



Hurricane Shutter Comparison Table

Hurricane shutters provide exceptional protection from wind and windborne debris during tropical storms and hurricanes, and there are many excellent options when it comes to choosing the best type of shutters for your home. Selecting the right type depends on a variety of factors, including your budget, style, and ability to deploy the panels.

The most important thing to remember is that you should always use products *tested and approved* to meet standards established through a recognized product approval system or evaluation report. These are most often provided by your local or state government.

The table below supports the [Strong Homes, Safe Families!](#) podcast interview posted on May 20, 2020. Please contact info@flash.org if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Type	Material	Price Range per Square Foot	Features	Installation
Galvanized Storm Panels	Steel	\$5 to \$6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most affordable • Direct or track mount • Horizontal or vertical installation • <i>Can</i> be used to secure MOST home openings 	Temporary/Removable
Metal Storm Panels	Aluminum	\$7 to \$8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lightweight • Direct or track mount • Horizontal or vertical installation • <i>Can</i> be used to secure MOST home openings 	Temporary/Removable
Polycarbonate Storm Panels	Resin	\$8 to \$10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows light into home • Direct or track mount • Will not rust, crack, or peel • Lightweight • <i>Cannot</i> be used to secure ALL home openings (e.g., sliding glass doors) due to limited span 	Temporary/Removable



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Type	Material	Price Range per Square Foot	Features	Installation
Fabric Panel	Strong Ballistic Fabric	\$10 to \$12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows light into home (semi-translucent) • DIY friendly • Will not rust, crack or peel • Lightweight • Horizontal or vertical install • Can be used to secure MOST home openings 	Temporary/Removable
Accordion Shutter	Steel or Aluminum	\$18 to \$24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assembly of aluminum extrusions screwed together to create a system • Manual, quick, and easy deployment (nylon wheels at the top) • Four basic color options • Compact stacking method 	Permanent Mount
Roll Shutter	Steel, Aluminum, or Stainless Steel	\$35 to \$50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring-loaded, pull and lock at the bottom • Manual crank from inside or outside • Many options and variations, including motorization and remote operation via Smart Phone • Can connect to wind meter 	Permanent Mount
Hinge – Colonial/Bahama	Aluminum	\$35 to \$50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-function as decorative elements, hurricane protection, and security • Provides convenient light, ventilation, and privacy • Easy operation from inside or outside • Custom color options 	Permanent Mount

Source: Federal Alliance for Safe Homes – FLASH, Inc. “Strong Homes, Safe Families!” Podcast interview with Tim Robinson, Managing Partner - Global Protection Products, President - International Hurricane Protection Association, May 2020

Galvanized Steel Storm Panels



Aluminum Storm Panels





Hurricane Shutter Photo Gallery

Polycarbonate Storm Panels



Fabric Panels



Accordion Shutters



Roll Shutters



Hinge – Colonial/Bahama Shutters

