

ask the expert

QUINTANA GARAGE DOORS

making sense of an everyday item

Rene Quintana has been working in the garage door industry since 1988. He started Quintana Garage Doors in June 2019. Rene and his teammate work on garage doors and operators, doing repair and installation on residential and commercial jobs. They are licensed and bonded.

What's the best kind of garage door opener? Chain drive or belt drive? Chain drive garage door openers use a metal chain to open the garage door. These are widely used since they are affordable and easily available. They work by moving gears and metal parts together using a chain running assembly unit attached to tension springs which lift the garage door up and down.

Belt drive garage openers use a rubber belt to open the garage door. Like a chain drive, the belt drive operates by moving the rubber belt. The rubber belt is used to slide the trolley when the door is triggered to open or close the door.

Chain drive garage door openers are less expensive and easy to find. Belt drives tend to be more expensive, but are going to last a long time. Belt drives have a long-lasting shelf life since the trolley is used to move the rubber belt up and down. Chain drives are not long-lasting because the friction of metal on metal wears the parts down quicker.

Chain drives are stronger; they can lift more than the belt drive. This makes them the choice for moving heavier doors. A belt drive may have trouble lifting garage doors made from heavy wood, two- or three-car garage doors and anything that's heavier for the recommended weight.

Belt drives are much quieter and are faster.

It comes down to this: Unless you're getting a really heavy door, go with the belt drive. It'll cost maybe \$30 more and we can help you find the right one for you in your price range.

What's the best garage door? The best residential garage door matches your home's value and design. We recommend that you look for a door that meets your climate needs, matches your home's value and design and has a warranty.

Basic: \$250-\$1,000. Off-the-shelf premade doors with little or no windows and generally made from steel, uninsulated.

Mid-Range: \$800-\$2,500. A little higher quality and often insulated. Some moderate design elements available. Made from a variety of materials including glass, wood, fiberglass and steel.

High-End: \$1,500-\$10,000. Often highly customized with solid or faux wood construction. They're almost always insulated and come in a variety of styles from roll-up, tilt-up and carriage.

How often should I service my door? Service it every three to four months by making sure the tracks are lubricated. At a minimum, you should do this twice a year, especially with how dry it is here. Adjustments should be done by a qualified professional once every one to two years, and we are here for you should you have any troubles.



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