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FINISHING GUIDE - INTERIOR

Interior doors should be finished prior to, or directly after installation. Improperly finished or unfinished doors carry no warranty. As with exterior doors, all surfaces, including the top and bottom, must be covered with all coats of recommended finishing products.

Do not expose wood or MDF doors to moisture before finishing. Do not install unfinished interior doors before drywall taping. Interior walls should be finish coated, sanded and primed before the doors are hung or stored at the work-site.

*Note that primer alone on the door(s) does not block the absorption of moisture!

General recommendations for stain or clear finishing are:

1. Coat with oil based wood conditioner (Daly's Benite)
2. Apply penetrating oil based stain. It is a good idea to do a test sample beforehand. If a clear finish is desired, skip this step.
3. Top coat with a clear oil based finish. Semi-gloss or high gloss is preferable to flat or satin.

General recommendations for painting are:

1. High quality acrylic latex based primers may be used on MDF Doors. Wood doors should be primed with slow drying, penetrating oil based primer.
2. Oil base or high quality acrylic latex may be used for finish paint. Select primers and paints from the same manufacturer to ensure compatibility.

Important: Use premium products. Mass produced, cheaper grade products do not perform well and are not recommended. Go to a paint specialty store or high quality finishing shop, an expert can advise the best products and process for each situation. Read the labels on each product; follow directions regarding temperatures, drying times, and recommended number of coats to ensure the best possible results.

No warranty is extended to wood doors if the above requirements are not met. It is the sole responsibility of the buyer to do all the necessary finishing, or to verify that the finisher of their choice follows the guidelines given. Inspect and clean the door(s) carefully before you begin the finishing process. Door manufacturers do not compensate for finishing expense in warranty replacement situations.