

# All You Need to Know About Garage Doors



If you have a garage, you must have felt how important the garage door is at some point of time. The importance of a proper garage door for the safety of your car and family members cannot be underscored. In this article, let us understand about the garage doors and become conscious about the importance of their regular maintenance.

## Materials Galore

While planning for a garage door, the first thing that comes to your mind is its building material. Customers are spoiled for choice as far as the building materials and designs are concerned. Wood and steel are the commonest building material. For each kind of garage gate material, you can get multiple options for its exterior look and feel. You can decide upon decorative windows, hardware, and insulation as per your requirements.

When you shop around for a new garage gate, each manufacturer will vouch that their product is the best. Don't be tempted by catchy advertisements or unrealistic promises. Always keep in mind that your new garage gate should last for at least 10-20 years, depending upon the usage rate and maintenance frequency.

## Steel Garage Gates

Steel garage gates are most common. Lower costs, ease of maintenance, and a variety of available designs make steel garage doors the obvious choice. In general, no painting is required, though you can have a garage gate painted if you wish. You can also get a variety of designs, such as, raised panels, flush panels and so forth. As most garages share an interior wall of a home, insulation inside the garage door can help in cutting down your heating/cooling expenses.

## Wooden Garage Gates

In terms of popularity and range of choices, wooden garage doors come next to steel garage doors. However, a wooden garage door is costlier than a steel garage door. Wooden garage doors need to be painted to prevent damage caused by water. They can withstand more wear and tear than steel garage doors. Wooden garage doors also have insulation options. If you want to have a customized garage door, then a wooden one will be the best bet.

## Other Types of Garage Gates

Apart from steel and wood, vinyl garage doors are also getting popular nowadays. Vinyl garage gates are rustproof and are more resistant to scratches than their steel counterparts. A vinyl garage gate is not usually available off the shelf. It usually takes a lead-time of 2-4 weeks. A vinyl garage door has the same exterior style and insulation options as a steel garage door.

With environment consciousness pervading far and wide, people are seeking environment-friendly garage door materials. These environment-friendly garage doors are made up of recycled wood. These garage doors can be painted and have insulation facilities.

## Maintaining Garage Gates

Always remember to maintain your garage gates regularly. It will cut down your maintenance expenditure to a considerable extent. Check the balance of your door and make sure that it doesn't need adjustments. Also, examine the parts, such as springs, rollers, and tracks and ensure that they work correctly. Don't prolong the repair of your garage gate. Do not attempt to repair anything on your own, always bank upon the expertise of a professional repairer.

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