

Wood Door Protection

Essential Care Recommendations

At Dealers Supply & Lumber Company, LLC, we are committed to provide best practices to help you protect your investment and ensure the longevity of your wood door purchases.

We have outlined the following for properly protecting raw wood doors in order to maintain warranties and provide the best protection for long-term use.

Proper handling and finishing are essential to maximizing the longevity and the overall performance of your door.

Storage at Time of Delivery

After your wood door has been received: **Wood doors should be stored in a cool, dry location fully protected from exposure to the elements and shaded from any direct sunlight.** Direct contact to masonry, concrete/cementous floors should be avoided.

Wood doors should be properly finished as soon as possible, within 72 hours of delivery to ensure adequate protection and long-term performance. The moisture content (MC) of wood doors can vary; however, most kiln-dried wood door products are typically dried to approximately 6–12% MC.

When wood doors are exposed to moisture or high humidity conditions, they can absorb moisture from the environment. If left unsealed, this can lead to issues such as swelling, warping, or joint failure. Proper sealing helps protect the door by limiting moisture intrusion. Wood doors should be treated with the same level of care as fine wood furniture - just as you would not place a dining table outdoors without protection, a wood door should never be left unsealed or exposed.

Finishing Recommendations:

Review all finishing guides and manufacturer instructions to achieve the best results. It is important to note that stain alone does not seal a wood door. While stains penetrate the wood, it does not provide a protective barrier against moisture and other environmental conditions.

Industry's best practices recommend all six sides of the door should be sealed to ensure complete protection.

