

Squeaks & Sticking Doors

Practical skills

Diagnosing what has actually moved, before adjusting anything.

Symptom and the usual cause.

Problem	Usually	Fix
Squeaky hinge	Dry pin	Oil or grease the pin
Door sticks at the top	Loose top hinge	Tighten; longer screws if stripped
Door sticks at the latch	Strike plate misaligned	Move the plate a few mm
Door swings open	Frame not plumb	Bend a hinge pin slightly
Squeaky floorboard	Board rubbing a joist	Screw it down; talc into the gap
Rattling door	Latch too loose	Bend the strike plate tongue

Stripped hinge screws: fill the hole with a glued matchstick or dowel, let it set, then re-drill and screw.