



THE ULTIMATE GARAGE DOOR SELECTION GUIDE

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Use this guide to...

navigate your options to get the right garage door for your house.

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Introduction

Welcome to the golden age of garage doors!

We can say that because we're garage door nerds.

In the last 10 years or so your options have exploded. For many years your choices were limited to wood or stamped steel and windows or no windows. And now, we offer 13 different design collections each with style options, window options and hardware options which means you have well over 1,000 different options to choose from.

While it might seem overwhelming, with a few tips, we can help you quickly zero in on the perfect door for your home.



How to Use This Guide

This guide is organized around the conversations that we have found to be most helpful. But just because it works for most people, doesn't mean that it the best for you.

So, feel free to read through it as presented or jump around as you want.

The end will be the same—You will have selected the ideal garage door for your home. And if you have suggestions on how we can make it better please let us know—we appreciate your input.

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This Selection Guide Will Help You Work Through The Many Choices You Have To Get The Perfect Door For Your House

6 Materials	Steel, Aluminum, Wood, Wood look Fiberglass, Vinyl, Glass
13 collections	To match every budget
34 styles	There is one that will look great on your house
33 Window looks	Size, trim, and glass type
11 different standard colors	To match or complement your homes palette
Many different hardware styles and placement	Small additions add polish and panache
You have a lot of Choices!	



Your Garage Door Goals (Yes that sounds a bit weird to us too!)

What do you want your garage door to do for you and your house?

Do you want the door to seamlessly fit in with the rest of your house or do you want the door to make a singular statement? If your garage faces the street, the garage door plays a big role in the curb appeal of your house. If your garage is detached and sits on an alley you may decide that you don't need a stunning garage door. Your main concern may be durability and security.

What elements in your house do you want your door to relate to? Color, (trim, front door, bricks, roof, or do you want your door to make a statement on its own.



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Drive Around and Look at Garage Doors

Drive around and look at the variety of garage doors. Some will jump out at you and others not so much.

Ask yourself what you like and don't like. Try to determine why you like one door and not another. Is it the color or style that matches the house? Or is it because the windows match the windows on the house. Do you like doors that make a statement or garage doors that blend in with the house?



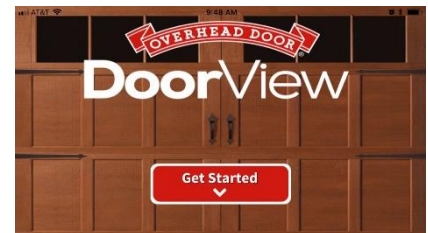
Color Matching Door to Front Pillars

DoorView - Save Some Time

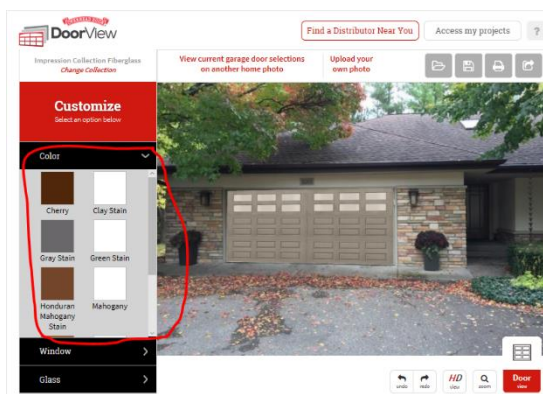
Or don't leave the comfort of your home and use our DoorView program. Using this program allows you to quickly see different doors will look like on your house. You can easily change doors styles, colors and options. You will be surprised to see how even small changes can make a big difference.

Both the phone and the PC version of the app are easy to use but we find that it's a bit easier with a larger screen.

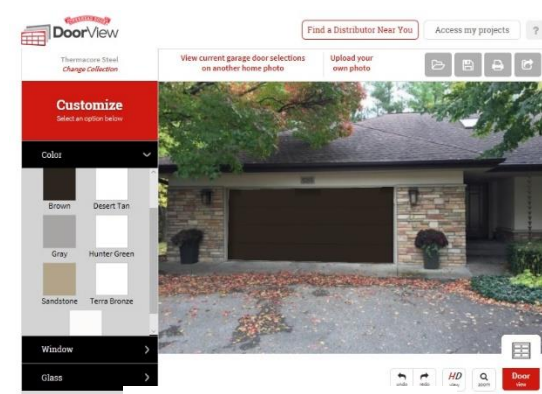
Even spending 10 minutes can really help.



