

## The right way to measure your garage door

When you decide to re-do your garage door, you need to make sure you have all the information about the contractor you are hiring. Your contractor will ask you a lot of questions about the garage door before he can give you a possible quote for the job. So, you should know the basics of re-doing a garage door.

To start with here are some basic tips on how to measure a common garage door.

1. It is best to measure the height of the garage door from its highest point rather than from a random point. The highest point of a door will be the distance from the top finished point to the floor.
2. The same rule applies when you are measuring its width, you should measure the widest distance from left to right.
3. It is important to measure the width of the extra spaces beside the openings. Ideally, it should not be less than 5" on each side. And 10" in case of a 2-door system.
4. Check the headroom space to know the right measurements.
5. It is important to note the distance between the nearest obstruction at the back of the door. It needs to be done for sectional doors and doors with manual lifts.

Some important additional measuring tips to remember.

- Make sure to make a note of all the electrical circuits or outlets near the door.
- Pinpoint lights near the door.
- Ensure the wood jambs are in perfect condition.
- The header needs to be stable.
- Mark the pipes and water outlets if any nearby.
- Check the floor level.