

Jalousie Windows in Hawaii

Common Issues & Easy Fixes

Keep your windows working and looking great!

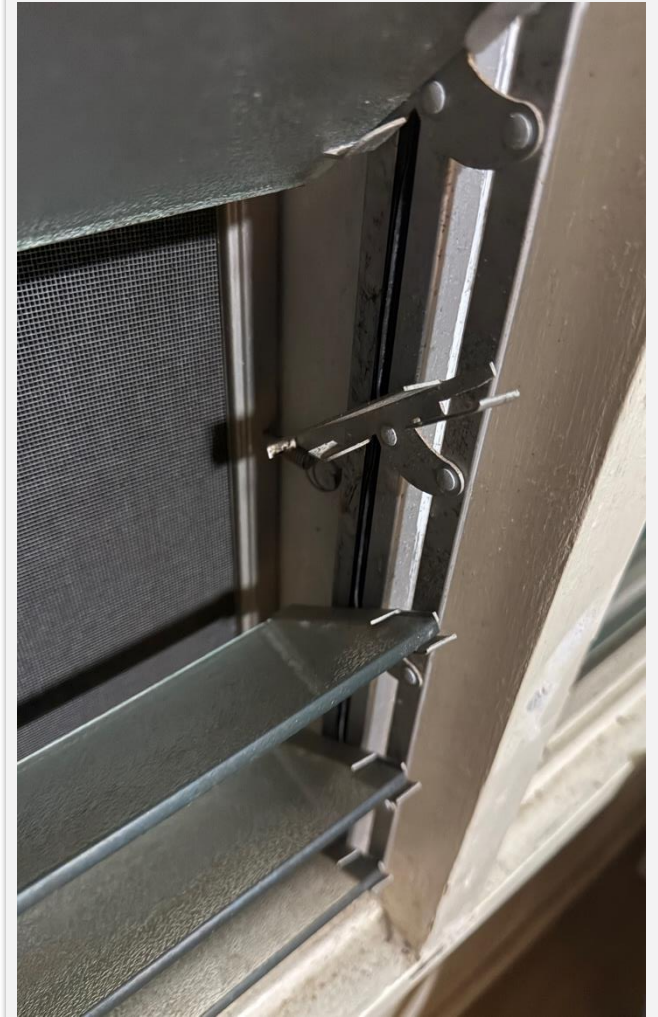
How Jalousie Windows Work

The Parts You Should Know

- Glass louvers tilt open and closed
- Crank handle turns the operator
- Retaining clips hold each pane
- Metal frame holds it all together

Why We All Have Them

- Perfect for trade winds and airflow
- A Hawaii staple since the 1950s



What Goes Wrong

- **Cracked or broken glass**

Thin glass — most common issue in older homes

- **Worn or stripped crank operator**

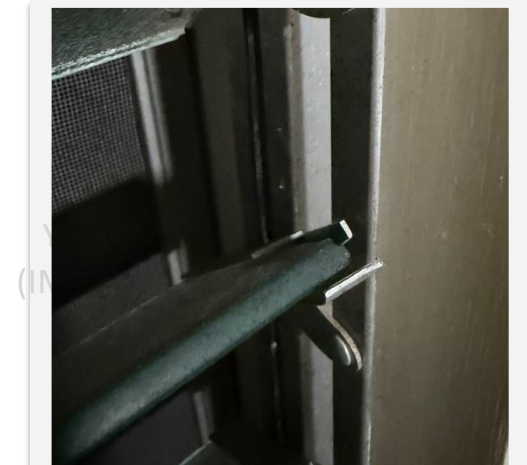
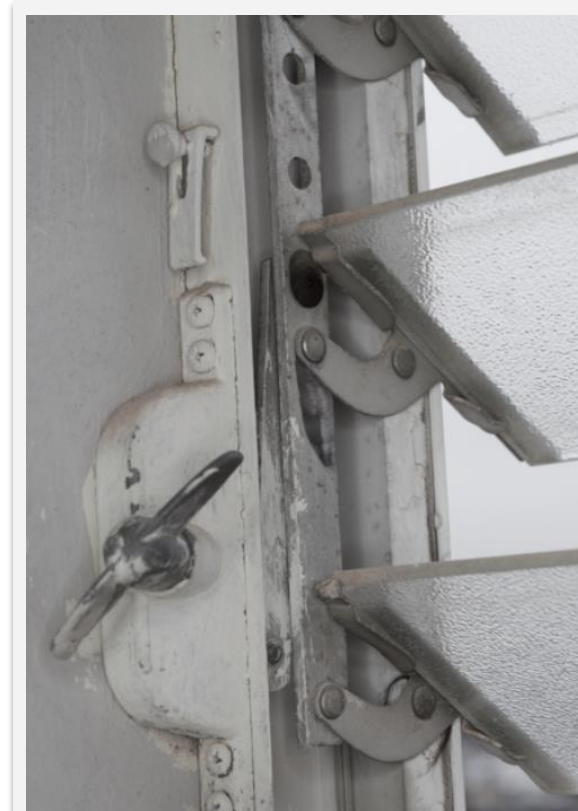
Handle gets stiff or stops turning over time

