

Auto Gate Repair Cost: What's a Reasonable Quote?

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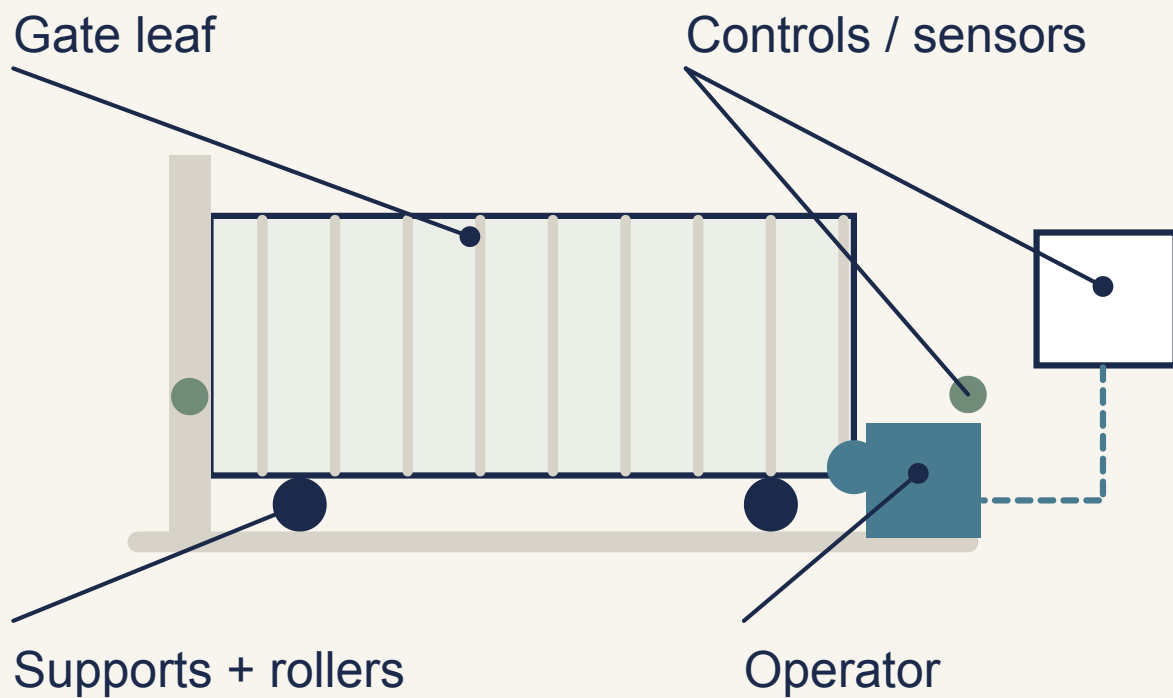
Auto gate repair can mean a S\$120–S\$180 capacitor replacement, a S\$350–S\$650 control board, or S\$450–S\$850 for one replacement motor unit in current supply-and-install estimates. Attendance may be charged separately. Start with the fault the technician has identified, then compare the relevant repair and its complete price; a gate that will not move does not automatically need a new motor.

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Locate the work in the gate assembly

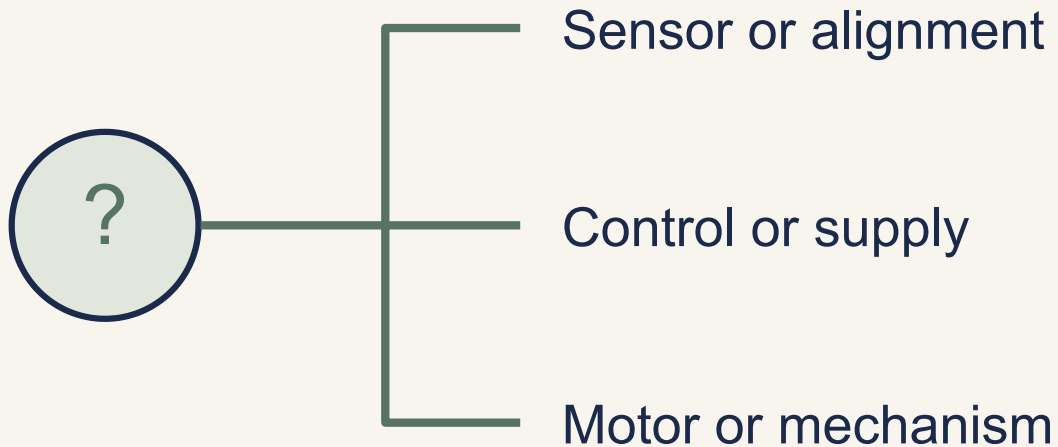


Possible work scopes; no fault is diagnosed here.

