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The Best Concrete Garage

The Complete Buyer's Guide To Garages

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Introduction



A garage is a tremendous investment, providing you with extra storage space and often adding value to the property it's built alongside.

However, if you're considering installing a new garage, there are a few considerations to take into account beforehand in order to ensure you're getting the highest quality build for best possible price.

In order to help you make the right choice, we've put together this complete guide to buying a garage.

From the initial planning and taking measurements; right through to customising the final build, we've broken down every decision you need to make and made the process as simple as possible.

So, whether you are a homeowner or a landlord, this handy guide will provide you with everything you need to know about selecting and purchasing the perfect garage for you.

Planning Permission

Before purchasing your new garage, you will need to find out whether planning permission is required.

As a general guideline, all garages over 2.5m in height require permission before construction. However, there are also several other factors which increase the likelihood of the building requiring permission:

- Will the garage go beyond the front elevation of your property?
- Will it cover more than half the area of your garden space?
- Is it within 1 metre of your existing house wall or will it be attached to the wall of a dwelling?
- Does the floor area exceed 30 square metres?



Find out more about Planning Permission [here](#), and learn how to submit your application (if necessary) by contacting your [Local Planning Authority](#).

The Benefits Of Installing A Garage

There are a number of benefits to installing and owning a garage:

- Increases kerb appeal
- Adds value to your property
- Expands available storage space
- Provides extra level of security

You should think about what purchasing a garage could do for your home, and how you're going to utilise your new space before you buy.

Alternative Uses

A garage isn't just for storing vehicles, the space can also be used for a variety of activities:

- Storage room
- Home gym
- Art studio
- Workshop

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You can include a shed/workshop/garden room in your garage – simply specify a **partition**, and you can create a space with endless possibilities

- Home cinema

There are many uses and benefits of owning garage space; so it's important to consider how you will develop the space when making your purchase.

Garage Style Options

There are many different factors to take into consideration before purchasing your garage; including type, size and build. Take a look at each factor more in depth below.

Type

Garages come in many shapes and sizes, and each design has its own unique style and features. Let's take a look at the main garage types available on the Lidget Compton site.

Pent



Probably the most popular concrete garage range in the UK, the Pent range represents excellent value for money.

Our building design, , ensures that your Pent garage will be the right choice for a cost effective building.

Pent Mansard



Pent Mansard garages allow you to raise the roof on your Pent garage so that it blends seamlessly with your home.

The raised roof helps with drainage of rain water, and gives you access to even more customisation options, allowing you to truly make this garage your own.

Apex



The Apex garage range is one of the most flexible garage design options on the market today.

Unique brick finishes allow you to transform a precast concrete garage into a timeless stone building, further adding to the kerb appeal and value of your home.

The Apex range includes multiple roof styles, as detailed below:

Apex 15



Building on our traditionally constructed Apex range, the Apex 15 incorporates a unique bold roll tile effect roof in terracotta, and features a slightly steeper pitch at 15 degrees.

Apex 20



The Apex 20 garage utilises market-leading Metrotile granular steel roof tiles to deliver long-lasting durability. With its 20 degree pitch and choice of 6 different tile colours, this top of the range design is perfectly suited next to any property.

Apex 90



A valuable addition to any property, the Apex 90 is the latest addition to the Lidget Compton Apex family.

It features a transverse roof, meaning it offers the same great-looking aspect from both the front and the back.

Deluxe



The Pent and Apex Deluxe range represent the pinnacle of maintenance-free garages.– They feature white PVCu fascia's, guttering and windows that make sanding and painting a thing of the past.

These luxury builds provide superb value for money and convenience, and are available exclusively from our nationwide network of Lidget Compton agents.

HiLiner



Looking for something a little larger?

Our HiLiner range offers alternative buildings, perfect for warehouse space and storing large goods.

Moving into the light commercial arena, Lidget Compton can build you the perfect garage to suit your needs.

Garaclad Textured PVCu



Our Garaclad textured PVCu cladding boards are the ultimate addition to any of our garages, providing long lasting protection.

With all the benefits of the PVCu found on our Deluxe garage models, Garaclad combines an attractive timber look with the strength and durability of a concrete building – ideal for easy-to-maintain garden storage.

Bespoke Options



All our garages are incredible customisable, giving you the opportunity to choose from the most flexible and comprehensive range of optional extra's available in the UK. Make your building unique to you with Lidget Compton

As you can see, there are a number of different garage types available. Be sure to consider all the above styles before making your purchase.

Attached or Detached?

Many of our basic shape garages can be attached to your property. This includes Pent, Pent Mansard, Apex, Apex15 and Apex20.

Attached, or 'lean-to', garages offer instant access directly from your home, without the need to venture outside.

Detached garages are easier to expand if needed, and can be used to store petrol and other chemicals without the worry of dangerous fumes leaking into the house.



The width, length and height of an attached garage can be taken straight from our standard range; however, if you have any specific requirements these can be designed and installed for you following a quote from our Head Office.

When deciding which style would work best in your home, take into account the size and space needed, as well as intended use.

Size



The size available for your building will depend on the style you have chosen, and the requirements of space.

The widths available for Pent and Apex buildings start at 2.59m (8'6") wide, up to 6.25m (20'6") for a Pent and 8.08m (26'6") for an Apex.

The lengths available for Pent are 4.34m (14'3") through to 8.61m (28'3"). If opting for

Apex, the building can be as long as is needed, giving you maximum flexibility.

