

FROM THE PAGES OF HISTORY

LiftMaster garage door safety innovations

Editor's note

We are highlighting significant safety products released by LiftMaster over the past three decades in this safety-focused "Pages of history."

Milestones

1993

LiftMaster engineer develops the first photo-eye safety sensors. The revolutionary product significantly reduced tragic injuries and deaths involving garage doors. Since 1993, they have been required by law to meet safety requirements.



2006

LiftMaster becomes the first company to include a battery backup system in a garage door opener, allowing homeowners to safely enter and exit their garage even when the power is out.

2011

The first smart garage door opener, powered by myQ technology, is introduced. The garage door opener becomes a smart home device that can be controlled and monitored anytime and from anywhere.



2018

Garage door openers, powered by myQ and working with Amazon Key, are used to provide the first secure in-garage delivery service, protecting packages from theft and inclement weather. Delivery drivers are given one-time verified access to the garage, which eliminated the need to give drivers keys or codes (or to let them in).

2019

LiftMaster introduces the first garage door opener with a built-in camera, which enhances safety by adding streaming video, recorded events, motion detection, and two-way communication. Homeowners can verify that their garage door is closed and monitor activities even when they're not home.



LiftMaster launches the autonomous parking STEER app for its smart door openers, providing garage safety features for driverless cars. With myQ Intelligent Door State, the STEER app can share real-time garage door status with driverless cars, mitigating the risk of parking and summoning a driverless car when the garage door is still closed.

The myQ Safe Remote Start feature — an added safety check against hazardous carbon monoxide conditions in a garage — sends an automatic alert to the STEER app letting car owners know it is unsafe to start the car and prompts them to open the garage door.

2021

Mitsubishi and Mercedes-Benz drivers with a LiftMaster smart garage door opener are the first to use in-vehicle touchscreen control and/or voice commands to safely open and close their garage door from the road.

LiftMaster releases the first garage door openers with remote diagnostic capabilities. With myQ Diagnostics, homeowners are notified immediately if there is an issue. It also keeps track of the health of the opener, so that they know when it is time for a service check and/or a new opener.

