

The Door Replacement Checklist

Slab or pre-hung? Five checks to run before you buy, from Luma Doors

Inspect the frame first

1 Check the jambs for soft or rotten wood

Press along both sides; spongy wood means the frame, not just the door, needs work.

2 Look at the sill and threshold

Rot on a wood sill or rust on a metal one points to a full unit replacement.

3 Watch how the door latches

A door that catches or will not latch cleanly usually means the frame has shifted.

Test the seal

1 Run the dollar-bill test

Close the door on a bill at the top, sides, and bottom; easy pull-out means a failed seal.

2 Look for daylight at the edges

Visible light around a closed door means conditioned air is escaping.

Choose your replacement

1 Slab swap if the frame is healthy

Lower cost; reuse the existing frame and trim.

2 Pre-hung unit if the frame failed

Higher cost; a new frame, sealed and square.

3 Match the material to your needs

Fiberglass for low maintenance, steel for budget security, wood for character.

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