



Choosing the right exterior door and frame unit enhances your home's aesthetics, security, and energy efficiency. This guide from West Michigan Doors and Closets provides essential factors to consider, options, and general costs, including professional sales, certified installation, and factory finishing in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

## Factors to Consider

### Material

- **Wood:** Classic, customizable, requires maintenance.
- **Fiberglass:** Durable, energy-efficient, low-maintenance.
- **Steel:** Strong, secure, insulated, can dent.

### Style

- **Panel Doors:** Traditional design.
- **Glass Doors:** Full, half, or decorative glass.
- **Dutch Doors:** Top half opens separately.
- **French Doors:** Double doors with glass panels.

### Security Features

- **Deadbolt Locks:** High-quality locks.
- **Reinforced Frames:** Added strength.
- **Security Glass:** Laminated or tempered.

### Energy Efficiency

- **Insulation:** Foam cores for better performance.
- **Weatherstripping:** Seals gaps and prevents drafts.
- **Energy Star:** Certified for efficiency.

### Size and Configuration

- **Standard Sizes:** 30, 32, 34, 36 inches wide by 80 inches tall.
- **Custom Sizes:** For unique openings.

### Sidelights and Transoms

- **Sidelights:** Windows beside the door.
- **Transoms:** Windows above the door.



## Options and General Costs

### Wood Doors - (including frame and certified installation)

- **Basic:** \$1,200 - \$1,800
- **Mid-Range:** \$1,800 - \$2,800
- **High-End:** \$2,800 - \$5,500+

### Fiberglass Doors - (including frame and certified installation)

- **Basic:** \$1,000 - \$1,500
- **Mid-Range:** \$1,500 - \$2,500
- **High-End:** \$2,500 - \$4,000+

### Steel Doors - (including frame and certified installation)

- **Basic:** \$800 - \$1,200
- **Mid-Range:** \$1,200 - \$2,000
- **High-End:** \$2,000 - \$3,500+

### Aluminum Doors

- **Basic:** \$1,000 - \$1,500
- **Mid-Range:** \$1,500 - \$2,500
- **High-End:** \$2,500 - \$4,000+

### Sidelights and Transoms

- **Sidelights:**
  - **Single Sidelight:** \$600 - \$1,200 (including installation)
  - **Double Sidelights:** \$1,200 - \$2,400 (including installation)
- **Transoms:**
  - **Basic:** \$500 - \$1,000 (including installation)
  - **Decorative/Custom:** \$1,000 - \$2,500+ (including installation)

### Installation Costs in Grand Rapids, Michigan

- **Basic Installation:** \$500 - \$800
- **Complex Installation:** \$800 - \$1,500



## Factory Finishing Costs

- **Standard Paint or Stain:** \$200 - \$700
- **Custom Paint or Stain:** \$700 - \$1,000+

## Purchasing Tips

1. **Set a Budget:** Based on material, style, and features.
2. **Research and Compare:** Reviews and brands.
3. **Professional Installation:** Ensures proper fit and avoids issues.
4. **Warranty:** Check for peace of mind.

## Conclusion

Selecting the right exterior door and frame involves considering material, style, security, energy efficiency, and size. Understanding your options and costs helps you make an informed decision. West Michigan Doors and Closets offers expert advice and a wide selection of high-quality doors with professional sales, certified installation, and factory finishing for the best results.