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you see light streaming in along the sides or top, your seal may not be doing its job. Alternatively, feel along the edges for cool drafts or dust build-up—clear signs your seal isn't sealing properly. 4. Keep It Free From Obstructions Make sure leaves, rocks, or hard-packed dirt aren't preventing the brush from doing its job. Even a small twig can lift the bristles enough to let pests or drafts through. When To Replace the Seal Even with regular maintenance, brush seals don't last forever. Most will need replacing every three to five years, depending on exposure to weather and usage. If your seal looks visibly worn or you're noticing an increase in pests and drafts, don't wait. B&D's garage door accessories range includes high-quality sealing options (including weather seals and brush strip upgrades) compatible with most B&D sectional and roller doors. Reach out to your local B&D dealer to find out which brush seal is best suited to your garage setup. Why It's Worth the Effort Maintaining your garage door brush seal offers more than peace of mind. It contributes to: A cleaner garage: Less dirt, dust, and moisture getting in. Better energy efficiency: Especially if your garage is attached to living areas. Improved pest control: Keeping everything from ants to mice at bay. Plus, it helps preserve your garage door's components, like the track and opener, from unnecessary wear caused by wind-blown debris or moisture. FAQs How long should a brush seal last? With regular cleaning and gentle use, a high-quality brush seal can last up to five years. Environmental conditions and usage frequency may shorten this lifespan. Can I install a brush seal myself? While some homeowners may choose to DIY, we recommend contacting a B&D Accredited Dealer. They'll ensure the seal is properly fitted for your specific door model and provide advice on other upgrades, like AUTO LOCK™ or wind-rated doors. What's the difference between a brush seal and a rubber seal? Brush seals offer more flexibility around uneven surfaces and are particularly good at deterring pests and drafts. Rubber seals, on the other hand, form a tighter closure along smooth, flat surfaces like the door's bottom edge. Whether you're dealing with unwanted draughts or looking to keep out creepy crawlies, maintaining your garage door brush seal is an easy win. Want help inspecting or replacing your seal? Contact your local B&D dealer for expert advice and trusted solutions. Contact us 13 62 63 13 62 63 Mon - Fri 8am-6pm AEST Head Office: 6-8 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough VIC 3173 Quick links Trade Resources Trade Resources Residential Garage Doors Residential Garage Doors Roller Doors Roller Doors Sectional Doors Sectional Doors Designer Finishes Designer Finishes Commercial Doors Commercial Doors Openers and Remotes Openers and Remotes Safety & Security Upgrades Safety & Security Upgrades Garage Door AUTO LOCK™ Garage Door AUTO LOCK™ Need Help? Get A FREE Quote Get A FREE Quote Price Guide Price Guide Garage Door Repair Garage Door Repair Garage Door Service Garage Door Service Find a Dealer Near Me Find a Dealer Near Me Garage Doors Blog Garage Doors Blog How-To Guide How-To Guide Product Manuals Product Manuals Garage Door Visualiser Garage Door Visualiser Frequently Asked Questions Frequently Asked Questions Australian Cybersecurity Act Statement of Compliance Australian Cybersecurity Act Statement of Compliance Product Support and Security Update Periods Product Support and Security Update Periods Repairs & Service Melbourne Garage Door Repairs Melbourne Garage Door Repairs Sydney Garage Door Repairs Sydney Garage Door Repairs Brisbane Garage Door Repairs Brisbane Garage Door Repairs Gold Coast Garage Door Repairs Gold Coast Garage Door Repairs Perth Garage Door Repairs Perth Garage Door Repairs Adelaide Garage Door Repairs Adelaide Garage Door Repairs Canberra Garage Door Repairs Canberra Garage Door Repairs Hobart Garage Door Repairs Hobart Garage Door Repairs Our Locations Melbourne Melbourne Sydney Sydney Brisbane Brisbane Gold Coast Gold Coast Adelaide Adelaide Perth Perth Canberra Canberra Hobart Hobart © 2026 B&D Doors & Openers A division of B&D Australia Pty Ltd. ABN 25 010 473 971. All rights reserved. About Us Privacy Policy Privacy Policy Collection Statement User Terms Condition of Sale Careers Sitemap 13 62 63 Get A FREE Quote