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Metal swing sets home depot

If you're looking for a way to entertain your family outdoors, it's hard to find a better investment than a swing set. Not only do they provide hours of fun from screens and electronics, they can help your child develop motor skills, burn excess energy, and even stimulate creativity with interactive role-playing exercises. And while plastic and wooden swing sets certainly have their appeal, the best metal swing sets stand apart for a variety of reasons. The most obvious is durability, as a metal swing set will simply last longer than one made from alternative materials. In addition, metal versions have low maintenance requirements and have an extensive design like the mega-playsets you'll find in public parks and playgrounds – nothing lights up a child's eyes faster. Designed primarily for young people between the ages of 3 and 12, the modern swing set has clearly come a long way from the old craft tires. Read on to learn more. If you're ready to buy, consider one of our recommended models. Main considerationSizeYou will need a pitch of decent size to install a set of metal swings, but there are options for properties of all shapes and sizes. Choose one that suits your space, remember to leave room for a safe area of at least 6 feet in each direction around the structure. For the area around the swing, you may want to leave more. It should also be remembered that larger swings are heavier, harder to move around, and require longer assembly time. Building materials Considering the stress swing sets are under and the factors they are exposed to, longevity is a huge selling point. That's why metal swing sets are at the top of the quality chart, as they are firmer and tougher than their alternatives. Powder-coated variants go one step further, as the coating prevents rust and excessive heat accumulation. However, other materials are not without their advantages. If it is properly coated, polyethylene resin remains cool even on hot days, and it is usually cheaper than a metal unit of similar size. Wood certainly offers a unique rustic look, but it is prone to rotting and crumbling and requires longer maintenance than metal. Set swingSwing sets provide an abundance of features, but swings themselves are the main attraction. There are many types – web and bucket swings for the little people, standard belt changes, back-to-back horse gliders, tire swings, and even trapeze bars and swings rings for older kids and will be acrobats. Choose the best style for your family and remember that swings are fastened with metal triangles, leashes and S hooks that are significantly safer than plastic or rope substitutes. Do you know? Many swing sets offer Modular design where different components - swings, monkey bars, suspension bridges, etc. - can be placed on different for different configurations. This allows you to customize your settings to your own space. STAFFBestReviewsSwings is the center of any outdoor play structure, but playhouse-style features turn them into official adventure zones. Generally including a walled building with a roof for shade, playhouses can include chalkboards, train wheels, viewfinders, tic-tac-toe games, dining areas, and other settings that allow your child's imagination to run wild. Some sets even have basketball hoops, football goals, and trampolines, but they are not part of the main unit. Choose a set that suits your child's interests, because whether they dream of becoming a soccer star or a sea captain, there is an option out there for them. Climbing equipmentClimbing installations, such as walls, nets, rings, and bars, improve physical strength, sharpen good motor skills, and enhance hand-eye coordination. They are also useful for building confidence. Climbing can be quite difficult for the growing body and mind, and conquering obstacles like this leads to well earned pride and satisfaction, which further encourages risk taking. Slides and poles Sometimes it's all about dismantling. Slides and poles provide a fun way for young people (and brave adults) to get a different kind of exercise on their swing set, and they can be great tools for building balance and singly awareness. Slides are also useful when teaching social skills, like cooperative play and sharing, as there is often a wait to use them. If you are installing your swing put on hard ground, consider buying eva foam tiles nested together to put under and around the structure. If you prefer a more natural look, you can add a protective layer of humming. STAFFBestReviewsInexpensive: The basic metal set can be purchased for as little as \$120, but don't expect more than a few simple swings and perhaps a small slide. These models also tend to be more fragile in their construction and are designed for young children. Mid-range: In the \$300 to \$500 segment where you really start to see high-quality designs and features that will interest your child. You'll find more swings for larger families here, as well as more sturdy steel pipes, larger slides and some climbing equipment. Expensive: If you make the jump to a premium metal swing set, expect paying \$1,000 or more. You'll definitely get a lot of money, though, including the attached play booth with interactive equipment, plenty of sliding options, external operating stations and the highest quality frames and anchors. For your safetySwing set structures often have sharp edges and joints that can pinch. Check these areas before purchasing, as many areas include hats and soft rubber handles for greater safety. STAFFBestReviews Install your swing set on flat, clear ground with at least 6 feet of space in all directions around This improves stability, enhances safety, and prevents swings from hitting objects as they move. When installing your swing sets, arrange all your works first and label them if they don't already have one. Swing containers contain dozens if not hundreds of small parts, so adding hold up front will make the whole process easier. Some