



HOMEOWNERS STYLE GUIDE

The Garage Door Design Guide

Styles, colours, windows, glass options and construction details to help you choose the right garage door for your home.

Direct Overhead Doors

Family Owned • 26+ Years • 800+ 5 Star Reviews

Why Your Garage Door Matters

Your garage door is one of the largest design features on your home. Beyond curb appeal, it affects energy efficiency, security, durability, and long-term value. The right choice complements your home's architecture while performing beautifully for years to come.



Curb Appeal

A garage door can account for up to 30% of your home's front exterior, making it one of the biggest influences on first impressions

Energy Efficiency



An insulated garage door helps regulate temperatures, improves comfort, and can reduce energy loss especially when the garage is attached to your home.



Security

Today's garage doors feature stronger construction, improved locking systems, and smart opener technology to help protect your home and family.

Home Value



Replacing a garage door is consistently ranked among the top home improvement projects for return on investment.

Did You Know?

The right garage door isn't just about colour. Your home's architecture, brick colour, natural light, roofline, window placement, and even the direction your home faces can all change how a garage door looks once it's installed.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Everything in this guide is built around one simple belief: every homeowner deserves honest advice, exceptional craftsmanship, and the confidence to choose what's right for their home.

OUR PURPOSE

We build confidence.
Helping
homeowners make
informed decisions
without pressure.

OUR MISSION

Earn trust on every
home.
Through honest
advice, expert
craftsmanship, and
exceptional service.

OUR VISION

Raise the standard.
To redefine what
homeowners expect
from a garage door
company.

THE DIRECT OVERHEAD DOORS PROMISE

- ✓ Honest recommendations, never commission driven.
- ✓ Repair before replacement whenever it makes sense.
- ✓ No pressure. No gimmicks. No shortcuts.
- ✓ Installed with the same care we'd expect in our own home.
- ✓ Here long after the installation.

"People don't buy garage doors. They buy peace of mind. Our job is to deliver both."
— Rob Founder, Direct Overhead Doors

How to Choose the Perfect Garage Door

A beautiful garage door doesn't stand out it belongs. The best designs complement your home's architecture, colours, and proportions, creating a finished look that feels intentional rather than trendy.



Continue on to discover the 8 design principles we use when helping homeowners choose the right garage door.

"The Design Principle We Use for Every Home."

Rob

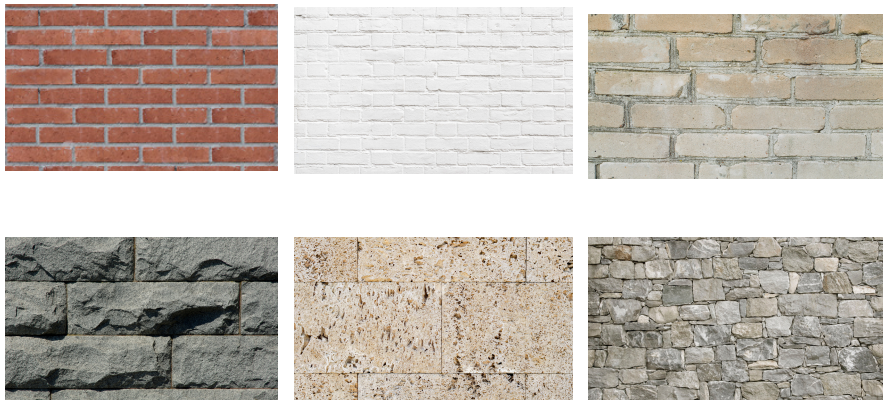
The First Four Elements We Consider

Every home is unique. Before recommending a garage door, we look at the entire exterior to create a design that feels balanced, timeless, and intentional.



✦ Architecture ✦

Modern homes often suit clean flush or full-view doors, while traditional homes pair beautifully with raised panel or carriage designs. The goal is to complement the architecture—not fight against it.



✦ Brick & Stone ✦

Your garage door should complement your home's masonry. The right colour can tie everything together, while the wrong one can feel disconnected.



✦ Roof Colour ✦

Your roof is one of the largest colour elements on your home. Choosing a garage door that works with your roof creates a cohesive exterior.



✦ Front Door & Trim ✦

Your front entry and garage door don't have to match—but they should feel like they're part of the same design story.

The best garage doors become the first thing people notice. They also enhance every other design element on the home.

The Final Four Elements We Consider

The finishing details are often what make a home look professionally designed. These four elements help determine how a garage door will look once it's installed not just in a showroom, but on your home



Sunlight



Natural light dramatically changes how a garage door colour appears throughout the day. Dark colours like Black, Iron Ore, and Charcoal Grey can shift from soft grey to nearly black depending on the sun.



Window Placement



Windows should complement the style and proportions of your home, not just add natural light. You want to use your home as the inspiration; do you have a few or a lot of windows? a home with many windows may best be complimented with a garage door with no window or contrastly you may want to enhance all the windows on the home with a fullview all glass garage door.



Landscaping



Trees, gardens, driveways, and surrounding greenery all influence how colours are perceived. A garage door should complement the entire property, not just the house itself.



Neighbourhood



Your home should reflect your style while still feeling connected to the surrounding neighbourhood. A timeless design often ages better than chasing short-term trends.

The best garage door is rarely chosen by itself. It's selected after considering the home's architecture, colours, lighting, landscaping, and overall design. That's why every consultation at Direct Overhead Doors begins with the entire home, not just the garage.

Flush Panel

DESIGN PROFILE | Modern ★★★★★ | Timeless ★★★★★ | Maintenance ★★★★★ | Privacy ★★★★★ | Curb Appeal ★★★★★ | Traditional ★☆☆☆☆ |

Clean, simple, and timeless, flush panel garage doors are one of the most popular choices for modern homes. Their smooth lines create a sophisticated look that complements contemporary architecture without overpowering it.



Project Spotlight: Flush Panel garage doors in black with tinted double pane thermal windows. Installed on a home in Mississauga Ontario, complete with aluminum capping in black

WHY HOMEOWNERS CHOOSE IT

- ✓ Clean architectural lines
Minimalist appearance
- ✓ Timeless
Never feels dated
- ✓ Low maintenance
Durable steel construction
- ✓ Versatile
Modern and transitional homes

BEST SUITED FOR

- ✓ Modern Homes
- ✓ Contemporary Homes
- ✓ Luxury Custom Homes
- ✓ Major Renovations
- ✓ Minimalist Design
- ✓ Homes with Black Windows

OUR RECOMMENDATION

If you're looking for one of the most timeless garage door designs available today...

Flush Panel is one of our top recommendations.

It offers clean architectural lines that will still look beautiful twenty years from now.



White



Dark Brown



Sandstone



Iron Ore



Black



Frosted Black

"Homeowners often think choosing a garage door starts with colour. In reality, it starts with architecture. When the style fits the home, everything else falls into place."
— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

Long Raised Panel Garage Doors

DESIGN PROFILE | Modern ★★☆☆☆ | Timeless ★★★★★ | Maintenance ★★★★★ | Privacy ★★★★★ | Curb Appeal ★★★★★ | Traditional ★★★★★

Elegant, familiar, and timeless, long raised panel garage doors remain one of the most popular choices for homeowners. Their subtle depth and classic proportions complement a wide range of architectural styles while delivering lasting curb appeal.



Project Spotlight: Long Raised Panel garage doors in black with tinted thermal windows. Installed on a traditional brick home in Vaughan, Ontario, creating a timeless look with modern contrast.

WHY HOMEOWNERS CHOOSE IT

- ✓ Classic Design
Never goes out of style.
- ✓ Adds Dimension
Creates depth and shadow.
- ✓ Highly Versatile
Complements many home styles.
- ✓ Proven Favourite
One of our most requested designs.

