

Drywall Anchor Comparison Chart

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Anchor Type	Load Capacity	Installation	Best Application
Plastic Expansion	10-25 lbs <i>Light Duty</i>	Drill hole, insert anchor, drive screw	Picture frames, lightweight items, small décor
Self-Drilling	25-50 lbs <i>Medium Duty</i>	Drive directly into drywall with drill	Towel bars, light fixtures, curtain rods
Toggle Bolt	50-100+ lbs <i>Heavy Duty</i>	Pre-drill hole, fold wings, insert, tighten	Heavy shelves, grab bars, TV mounts
Snaptoggle	100-265 lbs <i>Extra Heavy</i>	Insert channel, snap off straps, drive bolt	Heavy cabinets, large TV mounts, heavy shelving
Molly Bolt	25-50 lbs <i>Medium Duty</i>	Pre-drill hole, insert, tighten to expand	Towel racks, mirrors, coat hooks
Threaded Metal (E-Z Anchor)	40-75 lbs <i>Medium-Heavy</i>	Pre-drill or self-drill, drive in with screwdriver	Cabinet mounting, heavier pictures, shelving

Important Considerations:

- **Always include safety factor:** Use anchors rated 2-3× expected weight
- **Multiple anchors:** Distribute load across several anchors when possible
- **Wall thickness matters:** Check drywall thickness (1/2" or 5/8") before selecting
- **Stud mounting preferred:** For heavy loads, always locate and mount to studs when possible
- **Check for obstructions:** Use stud finder to check for wires and plumbing before drilling

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