

# Care & Handling

Failure to follow these instructions may void the product warranty

## A. General Instructions

1. Product should be inspected immediately upon receipt of shipment

## B. Storage of Doors

1. Store doors on edge with support or flat on a level surface. A well ventilated, dry building should be used for storage.
2. Never Store millwork in a basement or outdoors.
3. Product should be kept clean by using a cover that permits air to circulate. Never use plastic as it may form condensation and can create excessive temperature buildup. If it is necessary to cover, use plywood or another wood based building sheathing. Exceptional dryness, heat, humidity or sudden temperature changes should be avoided.

## C. Installation

1. Installation should be done as soon as product has adjusted to the usual local humidity. Heating and humidification systems should be up and running in winter, as well as air conditioning in the summer.
2. Prehung units require plumb and square installation.
3. Interior jamb legs are left 1 ¼" long for onsite trimming as needed for desired floor clearance.
4. When installing prefinished units, if finish is changed in any way, the bare wood must be resealed immediately. Properly caulk and seal exterior units. DCI Door / JorEl Millwork recommends sealing around moldings, glass, and panels where products are exposed to excessive moisture. A good quality silicone caulk should be used after installation and finishing has been concluded.

## D. Finishing

1. Allow one to two days for doors to adjust to relative humidity of the locale.
2. Finish after installing and before exposure to weather.
3. Before painting or staining, hinges should be removed. Solvents in finish can mar hardware finish.
4. Doors and jambs must be sealed and finished on all surfaces including top and bottom edges, beneath hinges, hardware and under weatherstripping.
5. Never finish one side of door and leave other side unfinished for any length of time.

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6. Inspect panel alignment before finish is applied. Panels are floating and may shift during shipment and handling. Before applying finish, re-align panels by tapping gently into place with a cloth covered wood block or tapping on door edge with a rubber mallet.
7. Using a primer is not considered a complete finish or sealer. It is only a base for paint. Primer is not adequate to seal a door and will vary in consistency depending on the wood grain. If priming is done in the field, gently sand to remove handling marks or effects of humidity. DCI Door / JorEl Millwork recommends using a lacquer or oil based paint. Lacquers are considered excellent for interior doors, oil based paint for Exteriors.
8. Before staining or using a clear finish, lightly sand and remove blemishes from handling or the effects of humidity. Surfaces should be dust free, clean and dry. DCI Door / JorEl Millwork advises using urethane topcoats for all exterior applications and lacquer topcoats for interior use. Directions printed on the manufacturer's label should be complied with.
9. After unit is installed, be sure all nail holes are filled in jambs and brickmold.
10. DCI Door / JorEl Millwork cannot foresee how long a finish will endure since diverse environmental and climatic conditions can affect a finish. The life of a finish will be prolonged with the proper attention and maintenance. Each product should be kept clean and dry and be inspected for defects on a periodic basis. Additional coats of finish should be applied when you see evidence of wear. Refinishing is required if any dullness, roughness, peeling, flaking or surface checking is seen. Sand affected area with 400 grit sand paper, stain if needed, and reseal with urethane topcoat as needed. Apply additional coats of urethane to the whole surface to blend door finish together. Every situation is different, but most doors should have a new urethane topcoat every year.
11. DCI Door / JorEl Millwork product warranty will be void if care and handling instructions are not followed.

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