BEST SUITED FOR

- ✓ Traditional Homes
- ✓ Transitional Homes
- ✓ Colonial Homes
- ✓ Family Neighbourhoods
- ✓ Detached Homes
- ✓ Brick & Stone Exteriors

OUR RECOMMENDATION

If you're looking for a garage door that will never go out of style, the Long Raised Panel is one of the safest and most timeless investments you can make.

Its classic design complements almost every neighbourhood and continues to be one of our most requested styles year after year.



White



Dark Brown



Sandstone



Iron Ore



Black



Frosted Black

"Great design doesn't always need to stand out. Sometimes the most timeless choice is the one that feels like it has always belonged there."

— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

Recessed Panel Garage Doors

DESIGN PROFILE | Modern ★★☆☆☆ | Timeless ★★★★★ | Maintenance ★★★★★ | Privacy ★★★★★ | Curb Appeal ★★★★★☆ | Traditional ★★★★★☆

Elegant, understated, and incredibly versatile, recessed panel garage doors offer a refined look that suits both traditional and contemporary homes. Their clean recessed profiles create depth without overpowering your home's architecture..



Project Spotlight: Recessed panel garage doors in white with double pane thermal tinted windows. Installed on a home in Markham, Ontario, creating a sophisticated balance between traditional character and modern styling.

WHY HOMEOWNERS CHOOSE IT

- ✓ Refined Design
Clean recessed detailing.
- ✓ Balanced Style
Neither overly modern nor traditional.
- ✓ Architectural Depth
Adds subtle shadow lines.
- ✓ Extremely Versatile
Works with almost every home.

BEST SUITED FOR

- ✓ Transitional Homes
- ✓ Traditional Homes
- ✓ Modern Farmhouses
- ✓ Estate Homes
- ✓ Stone & Brick Exteriors

OUR RECOMMENDATION

If you're looking for a garage door that bridges classic and contemporary design, Recessed Panel offers one of the most versatile styles available.

It delivers clean architectural detail without feeling trendy, making it an excellent long-term investment..



White



Dark Brown



Sandstone



Iron Ore



Black



Frosted Black

"Some of the best designs are the ones that never feel tied to a particular decade. Recessed panel doors have a quiet elegance that adapts beautifully as homes evolve over time."

— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

California Panel

DESIGN PROFILE | Modern ★★★★★☆ | Timeless ★★★★★★ | Maintenance ★★★★★★ | Privacy ★★★★★★ | Curb Appeal ★★★★★★ | Traditional ★★★★★☆

Modern yet timeless, California panel garage doors combine clean architectural lines with subtle dimension to create a refined look that complements today's homes. Their balanced proportions make them a favourite for homeowners seeking contemporary design without feeling overly modern.



Project Spotlight: California panel garage doors in black with contemporary tinted windows. Installed on a luxury home in Vaughan, Ontario, creating a clean, architectural statement finished with black aluminum capping

WHY HOMEOWNERS CHOOSE IT

- ✓ Architectural Design
Clean, contemporary styling.
- ✓ Balanced Proportions
Adds depth without excess detail.
- ✓ Modern Character
Fresh, sophisticated appearance.
- ✓ Timeless Appeal
Designed to age beautifully.

BEST SUITED FOR

- ✓ Contemporary Homes
- ✓ Modern Farmhouses
- ✓ Luxury Builds
- ✓ Stone & Stucco Exteriors

OUR RECOMMENDATION

California Panel is one of our favourite choices for homeowners looking to elevate their curb appeal while maintaining a timeless aesthetic.

It delivers the clean look of modern design with enough architectural detail to remain elegant for years to come..



White



Dark Brown



Sandstone



Iron Ore



Black



Frosted Black

"The best contemporary homes aren't defined by trends... they're defined by proportion. California Panel achieves that balance beautifully."

— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

Carriage House Garage Doors

DESIGN PROFILE | Modern ★★☆☆☆ | Timeless ★★★★★ | Maintenance ★★★★★☆ | Privacy ★★★★★ | Curb Appeal ★★★★★ | Traditional ★★★★★

Inspired by the charm of traditional carriage homes, carriage panel garage doors combine timeless craftsmanship with modern performance. Decorative hardware, elegant panel detailing, and endless customization make this one of the most distinctive garage door styles available.



WHY HOMEOWNERS CHOOSE IT

- ✓ Timeless Character
Classic architectural charm.
- ✓ Decorative Details
Handles and hinges add authenticity.
- ✓ Exceptional Curb Appeal
Creates a striking first impression.
- ✓ Highly Customizable
Windows, hardware and finishes.

BEST SUITED FOR

- ✓ Estate Homes
- ✓ Modern Farmhouses
- ✓ Traditional Homes
- ✓ Stone Exteriors
- ✓ Country Properties
- ✓ Luxury Custom Homes

OUR RECOMMENDATION

Carriage House garage doors are perfect for homeowners who want their garage door to become a defining architectural feature.

When paired with decorative hardware and the right windows, they create a warm, timeless exterior that stands apart without ever feeling dated..



