

It is very important to finish your door soon after revealing and inspection. All surfaces and edges require a sealer. Please contact a local experienced licensed painting contractor familiar with eco-friendly finishes. We have made efforts to provide a door that is free of toxic chemicals. We suggest a non-toxic lacquer or water based finish that will provide a durable finish.

Preparation for sealing door

1. Before finishing, remove handling marks or exposure to moisture with a thorough, final sanding over all surfaces of the door using 180 grit sandpaper and clean before applying sealer or finish.
2. Adjust or align components if necessary before finishing. Wood panels "float" and may be knocked into alignment with a wood block and hammer. Be careful not to damage door.
3. After sanding, clean door thoroughly with a clean cloth to remove all dust or foreign material. Avoid using caustic or abrasive cleaners.
4. On doors that are glazed with clear glass, the finish used should be flowed from the wood slightly onto the glass. This will provide assurance against water leakage and protect the glazing compound "putty" from drying out.

Note: It is the finisher's responsibility to protect glass prior to and during finishing. If using tape, conduct a test of the tape being used on a small area of the glass before applying to a large surface. After finishing, remove the tape as soon as possible.

Applying Finish

1. Apply all finishes as soon as possible after finish sanding. Finish all 6 surfaces, including the top, bottom, and sides of the door. See your local finishing professional for finish applications.
2. We recommend that our doors should be spray painted rather than brushed. The panels in the doors are designed to be able to move without binding or cracking. If these panels are painted in a way that creates build-up where they insert into the frame, panel movement is restricted. This will cause cracks in the paint and possibly the wood, causing the door to warp.
3. It is very difficult to stain bamboo and not advised. Make sure to test a sample before staining the entire door. It can take up to five layers of stain and the material does not take a consistent stain.
4. Follow the instructions provided with the finish chosen. Each product requires specific actions to achieve a durable, quality finish.

Care

1. If natural oil is used to finish your door make sure that you follow the manufacturers recommended service instruction. Doors with natural oils require more attention.
2. Do not clean doors with excessive water or abrasive cleaners.
3. Watch for changes in the finish which may be signs that a maintenance coat is required. The following are signs:
 - Hairline cracks in the topcoat of finish
 - Changes in the color of the finish
 - Changes in the texture of the finish, such as flaking or scaling
 - Dullness or chalkiness in the finish
4. Use the following recommended finishes:
 - Water based finishes
 - AFM Safecoat – polyureseal
 - Natural oil finish
 - Bioshield – penetrating hard oil