

Garage Door Material Selection Guide

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Material comparison at a glance

1 Steel - the practical all-rounder

Best value. R-value up to R-17 (triple-layer). 20-30 year lifespan. Susceptible to dents and rust if coating is damaged.

2 Wood - the premium aesthetic choice

Highest visual impact. Requires staining or painting every 2-3 years. Most expensive. Vulnerable to Ottawa's freeze-thaw cycles.

3 Aluminum - the lightweight modern option

Rust-proof. Best for full-view glass designs. Dents more easily than steel. Lower insulation values standard.

Questions to ask before you decide

1 Is the garage attached or detached?

Attached garages need insulation (min R-12 in Ottawa climate). Steel triple-layer is the practical minimum.

2 What is your maintenance tolerance?

Wood requires regular upkeep. If you will not maintain it, choose steel or aluminum.

3 What is your budget?

Steel: \$800-\$3,500. Aluminum: \$1,500-\$5,000. Wood: \$2,500-\$8,000+. All prices for GTA/Ottawa, installed.

4 What architectural style is your home?

Modern homes favour aluminum or flush steel. Traditional/colonial homes suit raised-panel steel. Heritage homes suit wood or faux-wood.

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