Finishing Instructions

Thank you for choosing our doors for your project.

To ensure the longevity and beauty of our products, it is important to follow the proper finishing requirements.

Please carefully review the following guidelines:

1. Preparation: Before applying any finish, ensure that the door surface is clean, dry, and free from any dirt, dust, or contaminants. Sand the surface lightly to remove any imperfections and create a smooth surface for the finish. (Sanding preparation applicable to wood doors ONLY.)

2. Type of Finish: We recommend using a high-quality exterior-grade finish that is suitable for the type of door material. The finish should provide protection against moisture, UV rays, and other environmental factors. Consult with a professional or refer to the specific finish manufacturer's instructions for the best product to use. Do NOT use Polyurethane. DO NOT USE WATER BASED STAINS OR SEALERS.

3. Application: Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the application of the finish, including recommended tools and techniques. Apply the finish evenly and avoid excessive build-up or dripping. Pay special attention to edges, corners, and any exposed end grain, as these areas are more susceptible to moisture penetration.

4. Number of Coats: Apply the finish in multiple thin coats rather than a single thick coat. This will ensure better penetration and adhesion, as well as a more durable and even finish. Allow each coat to dry completely before applying the next coat.

IMPORTANT: SEAL ALL 6 SIDES and any other areas that show raw material, including top and bottom edges (under door sweep). Failure to fully SEAL ALL 6 SIDES voids any warranty written, expressed or implied. Do NOT use an 'ALL IN ONE' product.,

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5. Finishing: Our doors are all UNFINISHED and require finishing per manufactures instructions.

- A) WOOD DOORS: 5 coats of finish/sealer on exterior and 3 coats on interior.

- B) FIBERGLASS/METAL DOORS: Minimum 1 Coat of Primer and 1 Coat of paint on both exterior and interior.
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Do not allow doors to be subjected to weather without being protected or finished including, frame material, casing, and/or brickmold.

6. Maintenance: Regularly inspect the finish for any signs of wear, damage, or deterioration. Depending on the exposure and climate conditions, periodic maintenance and reapplication of the finish may be necessary. Follow the finish manufacturer's guidelines for maintenance and refinishing.

7. Warranty Considerations: Failure to follow the recommended finishing requirements may void the warranty. It is important to adhere to the guidelines provided to ensure that the door is properly protected and maintained.

For protection and warranty coverage, your door must have an overhang extending at least half the height from the floor to the ceiling and three feet on each side. Without this, the warranty is void.

Doors facing south get more sun exposure, increasing the risk of warping and cracks. To prevent damage, install a deeper overhang than the minimum requirement.

Storm doors trap heat and moisture, causing wood doors to warp or crack. Due to this risk, using a storm door voids the warranty.

Dark colors absorb heat and UV rays, leading to damage. Choose a high Light Reflective Value (LRV) finish to protect your door. Low-LRV finishes void the warranty.

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Please note that these finishing requirements are general guidelines and may vary depending on the specific door material and manufacturer. It is always recommended to consult with a professional or refer to the specific product instructions for the best results.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to contact our customer service team.

We appreciate your business and look forward to you enjoying your new door!

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