



Building On Beauty & Durability

"I love my First United Door Technologies Adobe garage door with Stockton Lite windows. I searched for two years trying to find a really good-looking, well designed, rugged door and I finally found it".

"It was installed last February and now, eleven months later, neighbors, architects and gawkers have all asked about it. Here in cold, snowy Traverse City, it works well even at 12 degree Fahrenheit. Plus, it is much more handsome than I am! It was definitely my best purchase of the year."

- David G. Williams
Producer WPBN-TV
Traverse City, MI

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Listed below are the most commonly asked questions and answers about garage doors.

Q Why should I use a professional installer?

A The installation of a garage door is not a do-it-yourself job. A garage door is the largest moving object in your home and because of the large number of small parts; its installation is highly technical. Connecting the springs can be particularly dangerous and proper installation is critical to the performance of your door. One of the other services a professional installer can provide is the disposal of your old door, if you are replacing a door. Professional installers can typically install a door in a few hours and are careful to make sure safety requirements are met. Installations by most homeowners typically span several days and cause much frustration. In addition, incorrect installation can void certain warranties, so we recommend a professional handle the job for you.

Q Why should I choose an insulated door if my garage is uninsulated?

A A garage door opening is a very large hole in your garage. Insulated doors will help to reduce the amount of outside temperatures that enters your garage, thus keeping it more comfortable for you.

This is important for a number of reasons:

- 1) If your garage is attached to your home, any air in the garage can travel through the doorway to your living area.
- 2) If your garage is below another room in your home, air can travel through the ceiling of the garage into the floor of the room above. An insulated door will keep temperatures in the garage fairly stable to reduce the temperature fluctuation in the room.
- 3) An insulated door is generally quieter and has a more attractive interior than an uninsulated door.

Q What are the benefits of a steel door over a wood door?

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- 1) Steel doors are low maintenance. Typically a wood door needs to be painted as frequently as the wood trim on your home due to weathering.
 - 2) Steel doors can be insulated, making them far more energy efficient than wood.

Q Why is quality so important, aren't all doors made the same?

A Due to size and the frequency a garage door is used (often used more frequently than the entrance door), it is important to purchase a door that is attractive and has options that can accent your home however more importantly a garage door should provide durability, security, insulation value, and be safe to operate year-in, year-out. While inexpensive non-insulated, or partially insulated doors may look good from the outside they can wear quickly, become a safety hazard, and ultimately will not provide the key benefits of durability, security or insulation value.

Q How do I know what door size is required?

A On residential doors the door size is the same as the finished opening (width x height)