DoorView is fast, easy & very helpful.



Quickly try different door styles



Scroll through different colors

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Price

It's always a good idea to start with a budget in mind.

Price is always important but if you choose to break the bank with a gorgeous mahogany or all glass door, we won't judge. Especially since you will love it. Your car will love it and you will make your neighbors jealous everyday as they drive by.



Make your car happy with
A new garage door

Panels

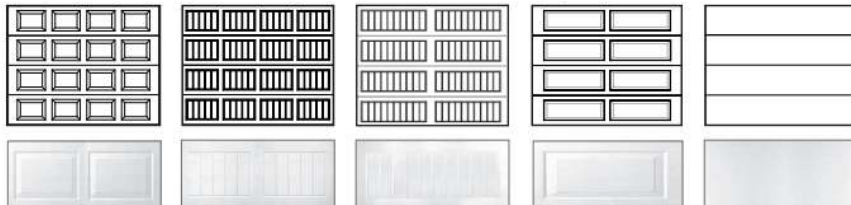
Flush Garage Door Panels

Flush Panel wood garage doors offer one smooth flat surface. The smoothness of the flush panel design suits a variety of architectural styles, from traditional to modern simplicity. For a contemporary or minimalist look, the flush panel garage doors are an ideal fit.



Rail & Stile Garage Door Panels

Classic framed panel designs add a timeless look of a wood garage door. They come in a variety of materials to suite any budget. Customize the addition of windows and trim. Rail and stile wood garage doors deliver timeless elegance. Available in both framed and raised panel designs; choose a style that best complements the architectural design of your home.



Raised
Panels

Vertical slates

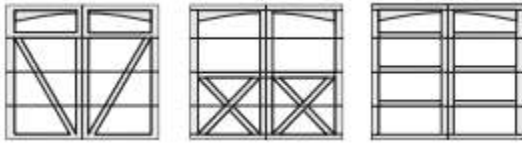
Long Raised
Panels

Flush

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Carriage House Collection

Carriage house doors get their inspiration from swinging stable doors where you stored your horse drawn carriage. This classic look has survived the 100 years since the design was needed. These doors can have traditional rail and style panels and they can have cross braces added to create a distinctive look.



3 of over 30 styles available



Carriage House Doors

Color

Each Overhead Door collection comes with several standard colors specifically designed to match a wide variety of color palettes. Some materials are easily painted giving you the flexibility to match any accent color on your home now and in the future. And just to take it to the extreme, the aluminum frame on our aluminum & glass doors comes with over 500 different colors!



Wood Look Colors for
Steel Doors

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Windows

Do you want windows? Windows do more than bring in light, they can dramatically change the look of your door. Shape, size, and placement of windows are just the start. You can then add window trim creating a wide variety of looks.

Each of our collections offers a range of window options appropriate for the style. It is usually easier to consider a style of door and then select your window options.

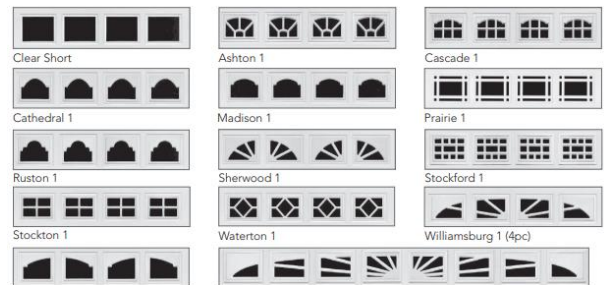
This is an area where you may want to spend some time. **And this is one area where our DoorView app really helps. When you select a door style it will automatically show you the window options for that style.**

Window considerations:

- Windows or no windows
- Style
- How many windows available on some styles
- Trim
- Glass type



Window Placement



Many Window styles available



Glass Options

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Hardware

Each style of door comes with its own hardware options. To complete the look of a carriage house door your choice of hardware is important.

