



Inspection and Storage

Initial Inspection: Inspect your door immediately upon delivery for any damage or manufacturing defects. If defects or damages are found, do not hang the door.

NOTE: THAT NATURAL VARIATIONS IN GRAIN OR COLOR ARE INHERENT TO NATURAL WOOD AND ARE NOT CONSIDERED DEFECTS.

Humidity Adjustment: Allow the door to acclimate to the surrounding humidity for at least 24 hours before installation.

Proper Storage: If you need to store your door for an extended period, lay it flat in a dry, protected area away from direct sunlight.

Preparation for Finishing

- **Sealing Timeline:** Ensure the door is fully sealed within 5 days of installation.

NOTE: COMPLETE SEALING: SEAL ALL SIX SIDES OF THE DOOR, PARTICULARLY THE TOP AND BOTTOM EDGES UNDER THE SWEEP. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL VOID THE WARRANTY.

Finishing an Exterior Wood Door

1. Staining: Use a high-quality stain to cover all six sides of the door. Test a small area first to confirm your satisfaction with the color. For best results, allow the stain to dry and cure for 24 hours.

NOTE: FOR TEAK WOOD DOORS: YOU MAY SKIP THE STAINING PROCESS TO PRESERVE THE TEAK WOOD DOORS' NATURAL GRAIN BEAUTY AND COLORS. PROCEED DIRECTLY TO STEP 2.

2. Light Sanding: After the stain or sealer has dried, lightly sand the surface using fine-grade steel wool (#000) or 220-grit sandpaper to remove any raised grain. Clean off the dust with a tack cloth to ensure a smooth surface.

3. Sealer Application: Use a sealer formulated for exteriors, such as SPAR Varnish Urethane or Polyurethane-related products. - **NOTE: Polyurethane-based products are intended for interior use and may break down and peel off with exposure to sunlight and outdoor elements. Each coat dry/cure for 24 hours.**

4. Repeat Sanding: Lightly sand the door again after the sealer coat as described in Step 2. Apply a total of 5 coats of sealer for exterior surfaces and 3 coats for interior surfaces.

5. Final Coat: Apply the final coat following the same process. Do not sand the final coat.

Periodic Inspections of all exterior wood products are necessary.

- Inspect every 6 months - refinish as necessary.
- Important Note: Dark finishes absorb more heat and are more prone to breakdown (avoid dark colors).
- Direct sunlight voids the warranty.

By adhering to these steps, you ensure your wood door's longevity and warranty compliance.

