

How to Store, Install, Finish – Italdoor 416-780-9820 x 304

How to Store Doors

- Flat, with a cover sheet over top
- Level and raised from floor
- Never lean doors on the wall
- Away from heat sources, sunlight,
- Away from air vents and moisture.
- Never let water / weather touch un-finished doors
- Seal tops & bottoms.
- Control Humidity 40-50%, Temperature 60-75 F.
- Store a Minimum of 2-3 days before installation.

Installation Is priced separately as most orders are supply only. Italdoor's installers will site measure, deliver, and hang doors properly. Exterior doors will have no drafts. Existing hardware cannot be guaranteed as small parts may break, please have new hardware on hand in case. Your Installer must have experience as poor installation can void the warranty. See the warranty section for a checklist for proper installation. After installation, remove all hardware and lay flat for best and proper finishing.

Finishing, How to Stain or Paint

Italdoor offers finishing; it is priced separately, and needs extra 2-3 weeks. Expertise in finishing is a must as poor finish can void warranty.

Preparation

- Remove all Hardware
- Lay Doors Flat
- Sand lightly w/ 200 grit paper, in direction of grain, to open grain, remove any scuff or handling marks.

To Paint

- Cover any glass w/ removable tape
- Apply 2 coats primer all surfaces
- Apply 2 coats paint

To Stain or Varnish

- Apply one coat of "sanding sealer" for a uniform elegant finish. (Also called "pre-stain" or "white wash") When sanding sealer is neglected, the result is an inconsistent sometimes-unacceptable finish.
- Apply Stain; repeat as necessary to reach desired colour.
- Always sand and sponge clean once dry.
- Only apply final varnish coat once acceptable look is achieved - until then you can change or fix the look.

Shading

Allow stain to soak in longer and more liberally on lighter grained parts, less on darker to achieve a more uniform finish. For most uniformity, sanding sealer is an absolute must.

For Finishing on all Doors

- Let dry between all coats
- Sand between all coats
- Apply 2-3 coats on top & bottom too!
- Follow instructions given by Paint Supplier
- Use Ultra-Violet Protection for Exterior
- For Dark Colours, Use Heat Reflective Product.
- If you find a scratch while finishing, spray or sponge some water to raise the grain. Sand lightly in direction of the grain, be careful not to sand through on veneer.
- If Exterior, after finish has dried completely, apply a fine bead of sealant around the perimeter of the glass and panels.(on exterior side)

Maintenance

For wood exterior doors, check your finish every spring, to see if a touch up or re-finishing is required. As long as the finish on wood doors looks like that of new furniture, you can keep problems at a minimum. **Tip:** In lieu of painting, consider staining a solid colour; Stain fades while paint peels making re-finishing easier, and the wood grain look up close is nice and warm!

Warranty: 1 year, replace only.

For Warranty, Please Make Sure:

- Your door is protected by an appropriate finish
- Doors are stored properly
- Doors are sealed top & bottom as well as faces & edges
- Doors are installed properly with proper hardware.
- 3 Hinges per Door (4 on 8')
- All Doors are latched or bolted. Be sure to Bolt or Multi-Point tall & in-active doors.
- Varied colour and grain is appreciated, or you may need shading or talent in finishing; We cannot guarantee against Mother Nature;
- Exterior Wood Doors have a minimum 4' overhang or screen door; (Door is not directly exposed to the elements.)
- See Warranty for further details