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“Tech Tip” - Yearly Maintenance for Entry Doors

Since the entry door is probably the most used component on school buses, we have found that the guidelines below are of tremendous benefit in extending its useable and reliable life. Keep in mind that the entry door is subject to more external contamination than most other components and we have found that with just a few additional yearly steps, they will greatly increase its longevity.

- 1) Verify/clean the drain holes at the bottom of the door.
- 2) Removal of the door seals. Replace if necessary.
- 3) Clean the seal track, touchup the paint if necessary and lubricate the channel before reinstallation of the seal.
- 4) The retention screw for the seal should be located near the top of the channel. Early buses had this located near the bottom which does not work well in our environment.
- 5) Inspection of the linkage and adjust as necessary for proper operation and adjust closing/opening speed.



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