swing sets do not require anchors, but you may want more stability if you live in a windy area. To do this, dig the two-legged holes where each support post sits. Fix the concrete anchor for each post, fill the holes with concrete, and place the posts while the material remains wet. Leave the concrete hard for at least 24 hours before use. The benefits to the swing set are rich and so are your shopping options. The 40-Inch Metal Web Tree Swing from Super Deal is a great value, but its simplicity and lack of features keep it off our list of top picks. However, it can work well for those with small families or yards. The Flexible Flyer Play Park swing set also impressed us with its many swinging and sliding options, but we felt similarly priced options offered more accessories. FAQ. How does door-to-door delivery work for large sets of swings? A. The metal swing set is large, heavy and has bulky boxes, so your standard Amazon or UPS delivery won't cut it. Metal swing sets are usually sent to your home through semi or flat trucks, where the driver uses a pallet jack to place boxes near your doorstep or inside your garage. They can even put the settings in your backyard for easy assembly, but it is best to contact the seller before buying to get an accurate idea of what the process is like. Q. How difficult is the metal swing set to assemble and what tools are needed? A. Basic metal swing sets can only take a few hours to put together, but the more complex units - some of which are featured in our recommendations - are the same as IKEA furniture on steroids. These options can take eight hours or more to assemble and are best addressed in a few days to protect your alertness. For these projects, reading the assembly instructions before diving in, organizing steps into larger blocks is less difficult to cover. Then inventory and separate the main parts, labeling everything appropriately if they do not come that way. As far as tools are needed, you'll probably need a level, a hammer, and a wireless drill with Phillips head and socket driver attachments. Don't forget to add batteries. Q. What are the best ways to maintain my swing set? A. High quality metal swing sets will be strong, durable and powder coated to prevent corrosion. That doesn't mean they're maintenance free, though. Check nuts and bolts periodically to ensure they are tightened, and if scratches and scratches cut through the powder coating, seal them appropriately to reduce the risk of rust. The best way to do this is sand sand area down, apply a rust-resistant bait, and either re-apply the powder coat or cover with a non-lead-based paint. February 18, 2017 12:53am ET Order Reprints Print Article Getty Images A home is not always a home, but Home Depot (HD) is still the stock that goes to home improvement. And that shouldn't change when the company reports earnings on Tuesday. Analysts expect Home Depot to report a profit of \$1.33 a share for the fiscal fourth quarter, which ended January 31, according to FactSet - a potential 14 percent increase from the figures a year ago. Revenue may have risen 4 percent to \$21.8 billion. And, the results may even beat those estimates. Why be confident? There's a Home Depot track record: Profit has topped Wall Street forecasts for eight consecutive quarters, and there's no indication that the winning streak is ending. Home Depot also reported late-season earnings, meaning investors had a lot of information from companies selling their products in its stores, including paint manufacturer Sherwin Williams (SHW), equipment manufacturer Whirlpool (WHR), tool company Stanley Black & Decker (SWK) and cabinet manufacturer Masco (MAS). RBC's Scot Ciccarelli said their results and guidance were strong enough to signal that Home Depot's earnings should be fine. The provider-channel commentary we tracked points to healthy growth in the fourth quarter, he wrote in a note to customers last week. Home Depot should also get a boost from an economy that looks increasingly supportive. In a report last month, Simeon Gutman of Morgan Stanley noted that household formation has increased and house prices are expected to rise by 4% in 2017. We see a positive tilt at risk rewards for both Home Depot and Lowe's (LOW), he writes. Even wage increases, which can cause problems for many retailers, could be a plus for Home Depot. Analyzing Bureau of Labor Statistics data on spending, Wolfe Research analyst Scott Mushkin found that consumers spend 15 cents per additional dollar on housing, the largest recipient of any category. We view this as potentially very good news for our housing-related hardliners like Home Depot, Lowe's, and Sherwin-Williams, Mushkin explained. The biggest concern about Home Depot may be its price. The company's shares traded with a 12-month earnings forecast of 20.5 times, above the five-year average of 19.5 and 1.8 times revenue, above the five-year average of 1.5. But the price is greater by other factors, said Stuart Kaye, portfolio manager at Matarin Capital Management. He points to Home Depot's skills in capital allocation - for example, acquisitions, which are generally profitable and the company's rapid and steady growth. Home Depot doesn't look cheap, says Kaye. But that's not a surprise, given that businesses looks really good. Home Depot's stock appears there is wind at the back of it. After touching \$134.74 on November 27, 2015, the stock remained in range, trading briefly to slightly higher levels in May and August before falling. Last week, Home Depot broke out of that range to an all-time high of \$143. Historically, new highs have received newer highs, Kaye said, with stocks doing better in three to six months. People are afraid to buy stocks at new highs, he explained. But it is not something to be afraid of. We're not. See Trader Extra: Barrick Gold's Beating Email: editors@barrons.com Follow @ben_levisohn Like Barron's on Facebook Follow Barron's on Twitter Thank you This article has been sent to

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