

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Add Curb Appeal With A New Garage Door At The Old Address

(NAPSA)—It used to be that the typical garage was a humble, utilitarian space with oil stained, cracked concrete floors and a no-frills garage door that added little if any ambiance to the exterior of the home.

Fast-forward a few decades and the garage has gained a new audience with consumers looking to update and improve almost every square inch of their homes. Not only are savvy homeowners renovating the space inside the garage at an increasing rate, they are more concerned than ever about how their garage door affects the overall appeal of their homes.

“The average attached two-car garage is 400 square-feet of prime real estate just begging for a little attention,” said Bill Keller, home improvement expert and contributing writer to *Cut the Clutter and Slow the Stuff*. “Installing a new garage door can instantly update the entire look of your home, adding a great deal to both the curb appeal and your bottom-line value.”

Typically, the garage takes up more than 30 percent of the average suburban home facade. Today, with the garage door becoming a key design element, the carriage-house style door is replacing outdated, clunky garage doors. A leading manufacturer of carriage-style doors, Clopay Building Products, designs doors to reflect the architectural details found in many homes. The result is a look that combines traditional charm with a modern finish, creating the authentic look of 18th century carriage house garage doors.



Clopay's Reserve Collection custom wood doors are available in unlimited wood species to match any home. Reserve Collection semi-custom wood doors are available in redwood, cedar or hemlock wood grains in six different designs and several window options. For more information, call 1-800-225-6729 or log onto www.clopaydoor.com.

Because carriage house and custom doors are typically heavier than traditional garage doors, they provide a challenge to traditional garage door openers as well. The Chamberlain Group, Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of garage door openers and accessories, introduced a 3/4 horsepower chain drive garage door opener capable of lifting these heavier, custom garage doors with ease.

The LiftMaster® Estate Series

Carriage House Door Opener™ Model 2595 has been engineered and designed with 50 percent more power than 1/2 horsepower openers. The additional power makes it possible to lift even the heaviest doors, effortlessly. Featuring Chamberlain's patented Motor Vibration Isolation System (MVIS®), the carriage house door opener provides ultra-quiet, smooth running operation, year after year.

The quest for style doesn't stop at the garage doors either. The company's estate series openers feature a rich burgundy finish and come complete with a designer burl walnut 3-button remote control for that added touch of elegance.

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