

HOMEOWNERS

# EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN INSURANCE

Your home contains many pieces of equipment subject to wear and tear or even a breakdown. Centauri Specialty Insurance Company offers complete, affordable protection against costly home equipment repairs.



Equipment Breakdown Insurance helps to fill the gaps in a standard homeowners policy. In the event of a major breakdown, it can save homeowners thousands of dollars.

## IT COVERS WHAT MOST HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE POLICIES EXCLUDE

Most homeowners policies don't cover the cost of repairing or replacing essential equipment in your home when it breaks down. Extended warranties are often expensive, hard to manage and usually cover just one piece of equipment. But Homeowners Equipment Breakdown Insurance offers a simple, comprehensive and affordable solution that covers what most homeowners policies exclude.

## ALL YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY AND IMPORTANT SYSTEMS ARE PROTECTED

Our Homeowners Equipment Breakdown Insurance covers your important home systems and property due to loss by mechanical or electrical breakdown such as appliances, heating and cooling systems, swimming pool equipment, water heaters, well pumps, electrical systems, home security systems, garden tractors, electrical systems, personal computers, home electronics and more. Off-Premise Coverage is included if a loss occurs to covered property while away from a covered location.

## IF YOUR HOME BECOMES UNINHABITABLE

Homeowners Equipment Breakdown Insurance even covers you if your home becomes uninhabitable due to equipment breakdown. That's another benefit most warranties and service contracts don't offer.

## NO FRUSTRATING FINE PRINT

Unlike limited and confusing warranties, Homeowners Equipment Breakdown Insurance is simple and straightforward. There are no hidden exclusions and no confusing fine print. Submitting claims is simple too, so you can get your equipment repaired or replaced quickly.

## PEACE OF MIND WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST

The following examples of actual claims show just how valuable Homeowners Equipment Breakdown Insurance can be:

### EXAMPLE 1

A gas-fired boiler was leaking water. It was determined that the boiler's low-water fuel cut-off failed, which caused the boiler to overheat. The boiler could not be repaired due to its age, so it needed to be replaced. After the deductible, their Homeowners Equipment Breakdown Insurance paid them \$5,200 to replace the boiler.

### EXAMPLE 2

A 200-amp electrical panel overheated, causing an overload condition which damaged its six circuits. It was determined that the electrical panel needed to be replaced. After the deductible, their Homeowners Equipment Breakdown Insurance paid them \$1,625 to replace the panel.

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## TALK TO YOUR INSURANCE AGENT

Your insurance agent can explain all of the advantages of Homeowners Equipment Breakdown Insurance — including how affordable it is. Remember, sooner or later an important piece of equipment in your home is going to break down. Don't leave yourself unprotected. Call your insurance representative today and ask about adding this important coverage.

## AN EXPLANATION OF WEAR AND TEAR

All machines have a “life expectancy.” Their life expectancy is affected by many factors, including the quality of installation, level of maintenance, moisture/humidity, vibration, heat and cold, or intensity of use. Wear and tear is the natural deterioration of a machine's ability to perform its intended function. Some machines have a short life expectancy and experience a rapid decline in performance due to intensive use. As a machine ages while in use, wear and tear often accelerates. The life expectancy of machinery is usually dictated by the manufacturer and is expressed in “cycles,” or the number of repeated tasks that can be performed over a specific period of time until it is no longer able to perform its intended function. Wear and tear is the primary reason machines depreciate in value.

To best illustrate wear and tear, consider the example of a car tire. As a car tire is used the tire tread is deposited on the road surface reducing the tread on the tire. Factors



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such as heat, weight, speed, manufacturing quality, road conditions, inflation pressure, scheduled rotation, and driver habits affect the ability of the tire to continue to perform the same as when it was new. As the tread on the tire wears down, the tire will decline in performance as will the car's ability to properly handle and brake. In this instance, the car is still functional, as is the tire, but the tire is not performing as the manufacturer intended and is at the end of its life expectancy. Tire replacement is necessary to restore the car and its tire to its original function.

The table below shows examples of equipment that have experienced wear and tear, as well as the results of the wear and tear.

*Equipment components affected by Wear and Tear; Conditions not classified as Equipment Breakdown*

EQUIPMENT	COMPONENT AFFECTED	CONDITION	RESULT
Swimming pool pump	Pump seal	Leaking seal	Excessive use of water
Air Conditioning Unit	Condensor coil	Pinhole leaks in coil	Loss of refrigerant
Electrical panel	Circuit breaker	Worn contacts	Loss of electricity to electrical outlets
Dishwasher	Pump	Worn pump seal	Leaking water
Emergency generator	Radiator	Leaking radiator	Engine overheated and shut off
Water heater	Storage tank	Excessive corrosion/rust	Leaking water
Washer	Holding tank	Dried out seal	Leaking water
Cast-iron boiler	Burner assembly	Worn electrode in burner	Lack of comfort heat
Dryer	Drum	Worn belt	Drum will not rotate
Oven	Temperature sensor	Faulty sensor	Oven will not heat to temperature
Television	Tube	Green images	Worn picture tube
Garbage disposal	Grinding teeth	Worn teeth	Clogged drain

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