Hardware Considerations

- Let the style of door dictate your hardware. The look of a Carriage house door can look incomplete without hardware.
- Hinges and pulls are often used to dress up flat panel doors.



Maintenance and Durability

There are 3 main factors that wear on your door:

1. The amount of sun exposure
2. The amount of water exposure from rain
3. Kids using your driveway as a basketball court or a hockey rink.

How well your door stands up to these 3 factors is mostly dependent on the material you choose. If you have a south facing garage that gets with a flat skirt at the bottom you may want to choose a fiberglass wood look door rather than the real thing. A note about water exposure: it's not just the amount but how the rain comes off your roof that makes a big difference. For example, drips from the roof splashing the bottom of the door can continually soak the bottom panel during a rain fall.

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Material

Six different material choices each with its own distinct advantages. It will be worth your while to at least skim though the advantages of each different material since it effects the price, maintenance and the look of the door.

Steel, Vinyl, wood and fiberglass have overlapping looks whereas glass and aluminum have a look all their own.

- Material Considerations
- Price
- Maintenance
- Energy efficiency
- Looks

Garage Door Material Selection Options

Material	Styles	Maintenance	Colors*	Options*	Price
Steel	16 arches 18 squares Vertical panels Horizontal panels Vertical slats	Very low	Up to 15 colors depending on style	Standard or color matched trim 30 window styles 3 glass styles 6 hardware styles 3 wood grains 4 R-values	\$ - \$\$
Vinyl	2 styles raised panel Vertical slat	Low	4 standard colors	7 window styles 2 types of glass	\$\$
Wood	Flush Rail & Stile 10 configurations	Varies based on exposure	Many Stained or painted	10 types of panels 24 window styles 3 types of glass	\$\$ - \$\$\$
Fiberglass (Wood Look)	4 styles Vertical raises panel Horizontal raised panel vertical slat Horizontal V-groove	Low	10 standard colors	14 window styles 6 types of glass 6 types of hardware	\$\$\$
Aluminum & Glass	1 style with a variety of frame widths	Low	500+ frame colors	11 types of glass	\$\$\$
Glass	1 stunning style	Low	5 frame colors	5 types of glass	\$\$\$

*Note that number of colors and options may depend on style

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Steel

Steel is the most popular material for residential garage doors. With recent innovations and expanded options, steel doors are available for the tightest budgets or to make a dramatic statement on a custom home. From flat panels to carriage house doors, no windows, small windows or large windows you have a lot of choice to get the look you want at the budget you need. You can even get wood look steel doors.

Looking at steel doors is a great place to start unless you are immediately drawn to one of the other door materials.

The Benefits of a Steel Door

- The most popular garage door material
- Huge selections of styles and looks
- Easily paintable
- Price points for every budget
- Low maintenance



Classic Steel Door with Windows

Customized Steel

Start with the durability of a flat panel steel door and add maintenance free engineered wood to create **a one of a kind door at a price that looks as great as the door.**

The Benefits of a Customized Steel Door

- Get a 1-of-a-kind look
- Lower price
- low maintenance



Pattern Matches House Detail

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Wood

It's hard to argue with those who love the look of wood garage doors. A wood garage door matched to a wood front door can be stunning. And even though steel doors are popular, wood is still the standard by which all doors are measured. We offer a wide variety of styles and options combined with Amish craftsmanship to give you a luxurious looking door.

The wood garage doors in the Traditional Wood Collection are available in either rail-and-stile or flush designs. These wood garage doors complement many architectural styles, from traditional to modern and adds timeless elegance and dramatic curb appeal to your home.



The Benefits of a wood door

- Can be painted or stained to match the details of your home
- It's natural
- It looks like wood from a distance and it looks like wood on close inspection—it actually is wood.

Vinyl

Another great low maintenance option is our vinyl garage doors provide you with incredible strength, impressive sound absorption and energy efficiency with a R-value of 11.75.

