

## Things to know about your new wood door.

Nick's Building Supply Inc. goes to great lengths to bring our customers custom hardwood doors factory direct. When purchasing an unfinished wood door it is very important the door is sealed and finished properly in a timely fashion. At no time should any door be installed without being stained and sealed on all 6 sides of the door slab, and all exposed parts to the frame.

Remember that your door may have spent several days in transit to you and is no longer in our climate controlled facility. You should finish your door within 72 hrs of receiving it. Remember a wood door is only as good as its protective finish. Choosing the proper finish for your application is key. Once again, your doors should always be stained before they are installed.

### Finishing Instructions

- Remove door, hinges, and weather stripping from frame if present
- Mask off areas of glass and threshold if present
- Sand entire door and system on all 6 sides and raised molding with 220 grit paper or sanding blocks
- Wipe everything down with rag or use forced air to remove dust
- Apply first coat of stain evenly using sprayer, brush, or rag
- After even coat is applied, wipe down with a rag to achieve even stain color over door
- Allow drying time
- Repeat process on other side
- Do light sanding to knock down the raised grain from staining process
- Wipe everything down with rag or use forced air to remove dust
- Touch up any areas that stain has been sanded off
- Apply first top coat or sealer depending on product you use
- Allow drying time
- Repeat process on other side
- Sand entire system again with 220 grit until all surfaces are scuffed up so next layer can adhere to the first layer
- Wipe everything down with rag or use forced air to remove dust
- The process of applying sealer, sanding, cleaning, then repeat on other side should be repeated 3-5 times per side based on the type of product being used. Interior doors generally use 1-2 coats.
- Once you have applied a desired amount of sealer, the last coat is your final coat. Depending on the product, there is usually a layer of top coat

\*Be sure to contact your local finish provider before choosing a product or process

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