A repair can involve the gate and supports, its operator, or the controls and sensors. Locate the quoted work in the assembly; this diagram does not diagnose a fault.

Repair Price Examples by Part

One symptom can have several causes



The same visible symptom may come from a sensor, control, supply or mechanical fault.

Guide prices for supply and fitting. Confirm attendance, GST, the compatible part and any additional work.

Diagnosed replacement	Supply-and-install estimate	Scope to match
Motor capacitor	S\$120–S\$180	Suitable replacement for the identified component.
Remote receiver	S\$180–S\$250	Compatibility with retained remotes and controls.
Transformer	S\$200–S\$300	Correct supply and control-system specification.
Control board	S\$350–S\$650	Compatible board, setup and completed-system checks.
Motor arm or unit	S\$450–S\$850 per unit	One unit; not a pair, new gate fabrication or complete new system.

These repair price ranges cover common parts and fitting. They are starting points for comparing a diagnosis and quotation, rather than a price ceiling for every gate.

For attendance alone, the same guide lists S\$50–S\$80 during standard hours and S\$120–S\$180 after hours, on Sundays or public holidays. That covers transport and diagnosis; whether it is credited against the repair depends on the offer. A rapid-response or specialist service can have a different charge, so confirm it before booking.

For a simple arithmetic example, a S\$500 board repair plus a separate S\$150 call-out is S\$650. If the provider credits that visit fee in full, it is S\$500. These are illustration amounts, not an additional quotation. Ask which total applies before the part is fitted.

An auto gate repair quote is only useful when it explains the fault and the proposed remedy. A sensor adjustment, replacement control board and damaged gate mechanism are different jobs. Start with the diagnosis, then compare parts, labour and any work needed to restore safe operation. A single headline repair price cannot tell you whether those items are included.

The same symptom can come from different parts. A gate that will not close may be responding correctly to an obstruction, receiving a false sensor signal or struggling against mechanical resistance. Replacing the motor addresses only some of those possibilities. This guide explains how to compare repair proposals once a technician has identified the cause.

What actually drives an auto-gate repair bill



A repair quotation should connect the identified part to labour, setup and verification of the completed system.

The failed component is the first cost driver. A sensor that needs realignment is a different job from a damaged sensor or wiring fault, even if both stop the gate closing. Ask the technician to identify the finding, explain the proposed repair and separate replacement parts from adjustment or servicing.

