

Oven Door Diagnostic Guide

Match the symptom, check the likely cause

Watch how the door moves

1 Open and close it slowly by hand

A hinge that goes slack partway or a door that drops open points toward worn hinge springs.

2 Feel along the closed seam for a gap

A section that feels flatter or pulled away from the frame points toward the gasket.

Rule out the simple version first

1 Push racks fully back

Confirm nothing inside is pressing against the door from the back.

2 Check the seal for foil or spilled food

Wipe the gasket channel clean before assuming a part has failed.

3 Check for a lock indicator after self clean

Let the oven cool fully and confirm the lock has released before forcing the door.

Before you call

1 Note which row in the symptom table matched

Sharing that with a technician narrows the visit before they arrive.

2 For a gas range, mention that upfront

A gas oven with a door that will not seal is worth flagging early on the call.

Match the symptom, rule out the simple version, then call.

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