White



Dark Brown



Sandstone



Iron Ore



Black



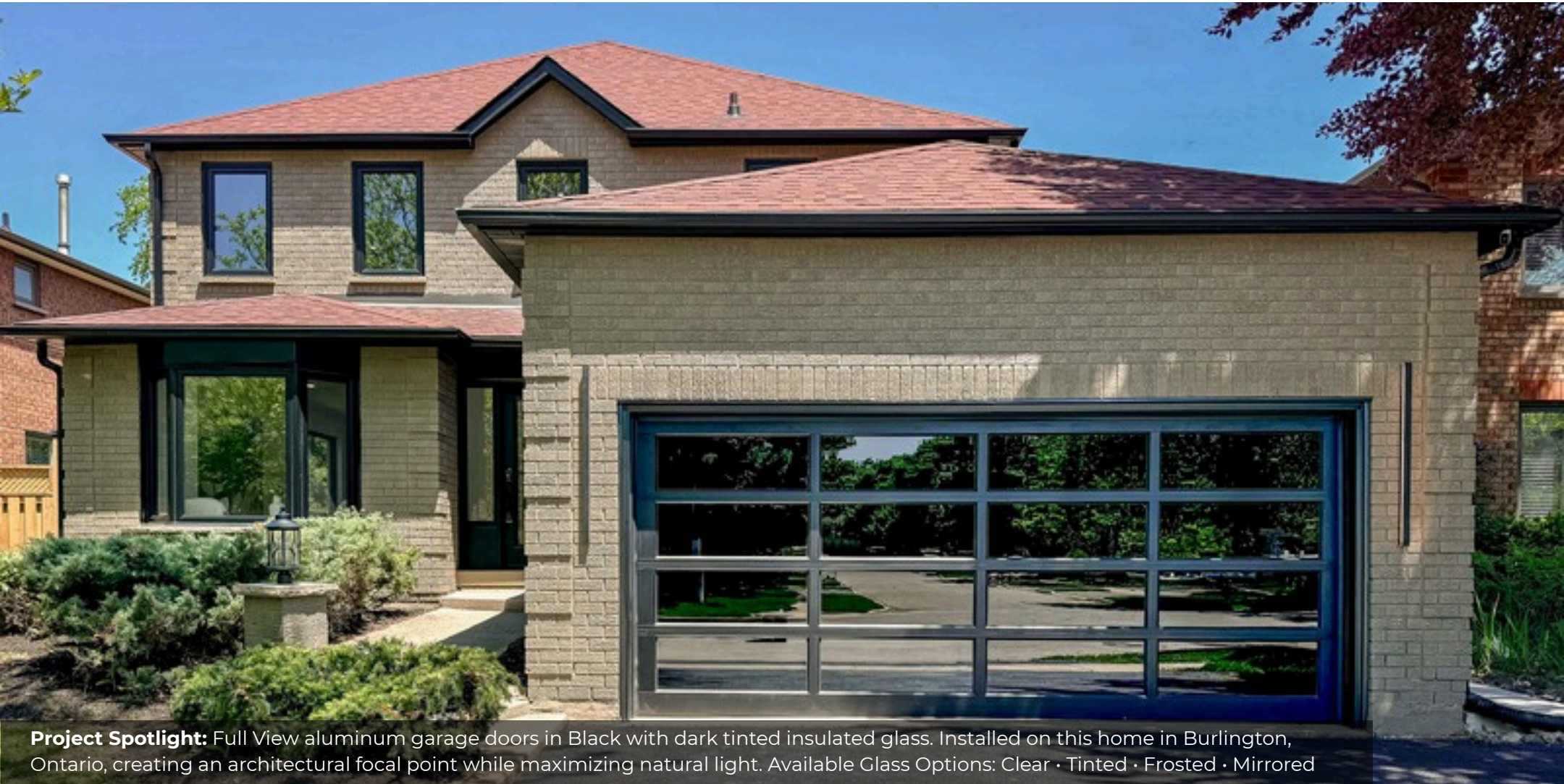
Frosted Black

"Some homes deserve more than a garage door, they deserve an architectural feature. Carriage panel doors add warmth, character, and timeless elegance that never goes unnoticed."
— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

FullView Aluminum Garage Doors

DESIGN PROFILE | Modern ★★★★★ | Timeless ★★★★★☆ | Maintenance ★★★★★☆ | Privacy ★★☆☆☆ | Curb Appeal ★★★★★ | Traditional ★☆☆☆☆

Bold, contemporary, and unmistakably modern, full view aluminum garage doors transform your garage into an architectural statement. Expansive glass panels flood the space with natural light while sleek aluminum frames create a clean, sophisticated aesthetic.



Project Spotlight: Full View aluminum garage doors in Black with dark tinted insulated glass. Installed on this home in Burlington, Ontario, creating an architectural focal point while maximizing natural light. Available Glass Options: Clear • Tinted • Frosted • Mirrored

WHY HOMEOWNERS CHOOSE IT

- ✓ Maximum Natural Light
Bright, open interiors.
- ✓ Contemporary Design
A striking architectural statement.
- ✓ Premium Materials
Aluminum and insulated glass.
- ✓ Custom Glass Options
Clear, frosted or tinted.

BEST SUITED FOR

- ✓ Contemporary Homes
- ✓ Ultra Modern Homes
- ✓ Luxury Custom Homes
- ✓ Home Gyms
- ✓ Car Collectors
- ✓ Studios & Workshops

OUR RECOMMENDATION

Full View Aluminum garage doors are for homeowners who want to make a statement.

If your home embraces modern architecture, few garage doors create the same level of visual impact while bringing exceptional natural light into your garage.



White



Dark Brown



Sandstone



Iron Ore



Black



Frosted Black

"Great architecture celebrates light. Full View garage doors blur the line between indoors and outdoors, transforming a functional space into one of the home's most striking design features."
— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

THE DIRECT OVERHEAD DOORS STANDARD

EVERYTHING INCLUDED WITH EVERY GARAGE DOOR INSTALLATION

EVERY INSTALLATION INCLUDES PREMIUM COMPONENTS AND PROFESSIONAL WORKMANSHIP. WE NEVER CUT CORNERS OR CHARGE EXTRA FOR THE ESSENTIALS. EVERY GARAGE DOOR MAY LOOK SIMILAR FROM THE OUTSIDE. THE DIFFERENCE IS IN THE QUALITY OF THE COMPONENTS YOU DON'T SEE.



INCLUDED AS STANDARD

HEAVY-DUTY TRACKS • PREMIUM NYLON ROLLERS • PREMIUM WEATHER SEAL • 10,000-CYCLE SPRINGS • PROFESSIONAL BALANCING • EXISTING OPENER RECONNECTED • OLD DOOR REMOVED & RECYCLED

CUSTOMIZE YOUR INSTALLATION

POPULAR UPGRADES

25,000 CYCLE SPRINGS

★★★★★

LONGER SERVICE LIFE

IDEAL FOR BUSY HOUSEHOLDS

HIGH LIFT TRACKS

★★★★★

MORE OVERHEAD CLEARANCE

PERFECT FOR LIFT & STORAGE

LOW HEADROOM

★★★★★

BUILT FOR TIGHT SPACES

CLEARANCE WHERE SPACE IS LIMITED

"The quality you don't see is often what determines how well your garage door performs ten years from now."
— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

BUILT BETTER FROM THE INSIDE OUT

NOT ALL GARAGE DOORS ARE BUILT THE SAME. STEEL THICKNESS, INSULATION TYPE, REINFORCEMENT, AND WEATHER SEALING ALL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN HOW YOUR GARAGE DOOR PERFORMS FOR YEARS TO COME.

GARAGE DOOR CONSTRUCTION

BUILT BETTER FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Quality is in the details. Here's what's inside every garage door we install.

- 1 STEEL EXTERIOR**
Heavy-duty galvanized steel for superior strength and long-lasting durability.
- 2 INSULATION CORE**
High-density polyurethane insulation improves energy efficiency and reduces noise.
- 3 STEEL INTERIOR**
Interior steel layer adds structural integrity and a clean, finished look.
- 4 REINFORCED STILES**
Full-height steel stiles provide extra strength and a solid mounting surface for hardware.
- 5 BOTTOM WEATHER SEAL**
Durable seal helps keep out water, dirt, leaves, and drafts.



STEEL CONSTRUCTION

HEAVY-DUTY 2" GALVANIZED STEEL FOR STRENGTH AND DURABILITY.

REINFORCED HINGES

DESIGNED FOR SMOOTHER OPERATION AND LONGER LIFE.

POLYURETHANE INSULATION
INJECTED INSULATION BONDS TO THE STEEL
FOR MAXIMUM STRENGTH AND ENERGY
EFFICIENCY.

WEATHER SEAL

ALL AROUND AND BOTTOM WEATHER SEAL
TO KEEP THE ELEMENTS OUT

"THE STRONGEST GARAGE DOORS AREN'T DEFINED BY WHAT YOU SEE ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT BY THE QUALITY ENGINEERED INTO EVERY LAYER."
— DIRECT OVERHEAD DOORS DESIGN TEAM

CHOOSING THE RIGHT INSULATION

NOT EVERY GARAGE NEEDS THE SAME LEVEL OF INSULATION. UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES WILL HELP YOU CHOOSE THE RIGHT GARAGE DOOR FOR YOUR HOME, CLIMATE, AND LIFESTYLE.

NON-INSULATED



CONSTRUCTION

- Single steel layer
- No insulation

BENEFITS

- ✓ Lowest cost
- ✓ Lightweight

POLYSTYRENE INSULATED



CONSTRUCTION

- Steel exterior
- Polystyrene foam board
- Interior steel backing

BENEFITS

- ✓ Better energy efficiency
- ✓ Quieter operation
- ✓ Increased rigidity

POLYURETHANE INSULATED

★ OUR RECOMMENDATION



CONSTRUCTION

- Steel exterior
- Injected polyurethane foam
- Interior steel backing

BENEFITS

- ✓ Highest R-value
- ✓ Strongest construction
- ✓ Quietest operation
- ✓ Best energy efficiency

FEATURE	NON-INSULATED	POLYSTYRENE	POLYURETHANE
 ENERGY EFFICIENCY	★	★★★	★★★★★
 NOISE REDUCTION	★	★★★	★★★★★
 DOOR STRENGTH	★★	★★★	★★★★★
 COMFORT	★	★★★	★★★★★
 BEST VALUE	★★★	★★★★	★★★★★

WHICH ONE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?



