

Safety Innovations

Protecting Your Family When The Power Fails

(NAPSA)—Recently, the unthinkable happened: 50 million Americans lost power in the largest blackout in U.S. history. In some areas it was days before full power was restored.

Most people have experienced the nuisance of a short power outage, but what would happen if you, or worse, your child, used to entering your home with the aid of a keypad or remote control, was locked out due to a power outage?

The Chamberlain Group, Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of garage door openers and accessories, has introduced a new garage door opener battery backup system to help ease homeowners' minds should a power failure occur.

The EverCharge™ battery backup system model 475LM, created to work with the LiftMaster® Estate Series model 2500 garage door opener, will keep the garage door opener and wireless keypad running for up to two days in the event of a power outage, allowing for uninterrupted access using the wall control panel, remote control, or wireless keypad.

"There is no guarantee against a blackout—as evidenced by the recent power outages that affected millions of people across the Northeast and into Canada," said Ken Roehl, vice president of marketing, Chamberlain Professional Products. "People want to feel secure knowing that they and their families can access the home during a power outage. The new battery backup system is the perfect way to offer that security by providing uninterrupted garage door opener service."

All vital safety functions—like the automatic safety reverse and The Protector System®—will also continue to operate in the battery



A battery backup system helps ensure you have access to home and garage during a blackout.

backup mode. Both safety devices prevent the garage door from closing when anything enters its path.

Looking for other ways to safeguard you and your family against the next inevitable power outage? Prepare today by gathering a few basic emergency supplies and placing them in an emergency kit that's easy to locate in the dark. Suggested items include:

- Corded telephone (cordless phones don't work when the power is out);
- Bottled water;
- Canned or dried food;
- Working flashlights;
- Battery-operated radio for news and weather reports;
- Batteries for flashlights and radio;
- Candles and matches; and
- Blankets.

For information on The Chamberlain Group, Inc.'s family of professionally installed products, or to locate your nearest LiftMaster professional installing dealer, visit www.liftmaster.com or call 1-877-LIFTMASTER.