The Golf Simulator Buying Checklist

Work through it in order: room first, then parts, then the total. Tick each box as you go.

1. Measure the room (at the hitting spot)

Width	Depth	Ceiling height	Tallest golfer

- [ ] Measure the ceiling where you'll swing, not the highest point.
- [ ] Note garage door tracks, openers, beams, lights and fans.
- [ ] Decide on right-handed, left-handed or both (a shared bay needs a centered hitting spot and more width).
- [ ] Take slow practice swings with a driver in the exact spot.
- [ ] Check the floor is level for the mat and the launch monitor.
- [ ] Plan power outlets for the projector, PC and launch monitor.
- [ ] Run the free room calculator at golfsimsforsale.com/room-size-calculator/.
- [ ] Garage: plan for heating, cooling and dust.

2. Choose the parts

- [ ] **Launch monitor:** fits your room depth and ceiling (radar behind you, camera beside the ball, or overhead).
- [ ] **Hitting mat:** big enough for your stance, real tees if you want them.
- [ ] **Enclosure or net:** outside size fits the room; side and top protection.
- [ ] **Impact screen:** size and aspect ratio match the projector.
- [ ] **Projector:** throw ratio puts it where you can mount it; enough brightness for your lighting.
- [ ] **Software:** works with your launch monitor; has the courses you want.
- [ ] **Computer or device:** meets the software's published minimum graphics card.
- [ ] **Extras:** ceiling mount, cables, side netting, lighting, flooring.

3. Check compatibility

- [ ] The software maker or the launch monitor maker lists the pairing (not only a forum post).
- [ ] The projector's image size at your mounting distance fits the screen.
- [ ] Overhead units: your ceiling falls inside the maker's mounting range.
- [ ] Left-handed golfers: the unit can serve them without a full re-install, or you accept moving it.

4. Price the whole setup

Item	Model	One-time	Every year
Launch monitor			
Launch monitor plan or membership			
Hitting mat			
Enclosure or net			
Impact screen			
Projector and mount			
Simulator software			
Computer or device			
Installation, electrical, lighting			
Tax and shipping			
Total			

Compare totals over three years, not just the first. A cheaper unit with a required plan can cost more in the end.

5. Before you pay

- [ ] Confirm today's price with the seller; prices change often.
- [ ] Read the return policy and who pays return shipping.
- [ ] Check the warranty length and what it covers.
- [ ] Ask what's included and what isn't (mount, screen, software, cables).
- [ ] Check delivery times for every part.
- [ ] Keep the order confirmation and serial numbers.

6. Buying used?

- [ ] See it working, in person or on a live video call.
- [ ] Get the serial number and proof of purchase.
- [ ] Ask the maker whether licences, subscriptions and warranty transfer.
- [ ] Agree how the seller will release it from their account.
- [ ] Compare the asking price with the verified new price.
- [ ] Never pay by wire transfer, gift card or crypto to someone you haven't met.

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