NON-INSULATED

Ideal for:

- Detached garages
- Storage buildings
- Budget-conscious projects



POLYSTYRENE

Ideal for:

- Detached garages
- Mild climates
- Occasional workspace



POLYURETHANE

Ideal for:

- Attached garages
- Heated garages
- Homes with living space above
- Workshops & home gyms

"INSULATION ISN'T JUST ABOUT KEEPING YOUR GARAGE WARM. IT MAKES YOUR DOOR STRONGER, QUIETER, AND BUILT TO PERFORM FOR YEARS."

CHOOSING THE PERFECT COLOUR

The colour of your garage door has a bigger impact on your home's appearance than almost any other exterior upgrade. The right colour should complement your brick, stone, siding, roof, windows, and natural light—not simply stand out.



BLACK

Modern
Bold
Luxury

★★★★★



IRON ORE

Sophisticated
Designer Favourite
Warm Charcoal

★★★★★



CHARCOAL GREY

Contemporary
Versatile

★★★★★



WHITE

Bright
Classic
Clean

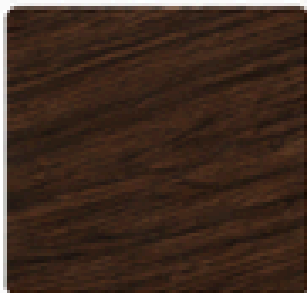
★★★★☆



SANDSTONE

Warm
Traditional
Timeless

★★★★★



WALNUT

Woodgrain
Luxury
Natural

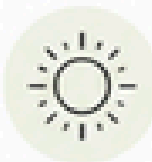
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DESIGNER TIPS



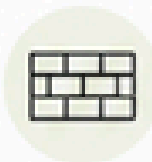
BLACK

- ✓ Best with black windows
- ✓ Contemporary homes
- ✓ Strong contrast



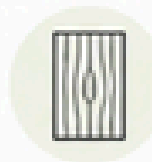
WHITE

- ✓ Brightens darker homes
- ✓ Traditional architecture
- ✓ Timeless appearance



SANDSTONE

- ✓ Complements warm brick
- ✓ Softens large facades
- ✓ Popular in established neighbourhoods



WALNUT

- ✓ Natural warmth
- ✓ Luxury custom homes
- ✓ Looks like real wood with less maintenance

“ Colour doesn’t change the quality of a garage door— but it completely changes the personality of your home. ”

— DIRECT OVERHEAD DOORS DESIGN TEAM

WHY COLOURS LOOK DIFFERENT ON EVERY HOME

The same colour can look completely different depending on the light, surroundings, and time of day. Understanding these factors help you choose a colour you'll love every day.

THE SAME COLOUR. DIFFERENT LIGHTING.

See how our Iron Ore garage door colour changes throughout the day on the exact same home.

MORNING
8AM

Looks lighter with more visible warm undertones

MIDDAY
12PM

True to colour and most accurate

AFTERNOON
4PM

Looks cooler and slightly deeper

SUNSET
7PM

Looks warmer with brown undertones

NIGHT
9PM

Looks much darker and more dramatic

WHY THE COLOUR ON YOUR HOME WILL BE UNIQUE

NATURAL LIGHT
Sunlight intensity and direction change how a colour looks throughout the day.

HOME EXPOSURE
North-facing homes appear cooler. South-facing homes look warmer and brighter.

BRICK & STONE UNDERTONES
Red, orange, grey or beige undertones in masonry can shift how a colour is perceived.

ROOF COLOUR
Dark roofs can make colours look darker. Light roofs can make colours look lighter.

WINDOW COLOUR
Black windows create contrast. White or tan windows create a softer look.

LANDSCAPING
Greenery, trees and surrounding landscape can add warmth or coolness to a colour.

DESIGNER TIP

- ✓ View colours at different times of day.
- ✓ Compare them against your brick, stone, siding, and roof.
- ✓ Look at the colour from both the street and your driveway.
- ✓ Remember that north-facing homes often appear cooler, while south-facing homes appear warmer.

BOTTOM LINE:

The best garage door colour isn't always the boldest—it's the one that feels like it was meant for your home.

OUR MOST POPULAR COLOURS

BLACK

IRON ORE

CHARCOAL GREY

WHITE

WALNUT

SANDSTONE

"Light changes everything. The right colour looks beautiful in every moment that matters."
— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

CHOOSING THE RIGHT WINDOW LAYOUT

Windows can completely transform the look of your garage door. The right layout enhances your home's architecture, adds natural light, and creates a balanced exterior design.



PREMIUM CONSTRUCTION



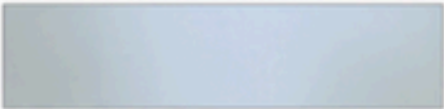
DOUBLE PANE THERMAL GLASS

All windows are constructed with double pane insulated glass for improved energy efficiency, durability and comfort.

YOUR STYLE, YOUR CHOICE



CLEAR



FROSTED



TINTED

Every window option, in any design or location, is available in clear, frosted or tinted glass.

It's your design—your playground.

KEEP IT CLEAN + SIMPLE



NO WINDOW OPTION

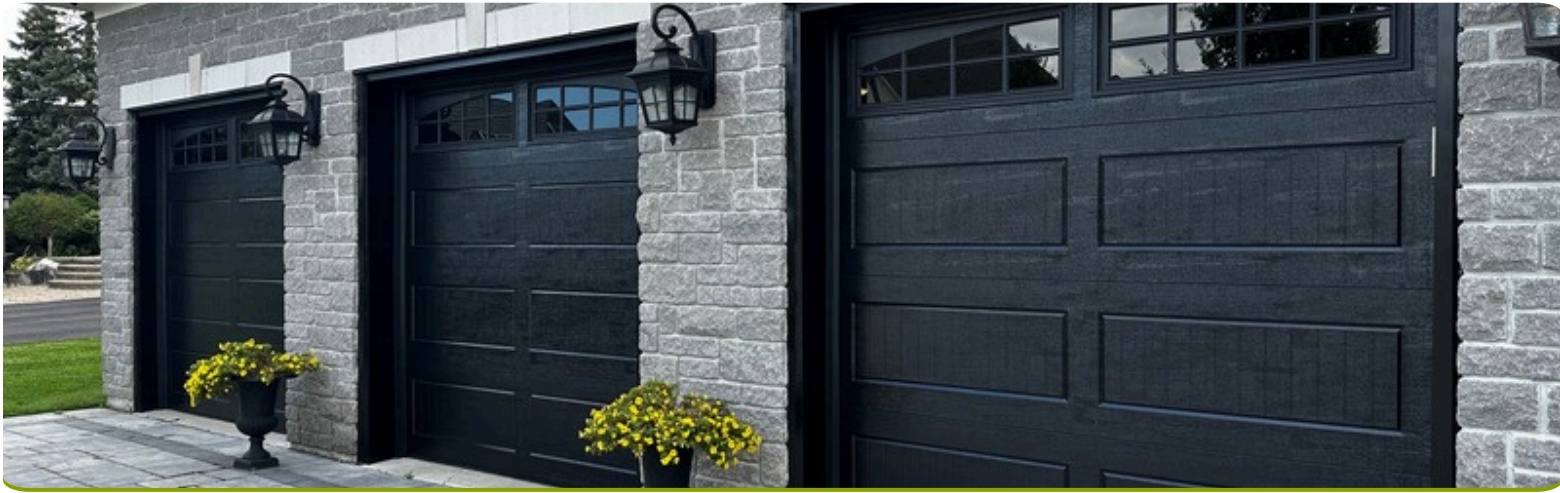
Prefer a sleek, modern or traditional look? Choose a no window design for a clean, timeless finish.

