

Field Finishing

Marshfield DoorSystems provides a Care and Handling brochure in every unit of doors shipped from our manufacturing facility. The brochure includes the following detailed information regarding the field finishing of Marshfield DoorSystems doors:

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When handling the doors, use clean canvas gloves. Bare hands leave finger marks and soil stains.

When doors need to be field finished, thorough sanding is required. **This must be done prior to proceeding with finishing operations.** As Marshfield DoorSystems does not warrant the appearance of field finished doors, it is the responsibility of the field finisher to determine the proper grit sandpaper required and the duration of face preparation necessary to make the appearance of the doors acceptable to the owner. Sanding must be done while the door is in a horizontal position. If a dark stain is to be applied to light wood, thorough initial sanding is even more important to prevent blotching and to reduce a “barber pole” effect.

Fillers and wiping stains are most successfully applied when the door is in a horizontal position, **prior to hanging the door.** This permits easier handling of the materials and prevents the solvents from evaporating too rapidly. Rapid solvent evaporation can cause the fillers to streak. It can also cause the wiping stains to “cure” before cleanup can be completed. With the door in a horizontal position, this premature drying is slowed down.

Door orders typically specify only species, grade and cut of veneer. Unless specified, no attempt is made to manufacture doors with flitches of similar color and grain. When doors are finished, any color variations that exist prior to finishing will be accentuated after finishing. To produce the best, most durable results, use good quality finishing materials according to the manufacturer’s directions.

Because of weathering, exterior doors require finish maintenance to a greater degree than interior doors. Although Marshfield DoorSystems **does not warrant doors for exterior use**, the following steps are recommended. Top and bottom rails should be sealed. All openings and hardware edges should be double-sealed with an exterior sealer. Exterior finishes should be applied on the exterior surface and all edges of exterior doors. Water-base stains or combination stain sealers are **not recommended.**

Note: Marshfield DoorSystems does not warranty the appearance of field-finished doors. The appearance of field finished doors is the responsibility of the field finisher.

Field finishers frequently do not read door manufacturer finishing instructions. Therefore, we attach a **Warning! Field Finishers** tag on every door Marshfield DoorSystems manufactures -- with the exception of decorative laminate, hardboard, MDO doors, as well as any factory finished, primed or opaque doors.

The purpose of the warning label is to remind field finishers of their responsibility: to achieve an appearance acceptable to the owner.

