Garage Door Openers: The Complete Guide — Printable Chart

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Size by door weight, not door size. Weigh the door first, read the HP below, then price that opener before you call a pro.

Door weight	Door type	Opener size
Under 150 lb	Single steel, 9×7 ft (91 lb)	1/2 HP
150–250 lb	Double steel, 16×7 ft	3/4 HP
250–400 lb	Insulated, tall, or glass	1 HP
400 lb or more	Solid wood, full-view glass	1 1/4 HP, wall-mount

Price it first

The Opener Cost Calculator defaults to $530 for a fitted opener (v8 default). The Opener Size Calculator defaults to an 88 lb door at 1/3 HP (v8 default); a 9×7 ft single steel door weighs 91 lb by the Weight Calculator. If your weight sits between two bands, pick the higher HP. A 1/2 HP opener lifts about 300 lb and a 3/4 HP opener lifts about 600 lb (Appliance Analysts, 2026).

Drive	Noise	Unit cost	Best for
Chain	More audible	$130–$200	Detached garage, tight budget
Belt	Quiet	$170–$350	Bedroom above the garage
Screw	Medium	$150–$200	Mild climates, few parts
Jackshaft	Quiet	$550–$640	Low ceiling, heavy door
Direct drive (DC)	Near silent	$190–$450	Quiet garage, long life

Before you buy — quick checklist

• Weigh the door (or use the Weight Calculator), then read the HP chart above.
• Check the springs first: a door that holds halfway by hand spares the motor.
• Bedroom above the garage: belt or jackshaft, never chain.
• Smart control (myQ) needs 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi. A dead remote is usually a battery, not a dead opener.
• Springs and cables are pro-only work. Never adjust or replace a spring yourself.

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