Surveys show that most people would prefer to have a larger building than they originally specified (Source: [Lidget](#)), so it's worth investing in a larger space now so that you don't have to make expensive changes later.

Roofing Materials

Listed below are the standard roofing materials used within our basic garage ranges:

Roof Style	Roof Material	Optional Extras
Pent	Corrugated galvanised steel with anti-condensation treatment	Maintenance free box section plastisol in 6 available colours
Pent Mansard	Metrotile granular galvanised steel pantile profile roof tiles with corrugated galvanised steel roof sheets	6 colour options available
Apex	Fibre cement roofsheets in Natural Grey	6 colour options available
Apex 15	Bold roll tile effect in Terracotta	Maintenance Free PVCu
Apex 20	Metrotile granular galvanised steel pantile profile roof tiles	6 colour options available
Apex 90	Plastisol coated, galvanised steel tile effect roof sheets with anti-condensation lining	4 colour options available

Wall Finishes

Did you know? Lidget Compton are the only company in the UK to offer GB patented Sectional Brick finish.

Our wall finishes are a unique way to transform your new building, designed to keep your garage looking great for many years to come.

Take a look at a selection of exclusive wall finishes available from our nationwide agents.

Sectional Brick Wall Finish

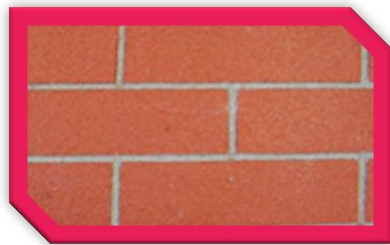
Our sectional brick finishes are all unique to Lidget Compton agents, and are available in a choice of 4 colours:



Tudor Brown



Buff Brick



Antique Red



Tuscan Red

Textured Wall Finish

Available in four different colours, our resin based textured finish gives you the perfect opportunity to match your building to your home.



Garaclad Wall Finish

Garaclad textured PVCu cladding boards add a completely new dimension to the traditional concrete garage. Available in white, sand, cream, light grey, light blue, and Enviro green; find out more about [Garaclad finishes here](#).



Important Note: When considering a sectional brick, textured or Garaclad wall finish, please be advised that our installation team will need a minimum of 2'6" (750mm) working space between the garage and any fencing or other walls to complete the installation.

Garage Doors

The garage door is the first thing people will see when they drive up to your home, so it's important to ensure you choose a style that looks good and fits well with the existing aesthetics of your property.

All of our up and over doors are pre-framed and built by Europe's largest garage door manufacturer, Hörmann. This means that you rest easy knowing you're receiving a reliable, safe and durable door.

We offer a wide range of door designs, in both panelled and ribbed styles. Take a look at our wide selection over on the [Lidget site](#).



Front Posts

Real brick front posts are a great way of upgrading the aesthetics of your garage whilst retaining that traditional concrete garage style.

The four colours of brick posts available from our site have been chosen especially to blend in with your property whilst adding that special something to your garage.



Facias & Cladding

The fascia of your garage is supplied in timber as standard, but why not choose one of our maintenance-free PVCu options instead? It doesn't have to be white either; you can choose from a number of different colours and improve the look of your building without worrying about having to maintain the cladding.

Choose from the following colours:



PVCu White



PVCu Light Oak



PVCu Rosewood

Windows and Personnel Doors

Windows

All our garages are available with two types of window, PVCu and timber.



Timber windows

Timber windows are single glazed, and are available in 2ft or 4ft fixed, or 4ft opening.



PVCu windows

PVCu windows are double glazed, and available in multiple colours both fixed or opening.

Doors

Our personnel doors are available in two different widths with three different materials, in multiple styles. This includes timber, steel and PVCu, in numerous colours and designs.



With such a wide selection to choose from, we stock the perfect door to suit your garage.

Securing Your Garage

When it comes to keeping your valuables safe, it's important you take extra steps to secure your garage. Whatever you're keeping inside, there are a few things you should consider when it comes to security.

Use additional locks



Whilst an extra padlock on your main garage door may look effective, there are far better ways to protect your belongings. Speak to your garage supplier about adding ground mounted locks, or a four-point locking system, to your existing up and over door.

Additional bolts can also be fitted to personnel doors to ensure intruders are kept out.

LIDGET COMPTON TIP

Specify 4 point locking on your main door for additional security (and 3 pt on your personnel door) – figures show that the average garage contents are worth circa £4,000.

Make it harder for the burglar to get in!

Install security cameras

Sometimes, something as simple as a security camera is enough to make would-be intruders think twice about breaking in. Relatively inexpensive and easy to set up, CCTV security systems are a great

Couple this with a motion-sensing outdoor lamp and you should deter even the keenest of thieves.

[Click here](#) to discover more about how you can improve the security of your garage.

Find Out More



Now that you know everything to be considered before purchasing a garage, why not [request a free brochure](#) and take a look at our selection of high quality buildings?

If you require further advice, feel free to contact your nearest Lidget Compton agent. Alternatively, if you know exactly which style you want, click the link to [get your quote today](#).

About Lidget Compton

Here at Lidget Compton, we're focussed on providing our customers with the highest quality concrete sheds and garages for the best value for money.

We have agents based all over the UK, each of whom are experts in sourcing the best storage solution for your outside space.

Visit our site to find out more: www.lidget.co.uk



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