SERVICE REPORT

Ceiling Fan Speed Control Repair

Oceanside Residence

PROPERTY Oceanside Residence	**SERVICE DATE** September 18, 2026
ADDRESS Oceanside, CA	**REPORT NUMBER** ANC-SR-20260918-05
PREPARED FOR Residential client	**SERVICED BY** Anchor Property Services Co.
SERVICE TYPE Interior repair, ceiling fan speed control	**LOCATION** Upper loft
STATUS Complete, unit operational	**BILLING** Not included in public copy

Summary

Anchor responded to a service call at an Oceanside home for a ceiling fan in the upper loft that would not change or hold speed at the pull chain. The fault was traced to the three speed switch inside the fan housing, with corrosion on the original pull chain at the point where it enters the switch body. Power was isolated at the electrical panel, the fan was disassembled to reach the switch, the switch was replaced, the existing pull chain was reattached to the new switch, and the unit was reassembled and confirmed operational through all three speeds.

Condition Found

- The fan is mounted in the upper loft on a vaulted ceiling and is served by a pull chain speed switch inside the fan housing.
- The speed control would not change or hold speed reliably when the chain was pulled.
- The original pull chain showed corrosion at the point where it enters the switch body. A corroded chain binds as it passes through the switch entry and puts side load on the switch mechanism, which is a common cause of early switch failure on fans of this age.
- The chain itself was still sound enough to stay in service, so it was retained and reattached to the new switch rather than replaced.
- The motor, blades, blade arms, canopy, and light kit presented no defects requiring attention on this visit.
- The housing and blade arms carry light surface soiling consistent with the age of the unit. This is cosmetic, not a defect.

Work Performed

01. Confirmed the reported fault at the fan and identified the speed switch as the failure point.
02. Cut power to the circuit at the electrical panel and confirmed the fan was dead before any component was opened. Power was not left under the control of the wall switch alone.
03. Removed the light kit glass and lamps, then opened the switch housing to reach the switch.
04. Photographed and labeled the existing wiring at the switch before removing anything, so every conductor could be returned to the same terminal position on the new switch.
05. Removed the failed three speed switch and freed the existing pull chain from it.
06. Installed the new three speed switch, seating each conductor in the recorded terminal position and confirming each one was captured and would not pull free.
07. Reattached the existing pull chain to the new switch and confirmed it travels freely through the switch entry.
08. Reassembled the switch housing, then reinstalled the lamps and the light kit glass.
09. Restored power at the electrical panel.
10. Ran the fan through each speed setting and off, confirmed the light kit operates, and left the work area clean.

Materials Installed

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY
Speed switch	Three speed ceiling fan pull chain switch, replacement for the failed original	1
Labor	Diagnosis, power isolation at the panel, disassembly, switch replacement, reassembly, and operational test	1 visit

Part supplied by Anchor. The existing pull chain was retained and reused.

Verification

- The fan cycles through each speed setting and off at the pull chain.
- Each speed setting holds under the pull chain without dropping out.
- The light kit was confirmed operational after reassembly.
- The unit was left in service and operational at the close of the visit.

Notes and Recommendations

01. **Pull the chain straight down.**
The existing chain stayed in service on the new switch. It will last considerably longer if it is pulled straight down rather than at an angle. Angled pulls are what wear a chain at the switch entry and start the cycle that ended in this repair.

02. **Coastal air is the underlying driver.**
This property sits close to the ocean, and salt in the air corrodes the small plated parts inside a ceiling fan long before anything happens to the motor. The chain and the switch are almost always the first components to go. This is worth knowing for the other fans in the house as well.

03. **The capacitor is the next item to watch.**
On a fan of this age the speed capacitor is the other common failure point. It performed correctly today, with all three speeds present and holding. If the fan later loses a speed, hums at one setting, or starts slowly, the capacitor is the first thing to check. It is an inexpensive part and a short visit.

04. **Both pull chains are original.**
The speed chain was reused today and the light kit chain has never been changed. Both carry the same age and the same salt air exposure. Either can be swapped at low cost on a future visit, ideally while the fan is already open for something else. If the speed chain ever starts to feel stiff or gritty again, that chain is the first thing to change.

05. **Check the remaining fans in one pass.**
If the other fans in the home are the same vintage, we can check chain condition and switch operation on all of them in a single visit rather than responding one call at a time. That is the cheaper way to handle it and it avoids a fan failing in a room you use daily.

06. **Cosmetic cleaning.**
The housing and blade arms can be cleaned during a future visit if you would like the unit to look closer to new. It has no effect on how the fan runs.

Photo Documentation

Photographs taken during the visit and retained in the Anchor property file for this address.



PHOTO 01
Upper loft ceiling fan, overall view of the unit serviced.



PHOTO 02
Speed switch pull chain at the switch body. Corrosion is visible where the chain enters the switch.



PHOTO 03
Light kit glass and lamps removed to reach the switch housing.

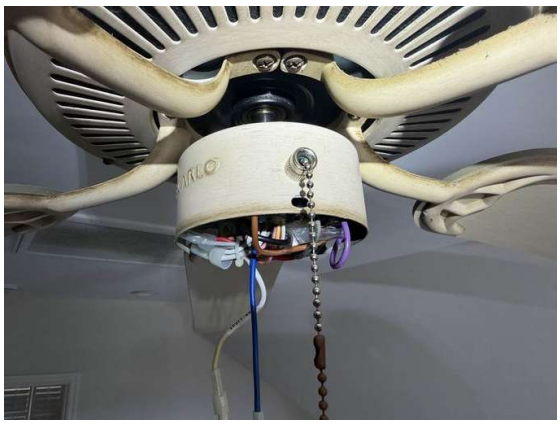


PHOTO 04
Switch housing opened, new switch installed with the existing chain reattached, wiring checked before reassembly.

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