

## Use and Care Manual



### IMPORTANT

Please read and understand the entire procedure before attempting to finish your doors. Be sure to follow the manufacturers' warnings on product labels.

### Maintenance Recommendations

- Our doors are fabricated for indoors.
- We recommend that the door should be installed by an expert.
- Install your door immediately after unpacking.
- Do not install your doors on unfinished projects.
- Every door should use three (3) hinges minimum.
- Pre finish and finish both sides of the door including the four edges before installed.
- Set the lock after door is installed.
- Our doors have two lateral wood reinforcements for lock placements, adaptable to any type of lock.
- This product was designed for indoor use only, do not expose directly to water or harsh sunlight.
- Allow product to acclimate to work environment 48 hrs before finishing.
- Our doors have smooth white primed finish; ready to paint in a color of your choice.

### Storage and Handling:

- Have product delivered after dry-walling is completed.  
Deliver doors to the building site after the plaster, drywall or concrete is dry.  
If doors are stored at the job-site for more than one week, top, bottom and side edges MUST be sealed. Care MUST be taken to avoid edge or face damage.
- Store out of direct sunlight.  
Doors should not be subjected to abnormal or sudden variations in heat, dryness or humidity and should not be exposed to direct sunlight.





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- Keep product away from direct heat source.  
Doors should be stored at least 10' away from any heat source. Excessive heat on one area of the door creates uneven drying which results in warping and checking on the faces.
- Store product in dry location with minimal variations of heat or humidity.  
They should be stored on covered sites with no sun exposure, humidity or extreme weather. Store flat on a level surface in a clean, dry, well ventilated building. Protect from dirt, water and abuse, but allow air circulation. Doors must be sealed with an oil-based sealer or primer if stored for long periods.
- Store flat on level surface (Do not lean doors for extended period of time, especially on top of each other).
- Doors should be conditioned to the average prevailing humidity before hanging. In below-zero temperatures, doors should be stored properly in a dry building at normal temperatures for at least three days before hanging.
- Handle with clean hands or gloves and do not drag doors across one another or across other surfaces.

### Painting tips

Field finishing of wood doors can be accomplished by several methods, using a variety of materials. First, assemble all the materials needed for your door finishing project. You will need drop cloths, paper towels, wood filler, scraper, putty knives, sandpaper, sanding block, tack cloths, stir sticks and good quality pure bristle brushes or applicators.

### How to Start

When selecting tools for the job, remember that higher quality tools yield higher quality results. Black china and/or synthetic bristle brushes work best.

### Painting Notes:

Well executed prep-sanding is vital to the over-all performance of the finish, and cannot be rushed. Ensuring a thorough prep-sanding can help regulate the desired out-come.

Some paints require specific primer (i.e. most UV products) although our primer is very versatile; verify requirements from paint manufacturer to guarantee proper adhesion.

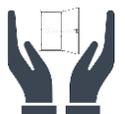


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<p><b><u>Work Environment:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your work area will need to be clean, dust-free.</li> <li>• Climate controlled</li> <li>• Well ventilated</li> <li>• Dry (cannot be around high moisture areas)</li> <li>• Out of direct sunlight.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Preparation:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspect product prior to finishing for any blemishes</li> <li>• Thoroughly sand all surfaces with 220 grit paper</li> </ul> <p>Prep sanding is essential for finishing a door, whether its stain or paint. By sanding the door prior to finishing, you are removing excess primer, and opening up the fibers to accept the stain or paint. Proper sanding allows the paint to lay down suitably. After sanding, vacuum off all excess material from the door and wipe the door down with a slightly damp rag*</p>
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## Finishing Tips

There is a step-by-step process to prepare your interior door before installing it: Sand, and finish.

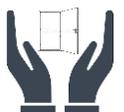
### Step 1. Sand

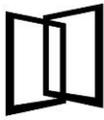
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  - Remove handling marks by sanding lightly with 220 grit sandpaper before applying finish. Surface should be clean and dry, free of all dirt, grease, glue stains and machine marks. Sand again lightly between coats. Sanding of pre-primed doors prior to painting is not recommended.
- After sanding, clean the door with a soft cotton or fiber cloth to remove any debris.

### Step 2. Seal and paint

The Door District doors are already primed; and therefore, re-priming or undercoating is not recommended. Certain environmental conditions are known to adversely affect the performance of such primers and undercoaters. For the optimal finish, be sure to read understand and follow all paint manufacturer application and drying instructions.

- Locate the correct product with the help of your finish supplier.
- Seal all exposed wood surfaces with every coat, including the top and bottom rails.





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When painting stiles and rails, use long strokes to prevent paint from pooling where the horizontal rails and the vertical stiles meet. Paint the four edges last (top, bottom, left and right).

- Allow the paint to dry thoroughly before applying a second coat. Consult the paint manufacturer's directions for drying times.
- The entire door (all 6 sides) must be completely sealed with two coats minimum to restrict moisture absorption.
- After finishing is completed, reinstall all hardware.

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