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Budget & Buying Order

What to buy first, and what the whole thing actually costs

Name	**Date**
Tier	**Target total**

The order matters more than the total, because buying out of order is what makes people buy twice. The floor and the rack go together, the bar comes before the plates, and the accessories come last however much you want them first.

Buying order

- [ ] Flooring and rack together, because the rack sits on the floor and the height changes with it
- [ ] Bar next, one good one rather than two cheap ones
- [ ] Plates, in the pairs that let you make small jumps
- [ ] Bench, once you know whether it lives inside the cage
- [ ] Storage, before the plates end up permanently on the floor
- [ ] Collars, spotter arms and the anchoring hardware
- [ ] Everything else, last, and only what you have missed

Budget tracker

Item	Chosen product	Budget	Actual	Bought

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Fill the budget column before shopping. The gap between budget and actual is the number worth watching.

The costs that get left out

Line	Allowed	Actual
Delivery, and whether it is kerbside only		
Getting it down the stairs or into the garage		
Assembly time, or paid assembly		
Anchors and a rotary hammer		
An outlet, or lighting that lets you see the bar		
Dehumidifier, heater or fan		
Extra flooring for the drop zone		
Shipping on the second order you did not plan		

Payback against a membership

Input	Value
Membership you would cancel, per month	
Fuel and time to get there, per month	
Build total from the tracker above	
Months to break even	
Resale value if you sold it in three years	

Equipment holds value better than almost anything else in a house. A rack and a bar sell used for most of what they cost, which shortens the real payback considerably.

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