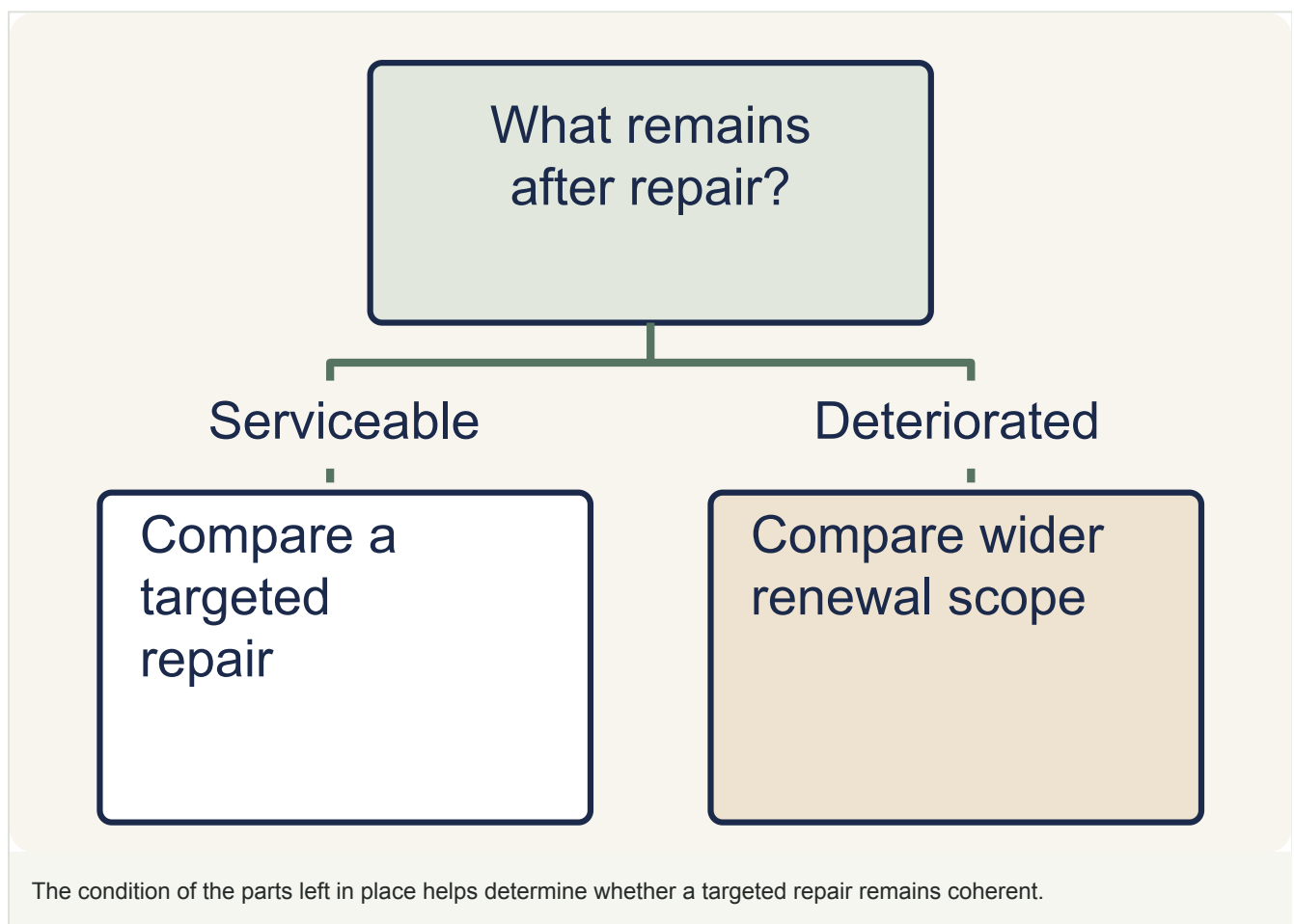
Parts availability is the next question. A controller may accept only certain motors, sensors and accessories, so a proposed substitution can require other components or new settings. Ask which parts remain supported, whether the replacement is compatible and what warranty applies. Any separate supply or fixed-wiring fault needs the appropriate electrical assessment.

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When Repair Is Better Value Than Replacement



If an isolated S\$500 board repair restores an otherwise sound installation and an equivalent replacement is quoted at S\$2,200, the upfront difference is S\$1,700. That comparison can favour repair, but only if the old gate and retained components are serviceable. If both arms, the controller

and damaged supports also need work, compare the combined repair total with the complete replacement. The example shows the decision; it does not promise how many years either option will last.

Compare the repair quotation with a complete replacement quotation for equivalent equipment. Then consider whether the repair addresses an isolated fault or leaves other deteriorated components in place. The condition of the structure, future parts support and the repair warranty matter alongside the price difference.

Repeated faults and visible corrosion justify a wider condition assessment before another part is ordered. They do not automatically mean the entire gate must be replaced. Ask whether the proposed repair addresses the underlying cause, which parts remain serviceable and what the replacement alternative would include.

