



FINISHING INSTRUCTIONS

IMPORTANT HANDLING INFORMATION

DO NOT EXPOSE door to abnormal heat, extreme dryness, or humidity prior to finishing.

DO NOT DELIVER to the job-site until concrete floors, foundations, and plaster walls are dry. If doors are stored on the job-site for 5 days or longer before being finished, **door tops and bottoms must be sealed**. Store doors above grade level lying flat in a well-ventilated area and keep covered. It is also best if doors are allowed to acclimate to conditions at the job-site prior to installation.

INSTALLATION

Allow 1/8" margin between door and frame.

HEIGHT - DO NOT CUT MORE than 2" from the overall door height. Trim up to 1" off of the top of the doors and 1" off of the bottom of the door.

WIDTH - DO NOT CUT MORE than 3/8" in the overall width. Trim up to 3/16" off each side. After final trimming all edges must be sealed.

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Remove door from frame and lay flat for best performance. Sand the entire door lightly, using 180 grit sandpaper (heavy sanding with a coarser grade paper could sand through veneers). Always sand in the direction of the grain. Thoroughly remove all dust prior to applying finish. A tack cloth is recommended - be sure to follow tack cloth manufacturer's instructions. **DO NOT USE COMPRESSED AIR** to blow off door as moisture in air will cause water spotting on stained finishes.

PAINTING DOORS – Select a high quality **OIL BASED pigmented primer** (water based finishes may raise grain). **DO NOT USE WATER BASED PRIMER OR PAINT. WATER BASED FINISHES WILL VOID ALL WARRANTIES.**

An exterior grade paint must be used on all exterior doors. Cover all surfaces evenly. BE SURE TO SEAL TOP AND BOTTOM of doors as well as all sides. Apply a minimum of two top coats, sanding between coats. For glazed doors allow top coat to lap onto glass 1/16" to protect from moisture. **DO NOT USE BLACK OR DARK COLORED TOP COATS** on doors that will be exposed to direct sunlight for extended period of time throughout the daylight hours.

STAINING DOORS – Use a recommended **OIL BASED pre-stain or conditioner** prior to staining. Apply oil based semitransparent stain or clear undercoat as recommended for exterior or interior application. Apply three coats of clear top coat varnish or polyurethane and lightly sand between coats. Exterior finishes must have Ultra Violet (UV) inhibitors. For glazed doors allow top coat lap onto glass 1/16" to protect from moisture.