- **Missing or broken retaining clips**

Glass can rattle, slip, or fall out entirely

- **Corrosion from salt air**

Especially on older aluminum and steel frames



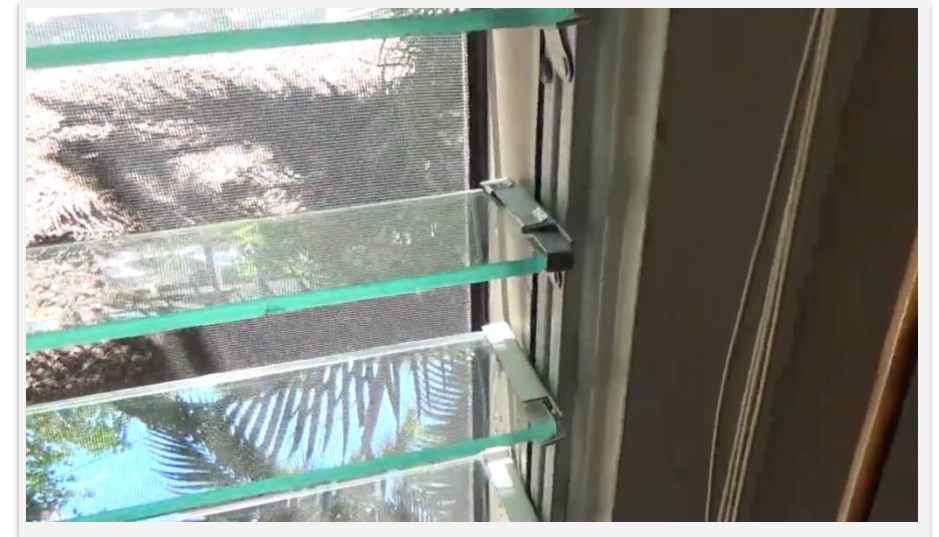
Easy DIY: Clips & Glass

Replacing Glass

- Measure first — sizes vary!
- Your local glass shop can cut them

Swapping Clips

- Go stainless steel — best for salt air
- They just snap on, no tools needed
- Way more secure than the old ones



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdKt-NxvI1Q>



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Easy DIY: Maintenance

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Lube It Up

Silicone spray
or
White lithium grease
on the crank— once a
year

2

Tighten Up

Grab a screwdriver
and
snug up any loose
screws
you find

3

Wipe It Down

Dish soap and water
with a soft cloth —
open louvers flat first

What About Security?

Heads Up:

Louvers can be pushed out from outside — that's just how they're built.

Easy Ways to Help

- Stainless steel security clips — harder to pop out
 - Pin locks from the hardware store
 - Security screen or grille for ground floor
 - Every little upgrade helps!
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When to Call a Pro

Leave It to the Pros If...

- The whole operator needs swapping
- The frame is bent or damaged
- Several panes need replacing at once
- It's in a hard-to-reach spot

Rule of Thumb

Framework or lots
of panes? Get a
quote first!

The Short Version

1

Most fixes are easy — clips, glass, and a little grease

2

Stainless steel clips fight salt air and boost security

3

A little TLC once a year goes a long way

4

Call a pro for framework or big jobs

Questions?

Your local glass shop or hardware store can help with replacement louvers and stainless-steel clips.

Mahalo!