

Garage Door Buying Guide

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It may be hard to know where to start when purchasing a garage door for your home. You may have questions such as:

- Which company will work for me?
- What style garage door is best suited for my home?
- What material is ideal for our climate and easy care living?
- Where do I begin?

You are in luck!

Whether you're a homeowner looking for a change, a builder buying for a new project, or a property managing needing just the right fit – this complete guide to garage door buying will walk you through the steps necessary to select the most suitable garage door for your home.



Northwest Door Tri Tech Insulated Steel

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Considerations



- The Right Company
- The Right Style
- The Right Material
- Insulation – Yes or No?
- Narrowing Down “The One”

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The Right Company

Finding the **right garage door company** is an essential first step. You will want to work with a trusted and approachable company that specializes in all things garage doors – sales, installation, repairs and maintenance. A company that will provide expert guidance with each decision in the purchasing process.

The **right garage door company** is approachable and available to help you navigate the entire garage door buying process. They will familiarize themselves with your specific needs and respond to any questions or concerns you may have. From choosing the style and material to installation, maintenance and repair – the **right garage door company** will be with you every step of the way.



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The Right Style

Finding the right style of garage door for your home is about understanding the right fit – the right “look and feel” and the right material for your specific needs.

Garage doors are constructed in several styles:

- Carriage House
- Traditional
- Contemporary
- Innovations
- Easy-Care Living

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The Right Style ***Carriage House***



Carriage House is a popular design that offers a unique look to any garage. Aimed to mimic the appearance of a carriage house – an outbuilding designed to house horse-drawn carriages – this style is deceptively modern in its functionality. Increase your home value by an estimated 83% when you choose a Carriage House style garage door. It holds the highest ROI of any garage door style on the market today.

Popular Models [*\(view models\)*](#)

- Wayne Dalton Model 9700
- Wayne Dalton Model 6600
- Wayne Dalton Model 9405
- Northwest Door 500 Series
- Northwest Door Infinity Classic
- Amarr Carriage Court & Classica

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The Right Style ***Contemporary***



Searching for a garage door that is stylish and current? Perhaps the contemporary styled door is the one for you. A “contemporary” door will fuse the indoor and outdoor spaces seamlessly and can be made of glass, copper, aluminum, steel or wood. Perfect for the modern home.

Popular Models [*\(view models\)*](#)

- Wayne Dalton Model 8800
- Wayne Dalton Model 8850
- Wayne Dalton 9100 & 9600
- Northwest Door 500 Series
- Northwest Door Modern Classic
- Amarr Heritage

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Traditional



Also referred to as “raised panel,” this garage door is a simple design that is versatile, easily customizable, and works for many different styles of homes. You can customize your door with windows, decorative accents, and your choice of paint color.

Popular Models [\(view models\)](#)

- Wayne Dalton Model 100 & 300
- Wayne Dalton Model 7100 & 7400
- Wayne Dalton 40 Series
- Northwest Panel Doors
- Amarr Olympus
- Amarr Stratford

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The Right Style *Innovations*



If you are looking for unique and lavish, these sleek doors precisely mirror the clean lines and glass expanses of a contemporary home.

Popular Models

- Wayne Dalton Model 9800 ([view model](#))
Designer fiberglass artfully molded to conceal the durable steel construction underneath.
- Amarr Vista ([view model](#))
Specialty glass doors that offer a modern sleek look.

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The Right Style ***Easy Care Living***



Looking for a door that is durable enough to put up with the kicks and bangs of an active family? Need a door that doesn't require you to "care"? These low-maintenance garage doors are strong and worry-free. Models are made of solid vinyl construction that will prevent them from rusting, fading, cracking, denting rotting and warping.

Popular Models [*\(view models\)*](#)

- Wayne Dalton Model 8700
- Amarr Coastal

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The Right Material

Choosing the right material for your garage door depends on your needs and desires for your home. Most garage doors today are made of steel simply because it is a durable material with an approachable cost.

However, there are many things to consider when choosing the right material for your garage door. Durable and low-cost may not be top priorities. You will want to weigh all of your options and consider

Steel

- Flush or Raised Panel Designs
- Durable and Energy Efficient

Natural Wood

- Unlimited Design Options & Wood Species
- Option for Paint or Stain
- Handcrafted

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Aluminum / Glass

- Commercial Rust-Resistant Frame
- Glass Options to Control Light and Privacy

Composite / Faux Wood

- The Natural Wood-Look Without the Upkeep
- Will Not Warp, Rot, Split or Crack
- Customizable Design
- Option of Paint or Stain
- Energy Efficient

Vinyl

- Maintenance-Free
- Elegant
- Rust & Fade Free
- Crack & Dent Resistant
- Easy-Care Living
- Lasts Forever

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Insulation – Yes or No?

Depending on whether your garage is attached to your home or you have rooms above or adjacent, deciding on insulation can vary in degree of importance. A garage with attached rooms may call for better insulation than a garage that is completely detached and unheated.

Simply put, insulation is the material that has the ability to reduce heat or cold transmission. If insulation is of high importance, then knowing the R-value is essential. R-value is a number that represents the ability of a material to retard the transmission of heat. The higher the R-value, the better the door's insulating performance. If you spend a significant amount of time in your garage, you will want to purchase a door that offers a high R-value.

Cressy Door and Fireplace always recommends a garage door with ample insulation.

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Narrowing Down “The One”

While educating yourself on the different styles and materials for garage doors helps to narrow the search for the perfect garage door, you may still be wondering, “What will it look like on my home?”

Whether you’re renovating an existing garage door for your home or building a home entirely from scratch, these Garage Door Wizards and Step-by-Step Videos will help you design the perfect garage door. Still have questions? Give our experts a call.

Garage Door Designers

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