"Matching your garage door window shape with your home's existing windows creates a more balanced, higher-end appearance."

— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

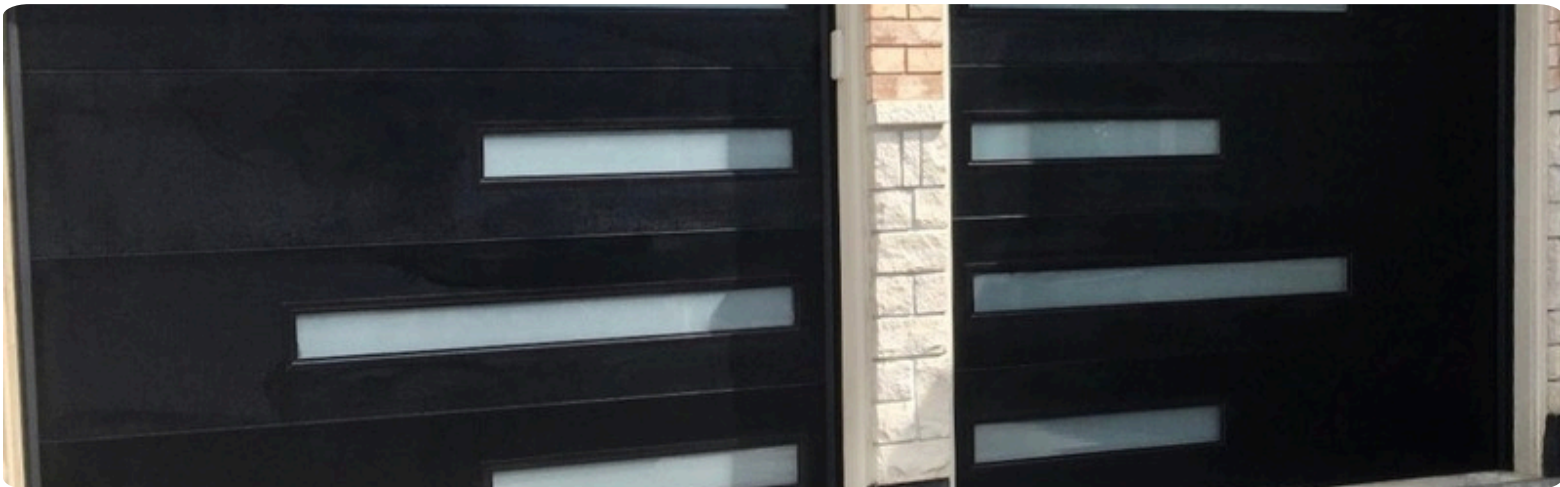
WINDOW LAYOUTS

The placement of your windows has just as much impact as the glass itself. Whether you're after a timeless horizontal top glass design or a modern centered narrow glass design, the right layout can completely transform your curb appeal.



TOP ROW

A traditional favourite that complements almost any home style. Placing windows across the top adds natural light while maintaining maximum privacy and creates a clean, symmetrical appearance.



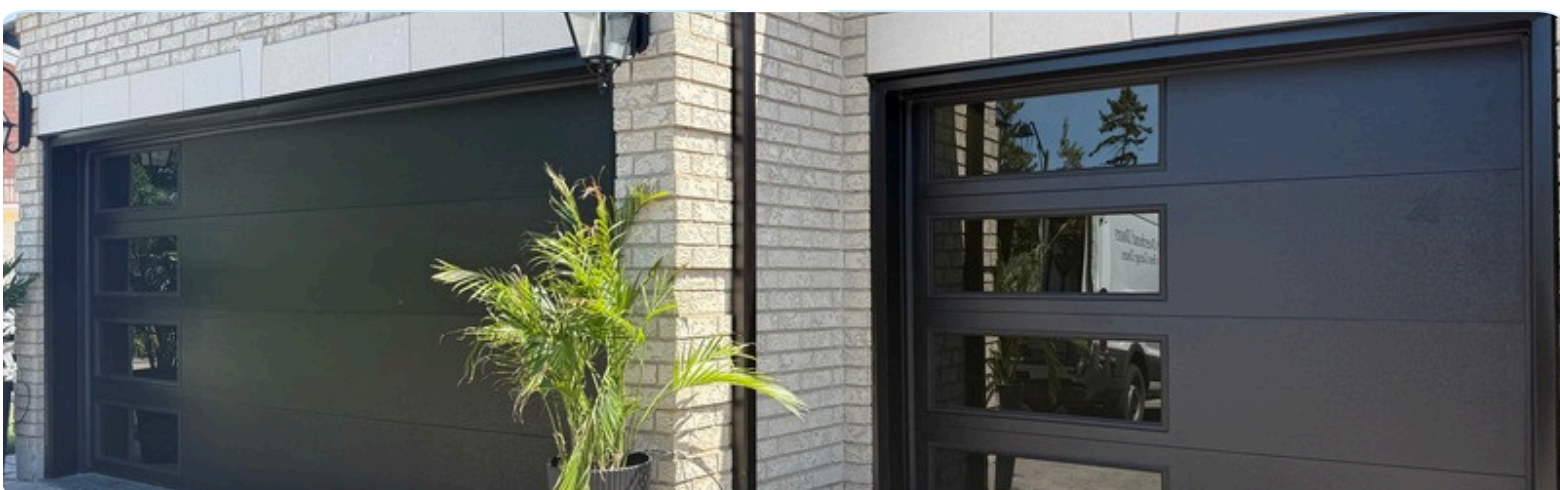
Staggered Narrow Windows

Slim horizontal windows create a sleek, contemporary look. Perfect for modern homes where clean lines and bold design are the focus.



Staggered Standard Windows

Larger staggered windows become a true architectural feature. Their asymmetrical layout adds personality and allows more natural light into the garage while making the door a focal point.



Vertical Windows

A striking design that instantly sets your home apart. Vertical windows emphasize height and pair beautifully with modern, contemporary, and luxury architecture.

DESIGN TIPS FROM OUR TEAM

The placement of your windows has just as much impact as the glass itself. Whether you're after a timeless horizontal top glass design or a modern centered narrow glass design, the right layout can completely transform your curb appeal.



- ✓ Match your garage door windows to your home's existing window shapes.
- ✓ Don't choose tinted glass simply because it looks darker—it changes dramatically depending on lighting.
- ✓ If privacy is important, frosted glass offers the perfect balance of light and privacy.
- ✓ Horizontal windows visually widen your home.
- ✓ Vertical windows make garage doors appear taller.
- ✓ Less is often more. One well-designed row of windows can be more elegant than multiple rows.
- ✓ Window placement should complement—not compete with—your front entry door.
- ✓ When in doubt, we'll mock up several designs before you decide.

"The best garage door design doesn't steal attention, it completes the home. Sometimes that's a beautifully balanced row of windows. Sometimes it's no windows at all. The goal is never to follow trends, but to create a design that feels like it was always meant to be there."

— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

CHOOSING THE RIGHT GLASS

The same window layout can create three completely different looks depending on the glass you choose. Privacy, natural light, curb appeal, and even the colour of your garage door all play a role.



CLEAR GLASS

Homes with beautiful garages
Workshops
Maximum natural light

- ✓ Brightest option
- ✓ Shows off the garage interior
- ✓ Timeless appearance



FROSTED GLASS

Modern homes
Privacy without sacrificing daylight

- ✓ Lets light in
- ✓ Hides garage contents
- ✓ Clean, contemporary appearance



TINTED GLASS

Black and Iron Ore doors
Luxury modern homes
South-facing homes

- ✓ Premium appearance
- ✓ Reduces glare
- ✓ Adds privacy during the day

"Glass changes the personality of a garage door just as much as the window design itself. We almost always encourage homeowners to choose the window layout first, then select the glass that best fits the way they live."

