



GARAGE DOOR BUYING GUIDE

How to Choose Your New Clopay Garage Door



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Your garage door is a major part of your home's curb appeal, making a strong first impression. With many options available, selecting the right one can feel overwhelming, especially when balancing style and budget.

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What's Your Style?

When it comes to your garage door, the style you pick is a matter of personal taste and should complement your home's architecture.

While some styles naturally pair well with certain homes—like a modern house with a full-view door, or a Victorian home with carriage-house doors—the final choice is yours.

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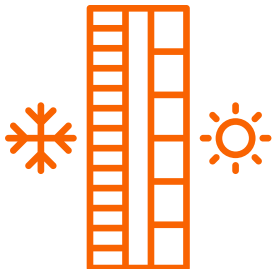


Choosing The Right Material

Aside from differences in appearance, certain garage door materials will suit specific budgets, climates, and aesthetics.

Choosing the right material for your garage door involves weighing the pros and cons of each option. This guide will help you compare popular choices to make a smart decision.

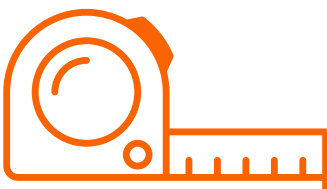
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Insulation and What is R-Value?

Thinking about energy costs? Your garage door is a great place to save. Because the garage is the biggest opening to your home, it's often a major source of heat loss. An insulated garage door can stop that energy from escaping, making your home more comfortable and lowering your bills.

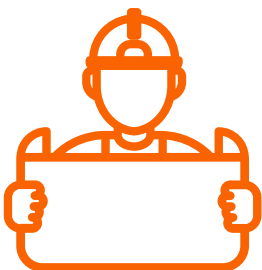
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What Size Is Your Garage Door?

When it comes to buying a garage door, the first thing to consider is the size of your door. For many homes, a single-car garage door is 8 to 9 feet wide and 7 to 8 feet high. Double-car garage doors are typically 16 feet wide with a height of 7 to 8 feet. If your garage door is a non-standard size, don't worry!

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Professional Installation or DIY?

There are benefits to consider to having your new garage door professionally installed. Please review the Professional Install versus DIY page to make your decision!



Choosing the right material

When choosing a garage door material, remember to balance style, maintenance, and durability. Steel garage doors can be a great choice for durability, while composite can provide the appearance of wood minus the upkeep and have impressive insulation values.

A close-up photograph of a wooden garage door. The lower portion of the door is made of vertical wood panels with a reddish-brown stain. The upper portion features a large window with a grid pattern of six rectangular panes. The panes are filled with a light, frosted glass. A semi-transparent grey text box is overlaid on the window section.

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When choosing a garage door material, remember to balance style, maintenance, and durability. Natural wood provides a classic look while aluminum and glass doors offer a modern look with clean lines and natural light.



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Choosing the right insulation and what is R-Value?

Think of R-value as an insulation score for your garage door. The higher the score, the better the door is at preventing heat or cold from passing through.

A door with good insulation (a high R-value) will help keep your garage warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. For example, a door with an 18.4 R-Value rating is a better insulator than a door with a 6.5 R-Value rating.



POLYSTYRENE

- 1 R-values range from 6.3 to 12.9
- 2 Polystyrene sheets bonded to steel
- 3 More economical
- 4 Increases comfort of the garage
- 5 Two or three-layer construction
- 6 Reinforces steel to help resist dents and vibration when opening or closing