How to read the quote line by line

Keep different charges visible

Repair proposal

Diagnosis / attendance

Named parts + labour

Necessary related work

Optional upgrades

Tax and exclusions

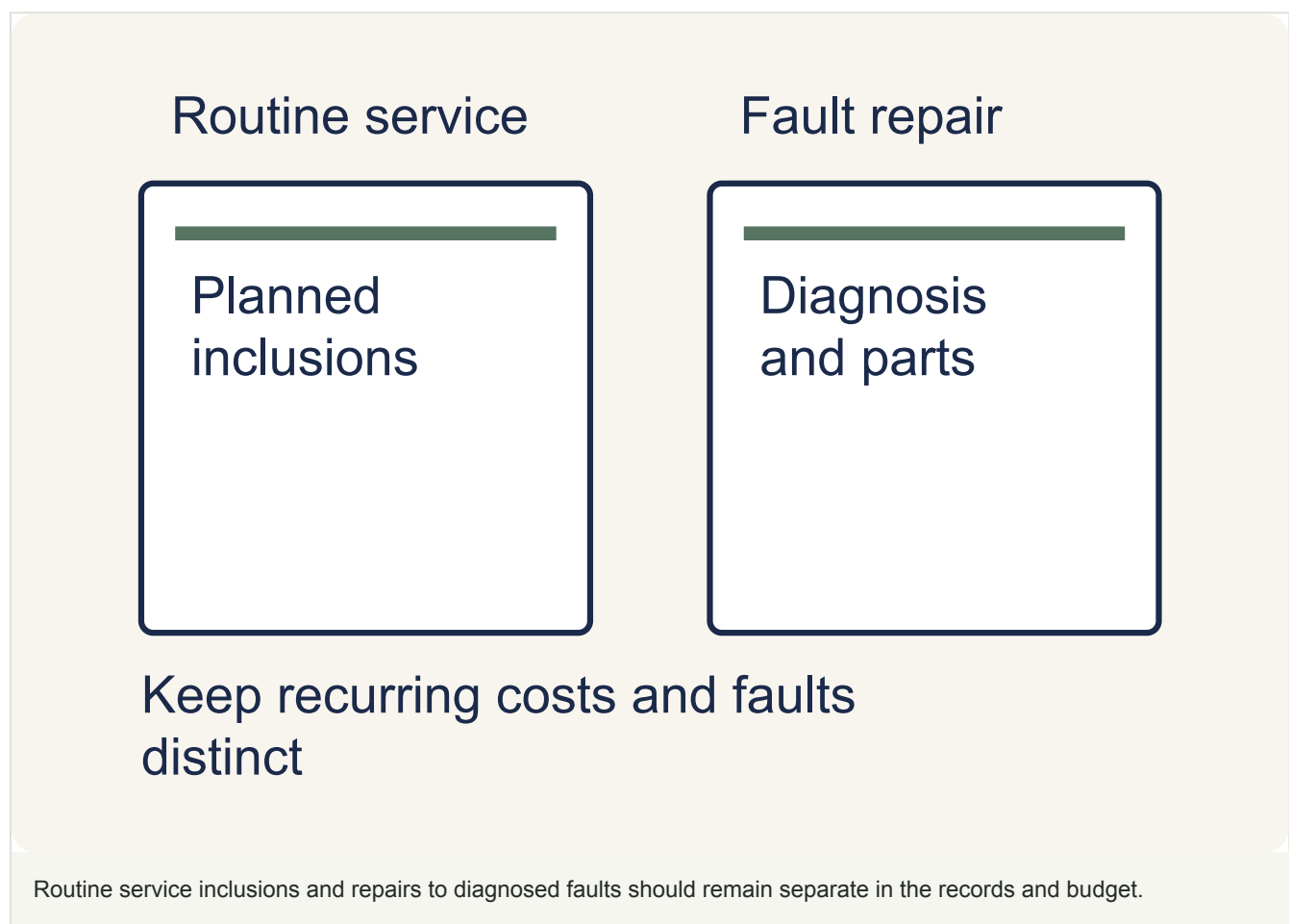
Compare the same remedy across quotations.

Keep diagnosis, named parts, labour, related work and optional upgrades visible so two repair proposals can be compared fairly.

Ask for the named part, labour, diagnosis charge and required safety checks to be identifiable in the quotation. A lump sum can be acceptable when the scope is clear; unexplained contents make comparison difficult. Establish whether the call-out or assessment fee is credited against the repair so it is not counted twice.

Separate work needed to restore safe operation from optional upgrades. A failed safety device may be essential to the repair, while an additional remote or app module may be a choice. Confirm the final price, including any applicable tax, and ask how extra work discovered during dismantling will be approved before it is carried out.

