

# Exterior Door Buying Guide

## Wood Doors



### Advantages

- Beautiful wood grain
- High end look
- Scratches are easily repaired
- Warm feel and touch

### Disadvantages

- Expensive
- Absorbs moisture
- Can peel or bubble out
- Can bow, warp or twist
- Will fade over time
- Not as energy efficient

## Steel Doors



### Advantages

- No cracking or bowing
- Less expensive
- Energy efficient
- Good insulating value

### Disadvantages

- More easily dented
- Scratches can lead to rust
- Paint chipping can be common
- Conducts temperature; cold or hot to the touch

## Fiberglass Doors



### Advantages

- Resists denting and scratching
- Offers either smooth or woodgrain finish
- Won't rot, deteriorate or rust
- Energy efficient
- Can be painted or stained
- Won't warp, bow or twist
- Five times the insulation value of wood

### Disadvantages

- More expensive than steel