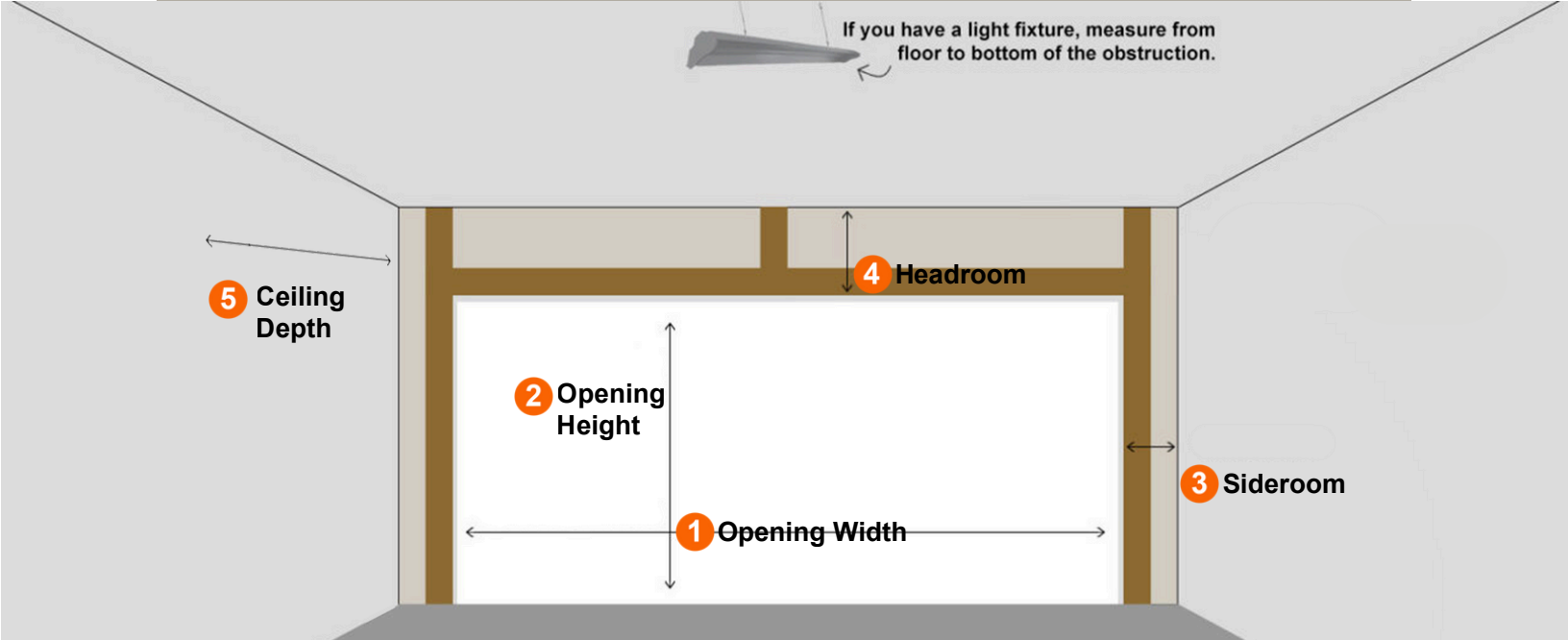
POLYURETHANE

- 1 R-values range from 18.4 to 20.4
- 2 Liquid foam expands to fill the entire steel cavity
- 3 More expensive
- 4 Keeps garage 10 – 20 degrees warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer
- 5 Three-layer construction
- 6 Adds strength and rigidity to steel to better resist dents; the door is quieter



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How to measure for your new Clopay Garage Door



1 OPENING WIDTH

The distance between each side of the opening



2 OPENING HEIGHT

The distance between the floor and the top of the opening



3 SIDEROOM WIDTH

The area on either side of the garage door opening, from the opening to the corner of the wall



4 HEADROOM HEIGHT

The space above your garage door, from the top of the opening to where the wall meets the ceiling



5 OPENING WIDTH





How far back your ceiling goes, the point where your garage door meets the ceiling to the back of the garage







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Get it Professionally Installed or Do-It-Yourself?

Get it professionally installed by The Home Depot

-  **Trusted Professionals:**
Service Providers are local, licensed, insured, and undergo a thorough background-screening process for your peace of mind.
-  **Flexible Financing:**
A wide range of affordable financing options are available.
-  **Project Management:**
We'll contact you to schedule the installation and our professional installers do the rest.
-  **Peace of Mind:**
Hiring a professional ensures the installation is completed safely. Includes a one-year warranty on labor.

Do-It-Yourself Installation Considerations

-  **Skill Level:**
Basic carpentry skills and knowledge of mechanical systems are necessary. If you're comfortable using tools and following detailed instructions, you might handle a DIY installation.
-  **Lifting capability:**
Assess your ability to safely lift and maneuver the weight of a new garage door. You may need an additional person.
-  **Tools and equipment:**
Ensure you have the necessary tools including a ladder, level, drill, wrenches, and any specialized tools needed.
-  **Time:**
A DIY installation generally takes 8-10 hours.

If you're not experienced with do-it-yourself projects, the installation of a garage door is probably best left to a professional.

