

Door Slab Replacement Checklist

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How to decide if a slab swap is enough

1 Measure the slab, not the opening

Note height, width, and thickness. Standard entry slabs are 80 inches tall and 1 and 3/4 inches thick, but many GTA homes have non-standard sizes.

2 Check the hinge and handle placement

A slab-only swap needs the new door bored for the same hinge locations and lockset backset as the old one, or it must be drilled to match.

3 Inspect the existing frame and jambs

Press for soft spots and look for rot, splitting, or water stains. A damaged frame means a slab swap will not solve your problem.

4 Test the weatherstripping and sill

Feel for drafts along the edges and threshold. Worn seals often point to a full unit replacement rather than a slab.

5 Confirm the swing and handing

Stand outside facing the door. A left-hand door has hinges on the left. Order the slab to match so the hardware lines up.

6 Decide slab only or full unit

If the frame is square, dry, and solid, a slab swap works. If it is racked, rotted, or drafty, replace the whole unit.

7 Book a professional measure

Fiberglass and steel slabs are not easy to trim on site. A pro measure avoids a costly mis-order.

Not sure if you need a slab or a full door? Book a free ALDA measure.