

# ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT AN AUTOMATIC OPENER FOR YOUR GARAGE DOOR?

## If So Don't Be Caught Out



Current UK law relating to electric operators installed to domestic garage doors requires that:

**The Installer** is aware of the law!!

is able to prove that the door and operator are compatible by means of declarations of Incorporation

is competent and certified to carry out a safe installation

is responsible for ensuring that a permanent CE mark is attached to the power operated door

issues to the client a Declaration of Conformity for the power operated door & is responsible for issuing full operating instructions



**For your protection ensure that, whoever installs your electric operator is both able and willing to fulfill these requirements.**

**If they are not, do not use them!!**



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A remote control electric operator is a significant benefit that not only provides the convenience of being able to open and close your garage door from the comfort of your car but can also improve the security of your door. This information sheet is a guide to the quality and standards you should expect

## The Quality Check

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- Before having a remote control operator installed, you need to ensure that the installing company is able to comply with the requirements of current UK law relating to electric operators installed to domestic garage doors.
- All power operated garage doors must be CE marked after installation and commissioning, check that the proposed installer knows this and is able to provide a legal CE mark and a Declaration of Conformity.
- Also check that they are aware that a switched socket outlet must be installed next to the motor head, or that a suitably tested and certified extension lead must be used, so that the factory fitted lead and plug can be connected without any wiring alteration being required.

## The Facts

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When an electric operator is installed to a garage door the whole power operated door assembly becomes a machine and as such the installed product must fulfill the requirements of the UK Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008 which implements the new Machinery Directive (directive 2006/42/EC)

## The Electric Operator

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There is a range of operators on the market from basic "no frills" units to more sophisticated units.

The most important factor is that the operator must have a Declaration of Incorporation which clearly identifies which type and size of garage door it is designed to drive in a safe manner and should list any additional safety devices which may be necessary.

While automatic reversal upon hitting an obstruction should be a feature on all operators, it may not be so. We strongly recommend that an additional safety control, such as photocells be fitted on up and over or sectional doors, while roller doors should always be fitted with a bottom rail safety edge. These safety devices will help to minimise damage or injury. However, please remember a power operated door must be used sensibly and safely at all times.

## The Installer

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In order to comply with UK legal requirements the installing company

- is required to ensure and confirm that both the door and operator are compatible with each other by means of Declaration of Incorporation
- should provide training to ensure that installers are competent to carry out a safe installation
- is responsible for ensuring that a permanent CE mark is attached to the power operated door
- issues to the client a Declaration of Conformity for the power operated door and is responsible for issuing full operating instructions
- must maintain a technical records file

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