

Re: sanding off chip markings?

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On 9 Jun 2006 16:12:36 -0700, the renowned mrdarrett@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Pooh Bear wrote:

Joerg wrote:

When we had those "gray-outs" there were people who found themselves unable to open their garage doors. They just didn't know how.

The mind boggles !

Sure does. But, I learned the hard way that the garage door opener gears have to be lubed annually, otherwise the (plastic) gears will grind themselves to dust...

Let others learn from my error!

Gear kit look something like this:
<http://www.bizrate.com/oid18265308.html>

Heh, I did the same thing early this year. ;-) But I sprung for the kit with the assembled replacement sprocket for another \$10 or so. Well worth it. Got the parts from that same place in California too.
<http://www.aaaremotest.com/gearsprocask.html>

But to open our garage door without power you just pull a handle and it disengages from the shuttle. When the power failed for that long blackout a few years ago that hit the Northeast US and parts of Canada, I was just leaving the garage. I pressed the remote button in the car to close the door and nothing happened. Got out and started

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troubleshooting. Hmm no light on the opener. Fuse? Hmm. no lights in the garage at all. Go into the house. No lights. Check down the street. No lights. The radio stations were still operating, and of course so was the car radio.

Others could not use their phones because they had managed to eradicate the last old non-cordless set.

And the instructions warn you about that too ! RTFM

What, the cell phone batteries were dead?

Cell phones were all working. But very little light once it got dark, just a few people with generators and the (then fairly rare) LED solar garden lights.

We just fired up the old Weber, hung some beer in the pool to keep it cold and had a jolly good time.

Natural gas pumping station was still working, so our BBQ was okay.

Best answer.

Graham

Alas, my brownout was during the night... but I'll keep this in mind for the next daytime brownout.

Michael

Best regards,
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