

Garage Paint Color Guide

Transform your raw shell into a bright, durable workspace.

Stop staring at that dingy gray shell. Use this chart to find the exact LRV targets, sheens, and primers for a flawless finish.

● Key Targets

50%

Half-tint ceiling color mix

48 in

Protective lower band height

75-85

Upper wall LRV with LEDs

3/8-inch

Microfiber roller nap size

12 hours

Entry door minimum cure time

60 sq ft

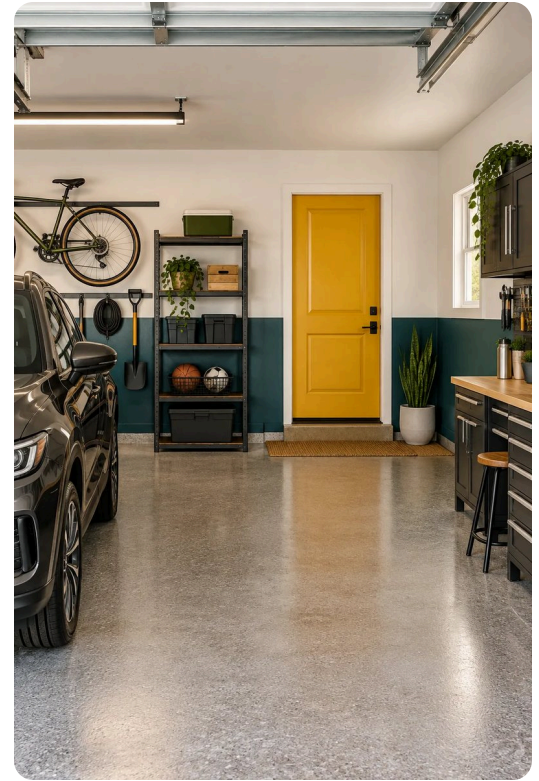
Deduction per single-car door

4000K

Crisp daylight LED temperature

4 gallons

Typical 2-car layout paint total



Seal fresh drywall first

Applying standard paint-and-primer-in-one on fresh drywall mud inevitably leads to flashing and peeling topcoats. Always use a dedicated PVA primer to lock out moisture permanently.

● Painting Workflow

- 1 Wipe the walls** Use a lightly damp microfiber cloth to remove chalky joint compound dust without re-wetting the mud.
- 2 Roll the ceiling** Apply the flat half-tint first to prevent accidentally dripping light paint onto your finished dark teal.
- 3 Paint upper walls** Roll your eggshell warm white using a 3/8-inch nap roller for a flawless, lint-free finish.
- 4 Cut the lower band** Measure 48 inches up and apply your dark satin wainscoting color to hide inevitable impact scuffs.
- 5 Gloss the door** Apply exterior-grade high-gloss to the entry door and leave ajar for 12 hours to cure.

● Sheen by Surface

Find your row: Surface

Surface	Your pick	Why
Lower wall band	Satin finish	Resists scuffs from car doors
Upper walls	Eggshell finish	Hides drywall tape lines
Ceiling	Flat or matte	Reduces glare from LEDs
Entry door	High-gloss exterior	Wipes clean easily

● Primer by Wall Type

Find your row: Current Condition

Current Condition	Your pick	Why
Raw joint compound	PVA primer	Creates impenetrable moisture barrier
Concrete blocks	Masonry primer	Seals porous concrete surfaces

● Upper Wall LRV Target

Find your row: Lighting Setup

Lighting Setup	Your pick	Why
Bright interior rooms	LRV 50 to 74	Leaves windowless garages cavernous
Overhead shop lighting	LRV 75 to 85	Maximizes artificial light overhead
Intense LED fixtures	Max LRV 85	86 to 100 reads blinding

● Measure & Check Onsite

- ☐ Unbolt and move heavy metal shelving to the center.
- ☐ Tape heavy-duty canvas drop cloths directly to the concrete baseplate.
- ☐ Multiply total perimeter by ceiling height, then deduct garage doors.
- ☐ Divide your final square footage by 400 to estimate gallons.
- ☐ Verify the exact LRV number printed on your upper-wall swatch.
- ☐ Confirm you are purchasing exterior-grade paint for the entry door.

● Project Notes & Measurements