

How to Measure Your Garage

It's vital to measure the garage well before you order a new door panel. It will be critical if you decide to change the garage door type and switch from an **overhead door** to swing hung doors. In this case, you must wonder whether there is enough space in front of the garage for the door to move since it opens outwards. Such precaution steps during **garage door replacement** are not details but important parameters that will determine whether you'll order the right door and whether it will fit fine in your place. For this reason, you must measure well and be very accurate and double check by measuring once more.

Attention: it's important to remember that the space at your garage will also determine the springs you must get and also the type of the door. If the space is not sufficient, **Garage Door Repair Arlington Heights** suggests making some adjustments.

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- The most important thing is to measure the dimension of the opening. It will determine the size of the door. You must write down the height and width.
- Then you must measure the headroom. This is the space between the head jamb and the lowest part of the ceiling. For average doors, the space must be approximately 12" for regular torsion and **extension garage door springs**. If the space is less than 10", you will need to make adjustments by ordering special hardware.
- Measure the side room. This is the space at the side parts of the door jamb towards the wall or other obstructions. It must measure approximately 3 to ¾" in order to fit the vertical **garage door tracks**. You will need some space even if you install a roll up door. If there is no space, you can create some with timber posts.
- Lastly, you must measure the backroom. This is the space from the opening till the rear wall of the garage. This is extremely important for garage doors, which extend all the way across the ceiling as they are opening up. So, the backroom must measure the height of the door plus 18" more.

Note

- The above measurements are approximate and it will depend basically from the type of the garage door.
- Depending on which door type you choose you might be called to measure other parts at the outer space of the garage area. Since each garage door type opens differently, you must make sure there is space in the driveway for those opening outwards – like swing hung doors. The up-and-over doors will still need some space in front of the garage. Although new materials and tracks are flexible and can bend in corners, you will still have to be accurate with your measurements at the two sides of the outer part of the property if you want sliding doors.
- It will make a difference to the space required for the headroom if you have a manual or electric garage door. Though, BE CAREFUL! People change opinions over the years. Even if you install manual doors today, you might decide to install an **electric garage door opener** in a few years. If you want to avoid the replacement of

the door, you must make sure there is room in the ceiling for the opener. Also consider that today there are also wall mounted openers on the market.

- Take into consideration any future constructions and complete them before you replace the door.
- Consider the size of your car. It must fit in terms of width and height of the garage door and the requirements might change.

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