

SAFE WORK PROCEDURES INSTALLING A RESIDENTIAL GARAGE DOOR

Tools / Equipment Required	Materials Required
Step ladder	Garage Door
Hand Tools	
Power Tools	
Personnel Protective Equipment	Applicable Safe Work Practices
Hardhat	Fall Protection
Safety Glasses	Step ladder
Steel-toed Boots	Defective Tools
Harness / Lanyard	Extension Cords
➢ Gloves	▶ Drills
Earplugs	

Recommended Safe Job Procedure

- 1. Bring tools, equipment, door and hardware into garage. Make sure not to set in main traffic areas of work site.
- 2. Sort hardware and fasteners; wear gloves to gloves to prevent lacerations and punctures from sharp edges and points.
 - a. Assemble and fasten hardware as per manufacturers installation instruction.
- 3. Using proper manual lifting techniques and a firm grip, place bottom section in opening, and prop it from falling into opening, or into garage.
 - a. Level bottom section, shim bottom section and track if required. Door could cause serious injuries or fatalities if it is not installed level.
 - b. Install vertical sidetrack and fasten level. **NOTE:** ALWAYS INSTALL TRACK ON HIGHER SIDE FIRST, IN CASE MORE SHIMMING IS REQUIRED.
- 4. Stack in remaining sections, avoiding pinch points between sections.
 - a. Fasten top of bottom section hinges to bottom of intermediate section, to keep intermediate section from slipping off the section it's sitting on. Fasten end hinges first to align sections.
 - b. Repeat above steps for each section that is stacked in.
- 5. Fasten other sidetrack level. Wear gloves to prevent lacerations.
- 6. Stack in top section, and toenail in place, using proper manual lifting techniques and a firm grip.
 - a. Fasten hinges from top of last intermediate section to bottom of top section. When using power tools to fasten hinges, safety glasses should always be worn.
 - b. Fasten all remaining hinges.
- 7. Fasten flag level, making sure it does not flip down and hit the installer in the head.
 - a. Set horizontal curved track into place, and fasten into place, while resting track on shoulder using firm grip. It may be necessary to rest one end on a stepladder or hang from ceiling with rope or punched angle.
 - b. Adjust top bracket and sidetrack. If using a wrench, use care so it does not slip off fastening nuts.



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- 8. Using a good firm grip, and good posture, raise head shaft assembly into place, move head shaft assembly left to right and rest on curve rails.
 - a. Move head shaft assembly left to right, to insert head shaft into bearing plates.
 - b. Level and fasten center-bearing plate to header securely.
 - c. Remove nail holding top section into place.
- 9. Fasten springs to center bearing plate; making sure wrench does not slip off fasteners.
- 10. Connect cables to bottom brackets and run cables up behind roller stems then connect to drums.
 - a. Tighten setscrews 34's of a turn after contact with head shaft is made.
 - b. Attach vice grip to head shaft, resting against wall.
 - c. Connect cable to the other drum, and tighten set screws 3/4's of a turn, once contact with head shaft is made.
 - d. Wear gloves when handling cables.
- 11. Inspect plugs for cracks and chips, and then wind one spring to the required amount of tension. **Refer to ~** Steel craft residential installation instruction manual, page 8, fig. 11.
 - Stretch springs ¼" to ½".
 - b. Tighten set screws 3/4's of a turn once contact with head shaft is made.
 - Remove vice grip from head shaft.
- 12. Attach vice grip to track above a roller, to prevent door from unexpectedly opening.
 - a. Wind the other spring, See ~ steps 11. A, B and C.
- 13. Holding door down, move vice grip on track, up to the bottom of next roller.
 - a. Raise door up till it hits vice grip. This will give installer an idea on how the door is going to balance.
- 14. Open door so that three (3) rollers are in back tracks, and secure door from opening or closing with a vice grip on track. If door is opened any higher than that, before back tracks are hung, door could fall out.
 - a. Adjust horizontal back tracks square with door, allowing 1/4 " of float on each side.
 - b. Install back track hanging as per Steel craft residential instruction manual.
- 15. With door closed and locked down, install weather stripping from the top down, and fasten securely. **Refer to** ~ Steel craft installation instruction manual.
- 16. Clean up fallen fasteners, and packaging material. And put away tools and equipment.
 - a. Clean off any finger prints or dirt left on door.
 - b. Place all warning labels on door, See ~ manufacturer's installation manual.
 - c. Place company stickers on door.
- 17. Explain to customer the safe operating instruction, for operating door.
- 18. Put away tools and equipment, take down flagging and barricades.
 - a. Clean up work area.