers:

- **Garage Door System 101** explains the different parts of the garage door (i.e. cables, sensors, rollers, etc.) and how each part functions within the system.
- **Monthly Garage Door Inspections** describes the various inspections homeowners can do – like the door balance test and visual inspection.
- **Garage Door Opener Inspections** provides you with step-by-step guidance on how to perform the reversal and force setting tests, which help determine whether or not the garage door safety features for the opener are working properly.
- **Garage Door Safety Tips** presents the 'D.O.O.R.' safety learning tool, teaching young children the dos and don'ts of garage doors.

"Homeowners can easily perform these inspections themselves, but we also provide helpful guidance about when it's best to call in a pro," said Long. "If homeowners suspect their system isn't operating properly after performing any of these inspections, they should consider calling a garage door professional when it comes to repairs."

To identify an IDA professional near you, simply visit [www.garagedoorcare.com](#), click on the 'Find a Qualified Professional' tab and enter your ZIP code. This search will return nearest garage door professional to help with annual or semi-annual checkups, or for maintenance and repair issues.

IDA urges consumers to use caution while conducting these inspections. A garage door system is comprised of many components, including springs and cables that are under extreme tension and can cause severe injury or even death if broken, tampered with or mishandled.

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