These vinyl garage doors provide exceptional thermal efficiency and protection from exterior noise, as well as from dents and rust. With their rugged, thick vinyl skin, the Durafirm Collection® doors are the ideal escape from wood door maintenance. Available in four colors.



**Glacier
White**

**Cape
Cod Gray**

**Monterey
Sand**

**Adobe
Cream**

The Benefits of a Vinyl Door

- Resists dent and dings from things like hockey pucks, basketballs and tricycles
- Quiet no need to listen to the neighbor's leaf blower
- Rust proof
- Budget friendly
- Low maintenance

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Fiberglass Garage Doors

If you like the look of a wood door but don't want to deal with the maintenance of a wood door, fiberglass may be a great option for you. Our fiberglass doors have a molded fiberglass surface over an insulated steel door. The result is a door that performs like a steel door but looks like wood with low maintenance and high thermal efficiency.

From the street or in your driveway, these doors look like wood. Only when you get up close **and** are really looking at the door can you tell that it is not wood. Take a look at the close-up photos below.

Which door is wood, and which is fiberglass? Can you tell?

Panel and Color Options

You have a choice of 10 standard colors to give the look of stained wood. And 4 standard panel styles to fit the shape of your door and the look of your house.



Wood-look Fiberglass Panels



Standard Panel Colors

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Aluminum and Glass

A unique look for today's more contemporary-styled homes. Crisp lines and sleek design and light-filtering glass make a striking complement to your home. Durable corrosion-resistant aluminum frames are available in a range of finishes including wood look at over 200 colors. Narrow and wide frames allow to you further customize your look. Clear, obscure, or satin glass with a selection of tints allow you to choose the amount of privacy and light infiltration.



The Benefits of a Aluminum Door

- Sleek, sophisticated modern design
- A variety of durable frame colors to choose from
- Maximum light infiltration into the garage space
- Rust proof
- Low maintenance



Aluminum Frame Around Glass

Glass Doors

The Envy™ Model is the ultimate in modern elegance with a new full-view frameless design and five glass options, from opaque to white to mirrored.

This aluminum full-view door, featuring a frameless design, will be the talk of the neighborhood. Envy™ Model 956 features Glass panels, mounted on top of an aluminum structure to create a completely sleek and modern look. What else need we say?

The Benefits of a Glass Door

- High wow factor
- Rust proof
- Low maintenance



All Glass on Frame

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Insulated or Uninsulated and R-Value

Let's tackle the easiest question first. Maybe you just moved to Minnesota from Florida, if so, I want to let you in on a secret; it gets cold in Minnesota. Uninsulated doors have single sheet of steel standing between -20 degrees and the inside of your garage. Our recommendation hands down is to get an insulated door. In addition to being warmer, they are stronger and quieter. The insulation and back panel add structural integrity to the door and dampen the noise when opening and closing. Un-insulated doors tend to rattle.

When might you want an uninsulated garage door?

1. If you have a detached garage and you're not concerned about the door getting dinged and bumped. Your driveway is not a hockey rink, basketball court or a soccer goal.
2. When you budget says it's all you want to spend. The biggest customers of uninsulated doors are builders of new homes. They buy them simply because they are the cheapest doors they can buy and from the outside they look as good as a more expensive garage door. Let's face it, when you are buying a new home the last thing on your mind is insulating your garage door. I will say that after 40 years in the business we have never replaced an uninsulated door with another uninsulated door on an attached garage.

Summary

Whew! You made it to the end. Hopefully, you got what you needed to find the perfect door for you, your house, your car, and your neighbors.

Our goal was to help you work through the process in a way that allows you to navigate the many possibilities efficiently. But know that we also stand ready to personally help you through the process. Just give us a call at 651-683-0307 or send us an email at infor@ohdnld.com.

And don't forget about our Door view program—it's really helpful and easy to use on your phone or your computer.



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Your Door](#)

Want Help?

Our residential specialists will be happy to make the process fast and easy for you.

We have an amazing amount of styles and options to give you just the right look to match your house and your budget.

Doors from classic to stunning, guaranteed to make your neighbors jealous.

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