DECORATIVE WINDOW DESIGNS

Window inserts add character and personality while helping tie your garage door into your home's architectural style. Whether you prefer timeless elegance or modern simplicity, the right insert can completely transform the look of your door.



ARCH STOCKBRIDGE

Classic arched windows that beautifully complement traditional and carriage-style homes.



MISSION

A clean, understated design perfect for modern and transitional homes.



STOCKBRIDGE

A timeless divided-lite pattern that adds charm without overpowering the door.



WATERTON

Decorative geometric details create a custom, upscale appearance.



ARCH STOCKTON

Elegant arched grids that pair beautifully with homes featuring curved architectural details.



FROSTED

Provides natural light while maintaining excellent privacy.



STOCKTON

A classic window style that never goes out of fashion and suits almost any home.



CLEAR

Maximizes daylight and showcases the beauty of your garage interior.



SUNBURST

A decorative carriage-house design that adds character and curb appeal.



TINTED

Creates a sleek, contemporary look with added daytime privacy.



CASCADE

A traditional grid pattern with extra architectural detail for added visual interest.

"Window inserts are the finishing touch. They don't need to stand out—they should feel like they were always part of your home's design. When your garage door echoes the style of your windows and entry door, everything comes together beautifully."

— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

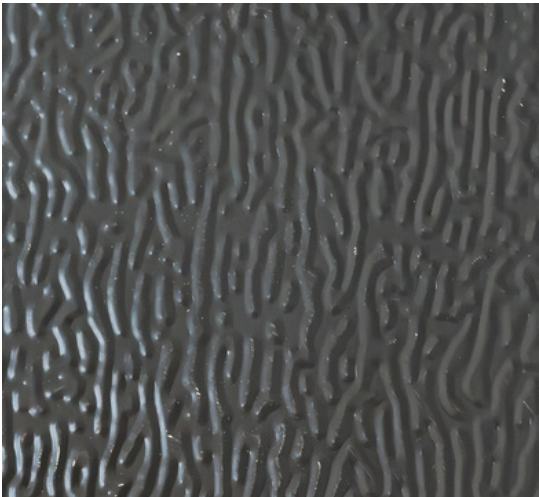
GARAGE DOOR COLOURS

LIFTERTEC

Every manufacturer offers its own unique colour collection. While not every style is available in every colour, these are the standard finishes available from our trusted suppliers.



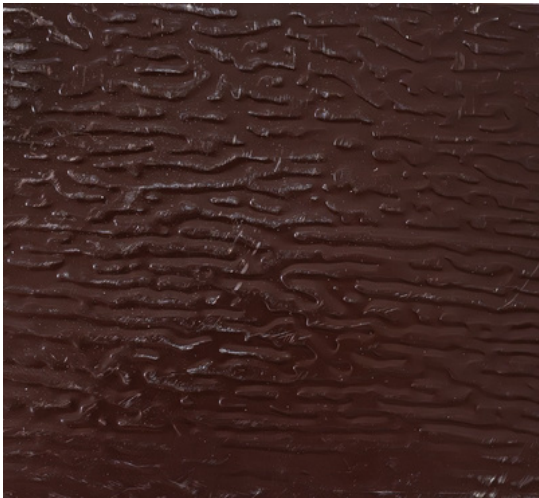
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Iron Ore



Black



Dark Brown



Walnut



Frosted Black



Sandstone



Magnetite Iron Ore



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GARAGE DOOR COLOURS

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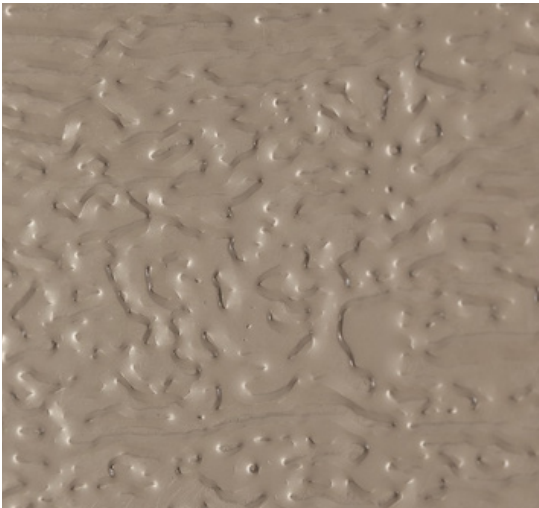
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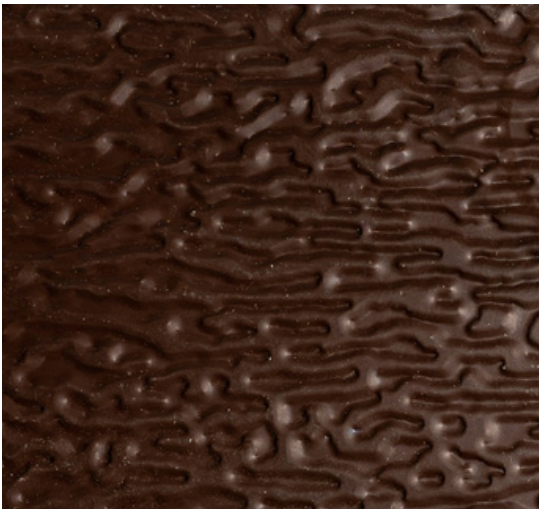
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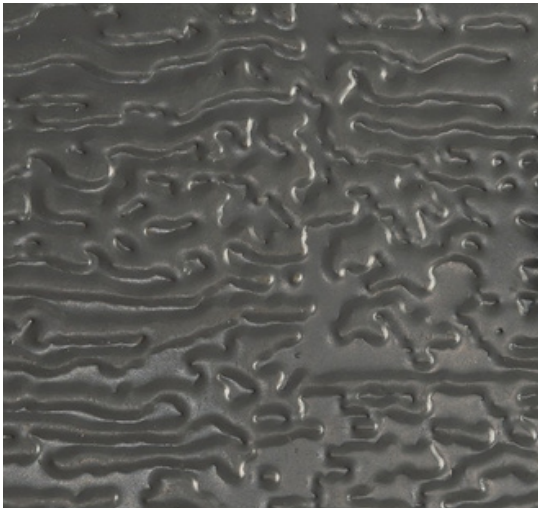
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CH Brown



Chocolate Brown



Charcoal



Dark Grey



Black

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GARAGE DOOR COLOURS

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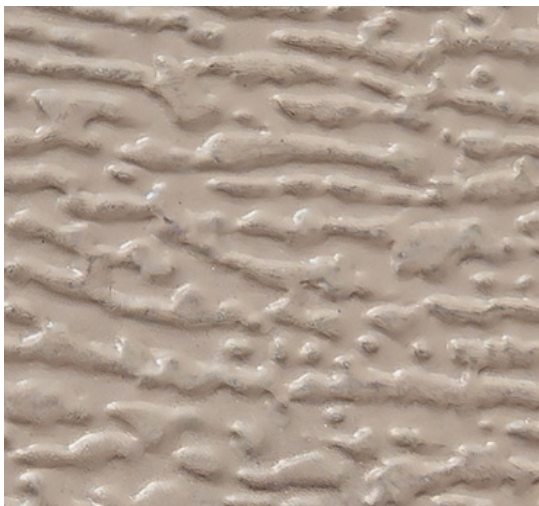
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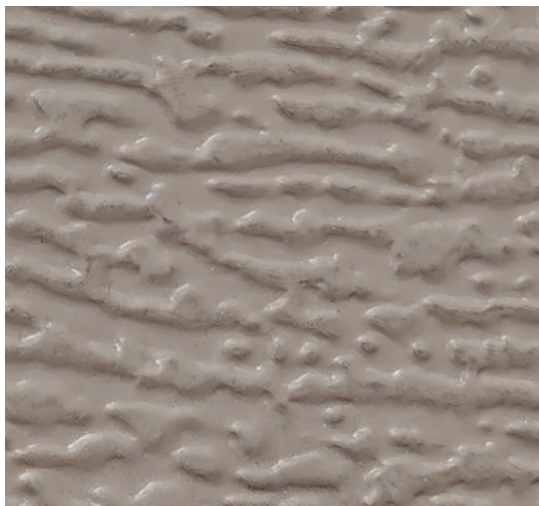
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Bronze



