



### **13. What are the advantages of wooden garage doors?**

The main advantage of wooden garage doors is the fact that they actually look great. Moreover they are known for durability. However, on the downside you have to prepare for regular maintenance since wood tends to expand and contract. Thus it cracks and weathers with time or neglect. Painting is one solution.

### **14. What are the benefits of steel garage doors?**

When you use steel garage doors you can be certain that you will get lots of strength. In fact steel seems to be superior to aluminum, wood, and fiberglass in terms of security capabilities. Moreover, steel is a contemporary and modern material that is very versatile. It is possible to customize it in different ways.

### **15. Why should I choose aluminum garage doors?**

Although aluminum has advantages that are very similar to those of steel, it also has unique and distinct merits. Its wood-grain embossing finish is one of the most attractive in the industry. Moreover the material is quite sturdy particularly when dealing with industrial-scale operations. Some of the panels are dent-resistant.

### **16. What is the lightest garage door?**

Fiberglass is pretty light but you can also use aluminum. The latter can be lightened up using extruded frames. Moreover it is relatively inexpensive. Alternatively you can look at high density polyethylene which is not highly secure but is very malleable when trying to reduce the amount of weight the structure has.

### **17. Are fiberglass garage doors practical?**

With the right treatment, fiberglass garage doors can be every bit as practical as their steel or wooden counterparts. Normally this is achieved using a pre-stained finish in the factory. Placing horizontal and vertical panels creates some great aesthetic effects. Moreover fiberglass is very light and is resistant to translucency and salt air corrosion.

### **18. How are steel garage doors made?**

The most efficient way is to have a single sheet of panel steel which then forms the front. However, that method creates a final product that is rather flimsy. Greater rigidity can be achieved using a combination of both front and back panels. Moreover it is possible to put some insulation in between the panels for better resistance.

### **19. What are the relative gauges for steel garage doors?**

The gauge thickness can be anything from 20 to 28. The smaller numbers indicate a steel material that is thicker and stronger. Many people use steel for practical purposes as well as aesthetics. However, you need to consider the fact that a very low gauge can mean that you have a very heavy installation that is difficult to manage.

### **20. Can I put windows on the garage door?**

Yes you can particularly if you are using the room as an addition to the main resident. Make sure that you use a material that is prepared to handle all the weather conditions while at the same time keeping the intruders out. For example it is possible to reinforce the glass so that it is much stronger than before.

### **21. What are the benefits of a polyurethane garage doors?**

Although a garage door that is polyurethane insulated might look quite flimsy, it paradoxically offers a much better R-value than alternative materials. Normally the material is blown between two steel panels so that it chemically bonds to the skins of the installation. The standard R-value is anything from 9.0 to 17.2.

### **22. How do I measure garage doors?**

First get the frame right. Make sure that the garage is not going beyond the allocated space for the entirety of the property. Make some allowances for adjustments. Some metal and wooden materials may also expand or contract if you keep them in storage for too long. Use a 25-foot metal tape and record the details for reference.

### **23. How do I clean a pre-finished steel garage door?**

Remove any dirt first. Also wipe away mildew and chalk that can accumulate over time. It is recommended that you use a diluted solution of detergent. The phosphate level of this cleaning agent must not be more than 0.5%. Also clean behind the weather stripping on both sides and the top.

### **24. Can I recycle my old garage door?**

Almost all materials can be recycled with the right approach. For example glass can be turned into bottles or even sand. However, you may also use the old parts of a wooden garage door to construct a new one that will have a history for the family as well as protecting the environment in the long run.

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