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BEHIND THE GLASS: THE WINDOW MISTAKE YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE

WHAT MOST WINDOW COMPANIES WON'T TELL YOU

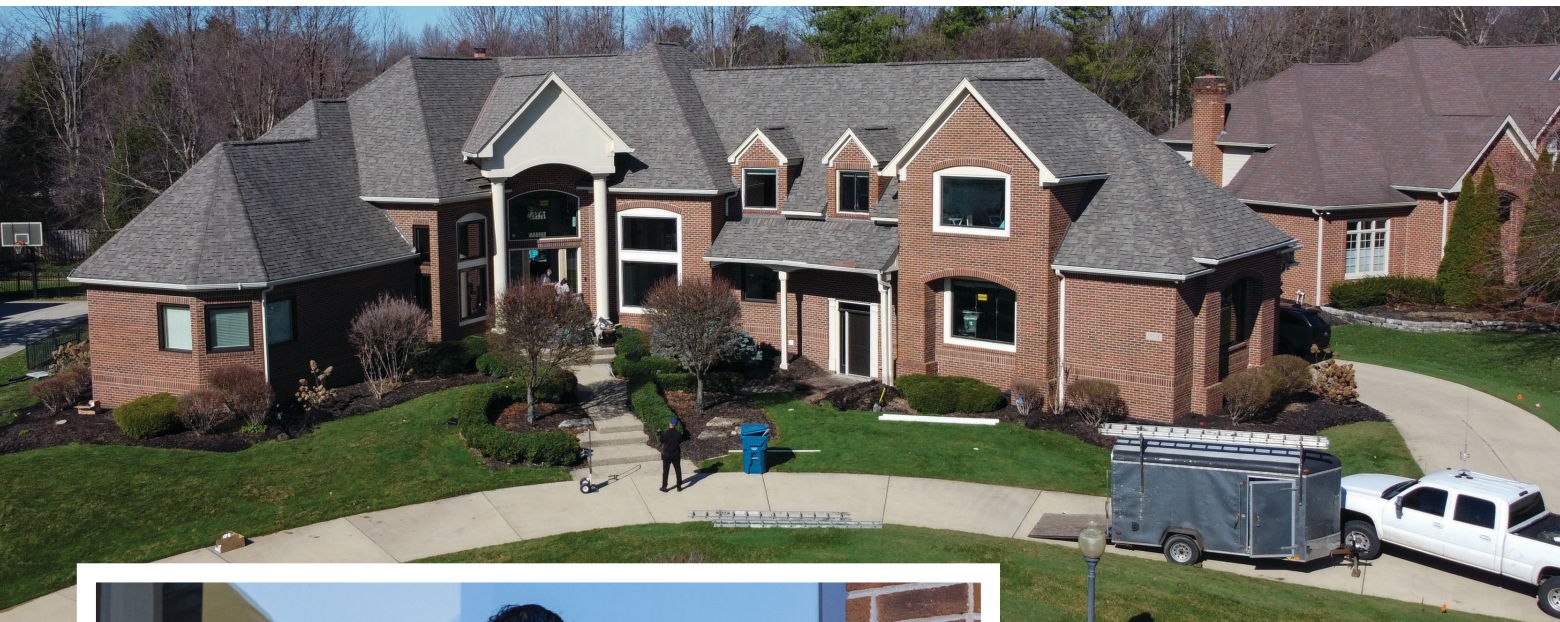
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A modern living room with large black-framed windows. The room features a light gray tufted sofa with patterned pillows, a white ribbed armchair with a pinkish pillow, and a brown leather ottoman. A white lamp sits on a side table between the windows. The floor has a black and white checkered pattern. The text 'FACTORY DIRECT' is overlaid in large white letters at the top.

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DONT MAKE THE WINDOW MISTAKE

10 THINGS WINDOW COMPANIES DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW AND
HOW FACTORY DIRECT IS CHANGING EVERYTHING



1. WINDOW PRICING IS ENGINEERED — NOT HONEST

Behind the scenes, most windows pass through multiple layers — manufacturer, distributor or dealer, and commissioned salesperson — each adding markup. By the time it reaches the homeowner, the price is often inflated by thousands. Factory Direct removes those layers entirely, meaning you are not paying for a system of markups — you are paying only for professional installation.

There's a moment every homeowner reaches. Maybe it's the cold draft that never goes away, the energy bills that keep climbing, or simply the realization that your windows no longer open or close properly. And then comes the decision.

But what most homeowners don't realize until it's too late is this: Buying windows can feel worse than buying a timeshare. The long, uncomfortable in-home presentations, the "today-only" pricing, the pressure to commit before you've had time to think about it — it's not an accident. It's a system designed to close deals, not to help homeowners get the best price or a true return on their investment. And for decades, it worked.

