

Sagging Door? Try This!

If you are seeing daylight, having a hard time opening or closing the door, or experiencing difficulty getting that door latch to line up properly, you may need to check the below common causes.

1

DOOR FRAME IS OUT OF SQUARE

Measure the gaps, or margins, surrounding the door frame. If they are larger than 3/8", this is most likely the cause. While we know it is fun to door-it-yourself, we recommend hiring a professional to fix framing issues.

2

HINGE SCREWS ARE LOOSE

You will know this is true if you see the screws are not fully flush with the hinge or sticking out well beyond the face of the hinge. If it is true that:

- a) Tighten the screws until they are secure into the frame/flush with the face of the hinge. If the screw cannot tighten then;
- b) The hole could be stripped. You can remedy this by using a longer screw to bit into fresh wood OR drill out current hole with a larger size drill bit (3/8"), add glue and a 3/8" dowel, wait for glue to dry, drill a small pilot hole into center of dowel, screw into dowel.

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DOOR PANEL NEEDS TO BE SHIMMED

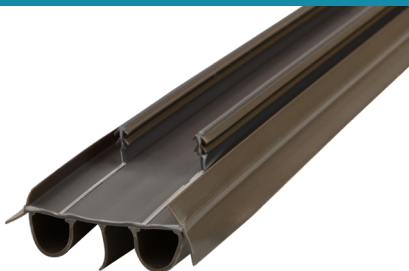
If you can really see the light at one side, yet it looks pretty squeezed on the other, your door panel is sagging. If the lighted gap (or margin) is less than 3/8", you can usually shim the hinges to square up the door. Shims are thin, wedge-shaped, strips of material used to align parts. Hinge shims are usually available at your local hardware store. Because they are available for different size hinges, it is best to measure or trace your hinge to match in the store.

To shim the hinges and bring the door to square, follow these simple steps.

- a) Loosen the screws
- b) Slide in a shim
- c) Using a level or tape measure, square up the door
- d) Tighten the screws
- e) Break off any visible hinge shims

Once you have fixed your sagging, you will probably want to update your weatherstrip and seals. Check out the products below to help you update your door against the weather.

Door Bottoms



This will seal the bottom of the door panel against the threshold cap.

Corner Pads



These inexpensive weathersealing components can make a huge difference in sealing the bottom corners of the door and the gap between the door panels.

Weatherstrip



PE650 Weatherstrip has a reach of 0.65" when it isn't compressed and provides a thick material to seal around the door panel.