Almond



Sandstone

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GARAGE DOOR COLOURS

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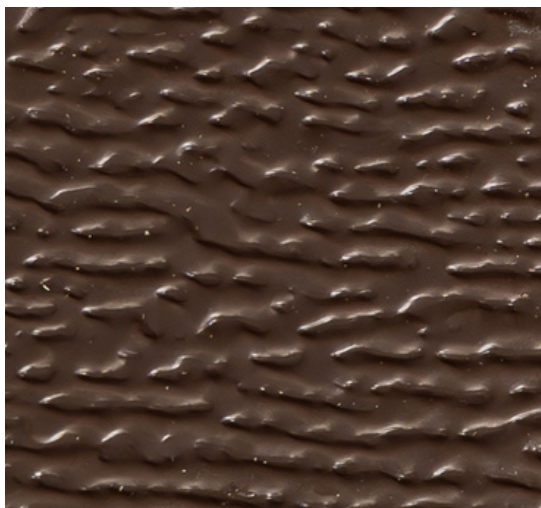
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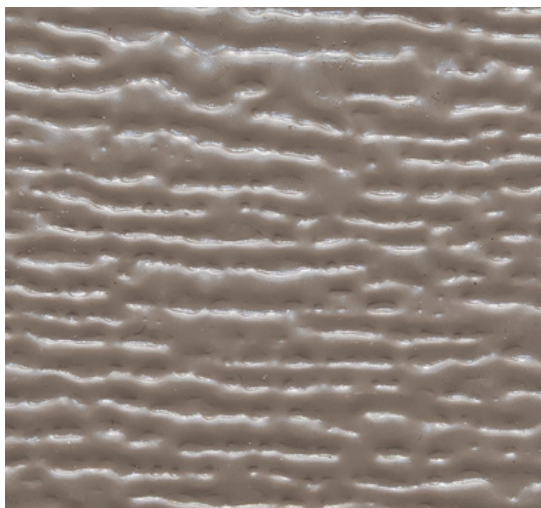
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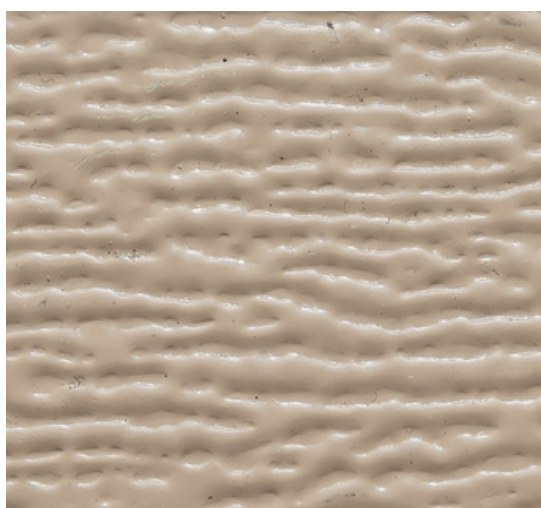
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Dark Brown



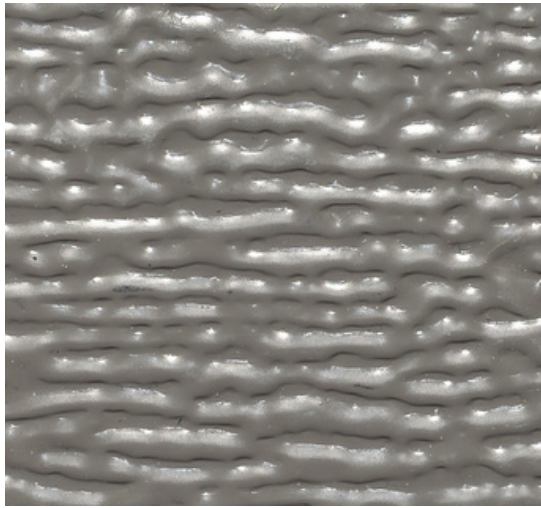
Terratone



Sandstone



Black



Charcoal Gray

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Cedar



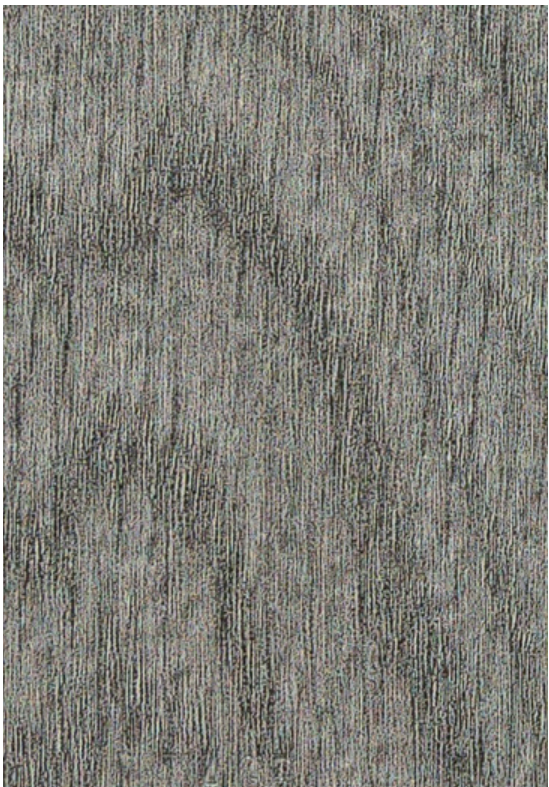
Golden Oak



Walnut



Mahogany



Aspen Gray



Weathered Gray

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GARAGE DOOR FINISHES

From realistic woodgrain textures to smooth contemporary finishes, the finish you choose plays a major role in the overall look and feel of your garage door.



WOODGRAIN

NATURAL TEXTURE THAT MIMICS THE LOOK OF REAL WOOD WHILE OFFERING THE DURABILITY AND LOW MAINTENANCE OF STEEL.



SMOOTH (FLAT)

A SLEEK, CLEAN FINISH THAT'S PERFECT FOR CONTEMPORARY AND MODERN HOMES.



WOODTONE FINISHES

AVAILABLE IN REALISTIC COLOURS LIKE WALNUT AND OTHER STAINED WOOD LOOKS FOR THE BEAUTY OF WOOD WITHOUT THE UPKEEP.

"The finish is just as important as the colour. A black woodgrain door creates a very different impression than a black smooth door, even though they're the same colour."

— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

CHOOSING GARAGE DOOR OPENERS

A garage door opener does far more than simply open and close your door. The right opener can make your garage quieter, safer, smarter, and more convenient for everyday life.