Budget for routine servicing and separate repairs



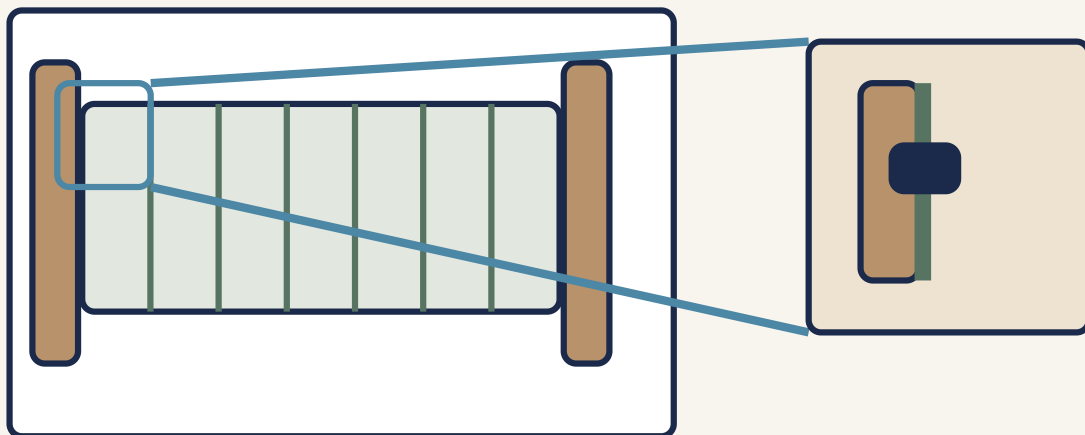
Use the manufacturer's [maintenance](#) requirements and your service quotation to establish the ongoing budget. Check what the visit includes, how breakdown calls are charged and which parts are excluded. Repeated faults deserve a diagnosis of their common cause; a high repair bill alone does not prove that the whole gate needs replacing.

Keep service visits and fault repairs distinct in your records. If the same symptom returns, ask the technician to review the diagnosis and any linked components. Servicing helps manage wear, but no fixed annual allowance proves that a particular repair is necessary or fairly priced.

Compare the gate, motor and additional installation work as separate quotation items. [auto gate installation costs](#) →

Prepare for the Repair Discussion

Capture symptoms from a safe position



Include context and model information

Record what the gate was doing and its surroundings from a safe position to support the assessment.

The strongest repair proposal connects the observed fault to a specific remedy and explains what remains in service. Ask the provider to demonstrate normal movement and the relevant protective functions after repair. A gate that opens again has not necessarily completed all the checks needed for handover.

Record whether the gate fails opening or closing, whether every control is affected and whether the problem followed rain, an impact or electrical work. Take photographs from clear of the moving area, with only external model labels visible. For a gate project discussion with [DirectHome](#), bring that record and the written quotation; confirm existing-equipment repair support with the actual provider.

Frequently asked questions

Should I repair my auto gate or replace it entirely?

Compare the repair with a quotation for an equivalent replacement, including installation and any associated work. Consider the condition of the gate structure, availability of parts, recurrence of the fault and warranty on the proposed repair. Replacing a serviceable assembly to solve one isolated fault can be poor value, while repeated failures on deteriorated equipment may justify a wider replacement.

Why do two repair quotes for the same auto-gate fault differ so much?

The quotations may describe different diagnoses, parts or retained equipment. One might include safety checks or associated electrical work that another excludes. Compare the named repair scope, labour, parts support and warranty. If the diagnoses conflict, ask what finding supports each before choosing by total price.

What ongoing cost should a working auto gate actually have?

Request an annual service quotation for your gate and check its inclusions against the manufacturer's maintenance requirements. Budget separately for call-outs and replacement parts if these are excluded. Keep the fault and repair history so you can distinguish routine upkeep from a problem that needs a different diagnosis.

Does an auto-gate repair need any permit or authority approval in Singapore?

It depends on what the repair changes. Adjustment or component replacement has a different scope from altering the gate, enclosure, supporting structure or vehicle access. Check the proposed work against the applicable building and planning requirements, and any estate restrictions. Our [auto gate approval guide](#) explains the distinctions to discuss with the contractor.

Can a coordinator help if I only need a repair, not a new gate?

A clear symptom record and written quotation can help structure the discussion. For existing-equipment repair, first confirm that the provider supports the model and can diagnose it. [DirectHome's](#) gate project enquiry does not by itself establish an emergency call-out or maintenance contract.

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