

The Combination Door Company

L.C. Schmidt Collection of Interior and Exterior Doors

Handling, Installation and Finishing Recommendations

Thank you for selecting this CDC door product. Our doors are constructed of the highest quality materials and manufactured with precision craftsmanship like fine furniture and with proper care and finishing, will last a lifetime.

HANDLING/STORING

Immediately upon receipt of door shipment, please inspect doors for any damage or defects and so indicate on delivery receipt. When handling, **do not drag doors across one another.**

Store all doors flat on level surface, in an environment above grade that does not allow exposure to excess humidity, moisture, extreme dryness or direct sunlight. Concrete walls, floors and drywall/plaster should be cured before delivering doors to avoid excess humidity. Cover doors loosely to keep clean, yet allow room for air circulation.

If unfinished doors are to be stored for a long period of time, seal doors on all surfaces with a preseal/wood conditioner to prevent moisture absorption, lay flat and loosely cover to keep clean.

Under any circumstances do not deliver doors in the rain unless they are fully protected. The wood will show the water spots when finished.

INSTALLATION

Do not install doors in conditions of excess humidity unless they are prefinished under suitable conditions before hanging.

Maximum allowable trimming in width is 1/8" off each side. Top may be trimmed 1/2" and bottom 1" **Note: Edges trimmed after finishing process must be completely resealed.**

Custom sized doors are available for special applications.

Three hinges should be used on doors 7'-0" or shorter and four hinges on doors over 7'-0" Be sure to shim, square and plumb jambs.

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FINISHING RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Sand doors thoroughly with the grain using sandpaper (180) to remove handling marks or effects from exposure and remove all dust with a tack cloth before finishing.
2. Pine and cherry should be sealed with preseal/wood conditioner before staining. When possible, test surfaces first for stain/paint results to determine color uniformity or grain raise. Excess grain raise can be caused by certain types of finishing products. Always use high quality finishing products by the same manufacturer. Follow manufacturer's instructions for sanding between coats, drying time, etc. and remove dust with a tack cloth. **Note-All surfaces of the door, including top, bottom and side edges, must be finished to prevent moisture penetration. Finish bottom of exterior doors before sweep is applied.** Door installations exposed to direct sunlight for extended periods of time should not be painted/stained dark colors. Refinishing may be required more often.
3. Interior doors, apply a minimum of 2 topcoats (lacquer, varnish polyurethane, paint, etc.).
4. Exterior doors and frames, follow steps 1 and 2 above. Then apply a minimum of 3 topcoats of high ultra-violet resistant polyurethane finish or exterior oil primer and 2 coats of satin finish paint. When finishing around the glazing apply finish generously to bridge the wood and glass. Note: Refinishing exterior doors every 2 years may be required depending on exposure to the weather.

After initial finishing some panel movement may occur due to climatic conditioning. Minor touch-up with stain/paint will finish this exposed surface.

Care should be taken in removal of glazing squeeze-out, paint, varnish, etc. off tempered glass. Use a knife to score along the edges of the glass and a non-metal scraper for cleaning.

These recommendations are written in conjunction with the The Combination Door Company L.C. Schmidt Collection limited warranty. Failure to follow these recommendations will void the warranty