

Garage Door Buying Guide

Garage doors can take up the bulk of your home's façade and be a big part of the curb appeal. Before you buy, learn about the benefits, options, cost, and warranties.

1. Increase curb appeal
 - a. Consider style of door
 - b. Determine your house's style and then focus on options
 - c. Choose a unique panel style that matches the aesthetic of your home
2. Energy Savings
 - a. A well-insulated door will keep your garage warmer in the winter and cooler in summer.
 - b. Insulating factors – Polystyrene vs Polyurethane (offers higher R-value)
3. Safety and Security
 - a. Up-to-date opener technology provides security to your home
 - b. Doors with photoelectric sensors makes your house a safer place
4. Door material types: wood, composite wood, aluminum, or steel? (Wood doors look fantastic when they are new – but need to be recoated every few years.) The other door options can give you a wood look for a fraction of the cost of real wood.
5. Door color (other than wood option)
 - a. Pick from what door manufacturer offers
 - b. Custom painted by professional painter
6. Windows/no windows – besides adding style, windows can supply much needed light to the garage interior. Match the glass style to houses windows if possible.
7. Cost – what fits your budget
 - a. Compare cost vs value
8. Brand – Advanced Door Systems has partnered with both Raynor and C.H.I.
 - a. Use Manufacturers' websites to review door designs and warranties
 - b. www.raynor.com and www.chiohd.com
9. Getting an in-person quote is the best way to get a correct price.
10. Consider purchasing a new opener at the same time. (Bundle deal)
11. Increase your property value: A garage door replacement is one of the highest value-returning home improvement investments.



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