Until Factory Direct decided to do something different.

Most companies start with a product, but

Factory Direct started with a question: What would be the best possible outcome for the homeowner? That single shift changed everything — and it still does. Since 1991, Factory Direct has built a model centered on transparency, flexibility and measurable value, serving homeowners across Carmel, Fishers, Indianapolis and beyond with a level of consistency rarely seen in the industry. They don't approach projects with a long, drawn-out sales pitch — they approach them with clarity, giving homeowners the information, access and confidence to make the right decision without pressure, often in less than 20 minutes.

What they uncovered — and what most companies hope you never fully understand — are 10 truths that fundamentally change how windows should be purchased:

2. HIGH-PRESSURE SALES ISN'T AN ACCIDENT

Those two- to three-hour appointments are intentionally designed to wear homeowners down until a decision is made. Factory Direct replaced that model with something radically simple: Clear, straightforward estimates in about 20 minutes, with no obligation, no sales tactics and no pressure.

3. "TODAY-ONLY" PRICING IS A TACTIC

If a price disappears tomorrow, what else will you have to deal with later? Factory Direct pricing is structured, consistent and transparent because real value doesn't require urgency.

4. MOST COMPANIES DON'T WANT YOU ASKING QUESTIONS

Calling manufacturers or verifying sourcing



exposes margins and pricing structures. Factory Direct encourages it, inviting homeowners to research, verify and compare because they have nothing to hide.

5. INSTALLATION MATTERS MORE THAN THE WINDOW

Even the most expensive, highest-performing window will fail if installed incorrectly. That is why Factory Direct uses AAMA factory-certified master installers who are actual employees — not subcontractors — ensuring precision, accountability and consistency on every project.

6. CHOICE IS POWER

Many companies limit you to one brand or one product line because it benefits them. Factory Direct gives homeowners access to more than 25 manufacturers, including Marvin, Pella, Andersen and ProVia, offering hundreds of configurations so each home can be matched to the right solution.

7. ENERGY EFFICIENCY IS OFTEN MISREPRESENTED

Terms like U-factor and solar heat gain coefficient are frequently used but rarely explained, and many companies rely on misleading center-of-glass ratings instead of full-unit performance. Factory Direct focuses on NFRC-certified ratings that evaluate the entire window system, ensuring homeowners understand true efficiency — not marketing language.

8. HOMEOWNERS OVERPAY — EVERY DAY

This is the reality few talk about. Many customers later realize they could have saved thousands had they compared differently. Factory Direct consistently outperforms competitor pricing by 10% to 60%, with many homeowners saving an average of about \$700 per window on the exact same make, model and option packages.

9. CONFUSION IS BUILT INTO THE INDUSTRY

Different specifications, terminology and pricing structures are designed to





overwhelm the homeowner, making it nearly impossible to compare options. Factory Direct simplifies the process into clear, apples-to-apples comparisons so decisions can be made with confidence.

10. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY THE GAME

Homeowners don't want pressure, confusion or inflated pricing — there's a better, smarter way to approach window replacement.

What most homeowners don't realize is that the window itself is only one part of the equation. Long-term performance depends on installation quality, professional-grade materials, true full-unit performance ratings and a realistic return on investment. Factory Direct prioritizes high-performance materials — featuring 50-year silicone sealants, precision-applied polyurethane insulation and custom-formed exterior trim systems engineered for long-term durability — backed by a true nonprorated, transferable lifetime warranty with 30 years of manufacturer coverage. When installed correctly with these materials, windows don't just look better — they perform

better, reduce energy costs and increase overall home value.

In fact, a properly executed window replacement can reach a full return on investment within eight years when factoring in energy savings, comfort and increased property value. Miss any of these components, and even a “premium” window can become a long-term problem.

What ultimately separates Factory Direct is not one feature, but the entire system working together: factory-direct pricing, access to more than 25 manufacturers, AAMA-certified master installers and award-winning service — including multiple Angi Super Service Awards and longstanding BBB recognition. All of it is delivered through a no-pressure, homeowner-first experience.

Homeowners are not left guessing what happens behind the scenes — they can see real installations, understand the process and know exactly what to expect before the project begins. That level of openness is rare — and it is intentional.

After more than 35 years in business,

Factory Direct has proven something most companies never will: When you remove pressure, eliminate unnecessary markup and prioritize the homeowner, the right decision becomes obvious.

Replacing your windows should not feel like a negotiation. It should not feel like a risk. It should feel like what it truly is — an investment in your home, done the right way.

Before you sign anything, before you sit through another presentation, and before you make a decision, ask yourself one question:

Are you making the window mistake — or avoiding it?



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