



How to Realign a Sliding Closet Door

Sliding closet door rollers often become misaligned, inhibiting the sliding closet door's full range of motion.

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INTRODUCTION

This repair guide's goal is to offer a set of steps to help you get your sliding closet door back on track.

This guide begins with cleaning out the tracks of your sliding closet door. Additionally it provides instructions to realign the sliding closet door with the top and bottom tracks.

Lastly, this guide offers a means of lubricating the tracks to promote smooth closet door sliding.



TOOLS:

- [Vacuum Cleaner](#) (1)

Optional

- [Shop Towels or Rags](#) (1)

For Cleaning and Lubricating The Tracks

- [Detailing Brush](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [Olive Oil](#) (1)

Optional

Step 1 — How to Realign a Sliding Closet Door



- Investigate the cleanliness of the tracks.
- If the tracks are dirty, scrub them with toothbrush to **clean out the dust**.
- You can use a rag or a hand vacuum to remove the loosened dust.

Step 2



- Investigate whether the sliding door is along the top tracks.
- If the door is completely unhooked from the top tracks:
 - Try to lift up on the door.
 - Slightly push the door in toward the closet.
 - Hook in the top rollers back onto the upper tracks.

Step 3



- If the bottom rollers do not align, follow these steps:
 - ⚠ **CAUTION:** The doors may be heavy. Ask somebody for assistance.
 - Do not force anything.
 - Gently try to lift up on the door and guide its bottom rollers into the bottom tracks.
 - If the door still needs to be realigned, continue to Step 4.
 - If the door is successfully realigned with the bottom tracks, continue to Step 6.

Step 4



- Lift the top rollers up, then above and onto the top tracks.
- ⓘ This is what gives the door enough space to fit back into the bottom tracks.
- If this doesn't work, see Step 5.

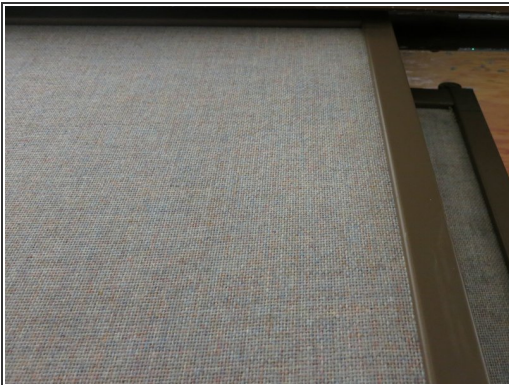
Step 5



i Another sliding door behind may be creating a space constraint.

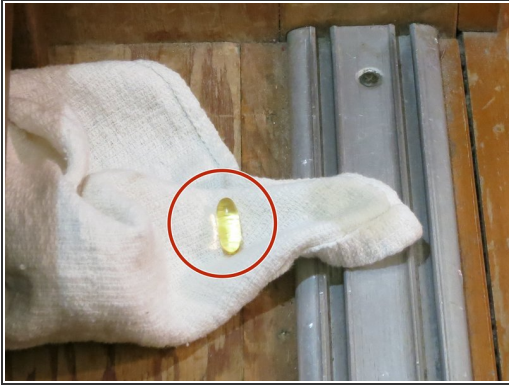
- Grab the sliding door that is behind it.
- Lift it up so that the rollers at the bottom disconnect with the track.
- Keep the top rollers connected.
- Put down the door so that the bottom rollers are behind the track, closer to the closet.

Step 6



- Grab the door in front.
- Attach it to both the top and bottom tracks.
- Grab the door behind and do the same.

Step 7



- The doors should be located properly on their tracks.
- Try to slide the doors along the tracks.
- If they don't slide well, you may need **to lubricate the tracks**:
 - Grab a lubricant: olive oil, fish oil, mineral oil, or petroleum jelly.
 - Apply a small amount of the lubricant to the edge of the rag.
 - Fit the edge of the rag into the tracks.
 - Spread the rag throughout the tracks to spread the lubricant.
 - Slide the closet door along the tracks to spread the lubricant further.

Thank you for considering this guide. To maintain properly working sliding closet doors, periodically clean and lubricate the tracks as described in this guide.