BELT DRIVE

- ✓ ULTRA QUIET
- ✓ SMOOTH OPERATION
- ✓ IDEAL FOR BEDROOMS ABOVE THE GARAGE

BEST FOR
ATTACHED GARAGES
DAILY FAMILY USE
QUIET OPERATION



WALL MOUNT (JACKSHAFT)

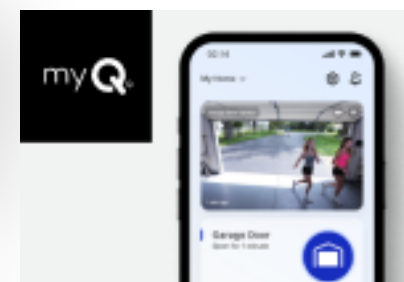
- ✓ FREES UP CEILING SPACE
- ✓ CLEAN, MODERN INSTALLATION
- ✓ GREAT FOR HIGH CEILINGS

BEST FOR
HIGH LIFT DOORS
FINISHED GARAGES
GOLF SIMULATORS
EXTRA CEILING STORAGE



SMART FEATURES

- ✓ SMARTPHONE CONTROL
- ✓ BATTERY BACKUP
- ✓ BUILT-IN LED LIGHTING
- ✓ SECURE ROLLING-CODE TECHNOLOGY
- ✓ OPTIONAL INTEGRATED CAMERA
- ✓ AMAZON KEY COMPATIBILITY



PRO TIP
IF YOUR GARAGE IS ATTACHED
TO YOUR HOME OR THERE'S A
BEDROOM ABOVE IT, INVEST IN
A BELT-DRIVE OPENER.

"A beautiful garage door deserves an opener that performs just as well. We recommend choosing an opener based not only on horsepower, but on how you use your garage every day."

— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

TRACK CONFIGURATIONS

The right track system is determined by your garage—not your garage door. Ceiling height and available overhead space determine which track configuration is required for safe, reliable operation.

STANDARD TRACKS

- ✓ MOST COMMON INSTALLATION
- ✓ COST-EFFECTIVE
- ✓ WORKS IN THE MAJORITY OF HOMES

BEST FOR
MOST RESIDENTIAL HOMES
STANDARD CEILING HEIGHTS
EVERYDAY GARAGE USE



LOW HEADROOM

- ✓ DESIGNED FOR TIGHT SPACES
- ✓ MAINTAINS SMOOTH DOOR OPERATION
- ✓ GREAT WHERE EVERY INCH COUNTS

BEST FOR
RENOVATIONS
OLDER HOMES
LIMITED OVERHEAD CLEARANCE



HIGH LIFT

- ✓ MAXIMIZES USABLE GARAGE SPACE
- ✓ RAISES THE DOOR HIGHER BEFORE TURNING
- ✓ PREMIUM SOLUTION FOR SPECIALTY GARAGES

BEST FOR
HIGH CEILINGS
GOLF SIMULATORS
VEHICLE LIFTS
EXTRA OVERHEAD STORAGE



PRO TIP

When requesting a quote, stand inside your garage and take one photo showing:

- ✓ The garage door
- ✓ The ceiling above it
- ✓ Your garage door opener
- ✓ Any shelving, ductwork or obstacles

This helps us determine whether your garage requires Standard Lift, Low Headroom, or High Lift tracks before we even visit your home.

"The garage door gets all the attention—but the track system is what makes it operate safely, smoothly, and efficiently. Choosing the right configuration ensures your door performs its best for years to come."

— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

MAINTENANCE

A quality garage door requires very little maintenance. A few simple steps each year will keep your door operating smoothly, looking great, and performing for decades.



ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

- ✓ LUBRICATE ROLLERS, HINGES AND SPRINGS
- ✓ WASH THE DOOR WITH MILD SOAP AND WATER
- ✓ INSPECT WEATHER STRIPPING
- ✓ TEST DOOR BALANCE
- ✓ LISTEN FOR UNUSUAL NOISES
- ✓ SCHEDULE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IF NEEDED

AVOID THESE COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ PRESSURE WASHING THE DOOR
- ✗ GREASING THE TRACKS
- ✗ IGNORING NOISY ROLLERS
- ✗ PAINTING WEATHER SEALS
- ✗ ATTEMPTING SPRING REPAIRS YOURSELF

"Your garage door is one of the hardest-working parts of your home. Just a few minutes of maintenance each year can help it perform beautifully for decades."
— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

WARRANTY & PEACE OF MIND

A new garage door is a long-term investment. That's why we work with trusted manufacturers and stand behind every installation with professional workmanship and ongoing support.



WE'D RATHER EXPLAIN A WARRANTY HONESTLY THAN OVERSELL ONE YOU'LL NEVER NEED TO USE.

MANUFACTURER WARRANTY

Your garage door, hardware, springs, and opener are backed by manufacturer warranties that vary by product line. We help you choose products that offer long-term performance and dependable coverage. Typically up to 10-year warranty on paint and finish (excluding normal wear and tear) 1-year warranty on weatherstripping and bottom rubber

PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION

A great warranty starts with a great installation. Our experienced installers ensure your garage door is properly balanced, adjusted, and operating safely from day one. We stand behind our work with a full 1-year workmanship warranty, ensuring your installation is done right the first time.

WE'RE HERE AFTER THE INSTALL

Questions don't stop once your garage door is installed, and neither do we. Whether you need an adjustment, service, or simply have a question, we're only a phone call away. Call us anytime we've been around for +26 years and here to help- with over 800 -5 star reviews.

READ BEYOND "LIFETIME"

The word lifetime sounds reassuring—but every warranty has terms and conditions. We take the time to explain what your warranty covers, what's excluded, and what you can realistically expect for years to come.

UNDERSTANDING WARRANTIES

Many garage door manufacturers offer lifetime warranties on select components, but those warranties often don't include labour, installation, adjustments, service visits, or wear-and-tear items. Understanding the difference helps you make a more informed investment.

"The best warranty isn't the one with the biggest headline—it's the one you fully understand. We believe homeowners deserve honest conversations about what's covered, what's not, and the support they'll receive long after installation."

— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

WHY HOMEOWNERS CHOOSE DIRECT OVERHEAD DOORS

Choosing the right garage door is only half the decision. Choosing the right company ensures it's installed correctly, performs reliably, and is supported for years to come.



🏆 26+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

Family-owned and proudly serving the GTA for over two decades.

★ 800+ FIVE-STAR REVIEWS

One of Ontario's highest-rated garage door companies.

☎ SERVICE AFTER THE SALE

We're still here long after installation day.

🎨 DESIGN GUIDANCE

Helping homeowners choose doors that truly fit their home; not just what's popular.

🔧 PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION

Installed correctly, balanced properly, and built to last.

❤ NO PRESSURE

Helpful advice, honest recommendations, and transparent pricing.

"A garage door is something you'll see every day for the next 20 years. That's why we believe choosing the right company is every bit as important as choosing the right door."

— Direct Overhead Doors Design Team

BEFORE YOU REQUEST A QUOTE

A few photos and measurements can save time, improve accuracy, and help us recommend the best garage door for your home; all before we even visit.



 PHOTOS THAT HELP

- ✓ Stand outside your home
Take one full photo showing the entire front of the house.
- ✓ Stand inside the garage with the garage door closed. Capture the tracks, ceiling, opener, and the space above the door.
- ✓ Close-up of any concerns
Include damaged panels, broken springs, or other issues if you're requesting a repair.

 Measurements That Help

- ✓ Door Width
 - ✓ Door Height
 - ✓ Ceiling Height (if known)
 - ✓ Headroom above the opening (if known)
 - ✓ Left & Right Side Room (optional)
- Don't worry if you can't measure everything we can help.

Things We'll Ask

-  Garage Door Size?
-  How many doors?
-  New colour or same colour?
-  Need a new opener?
-  Want insulation?
-  Windows or no windows? If yes how many?

 1. SEND PHOTOS →  2. REVIEW OPTIONS →  3. RECEIVE YOUR QUOTE →  4. SCHEDULE INSTALLATION

"The best quotes aren't based on guesswork. The more we know about your home and how you use your garage, the better we can tailor a solution that's right for you."
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THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to explore our Garage Door Design Guide. We hope it has helped you better understand your options and inspired you to choose a garage door you'll love every time you pull into your driveway.



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