



Power Window or Door Lock Not Working — What It Usually Is

How real visits for a window or lock problem ended at independent shops across the US — the part actually replaced, how often, and what it cost when it was the only fix.

Window regulator

The single most common outcome — nearly half of these visits when combined with the runner-up

Window regulator **\$259 – \$423**

Switch **\$126 – \$344**

typical cost when it was the only fix
(parts + labor)

THE FIX INVOLVED	SHARE OF THESE VISITS*	TYPICAL COST†	MEDIAN
Window regulator	45.4%	\$259 – \$423	\$328
Switch	15.4%	\$126 – \$344	\$216
Glass	15.1%	\$52 – \$315	\$169
Door handle	8.0%	\$124 – \$272	\$183
Module / actuator	3.6%	\$254 – \$696	\$413
Lock / latch	2.0%	\$137 – \$449	\$264
Cables / wiring	2.0%	\$121 – \$392	\$225
Other, rarer causes	smaller shares — window switches, wiring in the door hinge, master switches	varies	—

*Share of visits whose repair involved this part; combined repairs count toward each part, so shares overlap and don't add to 100%.

†Middle half of real invoices when this was the only fix — parts + labor, all vehicle types.

WHICH ONE IS YOURS? LISTEN FIRST

- **Window fell into the door** — A thunk followed by glass that won't rise is a snapped regulator cable — the defining regulator failure.
- **Works from one switch but not the other** — A window that obeys the driver's switch but not its own (or vice versa) is a switch problem — cheaper than a regulator, and a common water-ingress casualty.
- **Lock clicks but doesn't move** — A lock that buzzes or half-moves has a dying actuator.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE SHOP

Expect the door panel to come off — most of the price is labor to open the door. A regulator with motor is the common answer; a switch is the cheap one. If the window fell into the door, the regulator broke; if it just won't respond, ask the shop to test the switch first.

ABOUT THIS DATA · HOW TO USE THIS BRIEF

Vehicles **all makes and models, US fleet**

Data confidence **High** — *large sample, stable shares*

Records through **July 2026**, refreshed continuously

Source **paid invoices from independent US repair shops**

Take it to the shop. It tells you what the likely answers are and what each one should cost — so when the diagnosis comes back, you already know whether the number fits. Vehicle-specific price reports for the common fixes are on fixdozer.com.

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