



## **XL Joinery Fitting Instructions - Internal Doors**

### **HANDLING AND STORAGE**

Doors should always be stored flat, ideally in the same room where they are to be installed. Protect the door from dampness and dirt by leaving it in its protective packaging until ready for finishing and fitting. Doors should not be fitted where extremes of temperature or humidity may occur, e.g., in a newly plastered room or near a sauna. In new-build situations, the doors should only be fitted when the property is ready for final decoration.

### **INSTALLATION**

When trimming a door to fit, 15mm can be removed from each edge of the door to a maximum reduction of 30mm in both height and width. Any reduction must be removed evenly from each edge of the door, e.g., to trim your door by 8mm in width, remove 4mm off each side. Three hinges should be used to hang all doors, to prevent warping or bowing. Latches and locks should not be fitted adjacent to door mid-rails where the joint may be compromised. All hardware screw holes should be pre-drilled to prevent the splitting of the timber.

### **FINISHING**

All fully finished doors will require any bare timber areas caused by trimming and hardware fitting, to be adequately treated before final fitting. Failure to treat all the timber surfaces may lead to excessive changes in moisture content which will cause the timber to shrink or swell, possibly causing splits and distortion.

Any unfinished areas will require light sanding prior to finishing using fine-grade sandpaper (grit number 240 or 320). Please refer to the finish manufacturer's application instructions for further details.

## DO

- Use a good quality stain or varnish suitable for veneered doors.
- Apply to all unfinished, trimmed or cut-out areas.
- Always apply the manufacturer's recommended number of coats equally.

## DO NOT

- Use oils, wax, dyes, or preservative treatments.
- Use thinned/mixed paints or stains.
- Mix incompatible products, e.g., paint on one door face and stain on the opposite face.

## MAINTENANCE

Regularly clean the surface with a damp cloth to prolong your door's natural beauty. If the finish appears to fade after a few years simply apply a single coat of finish to renew its lustre.