

## Interior Primed Stile and Rail Doors: Cleaning, Maintenance, Storage and Handling Guide

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### Precautions

Avoid exposing doors to excessive moisture or humidity, as this can cause warping or swelling. Ensure there is proper ventilation in the areas where doors are installed to minimize the risk of heat or moisture damage. Handle the doors gently during use to prevent impacts that may damage the frame or panels. Remember, these doors are designed for indoor use only and should not be installed in exterior openings.

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### Cleaning and Maintenance



#### Cleaning Your Doors

To clean your doors, use a soft, damp cloth to wipe away dust and smudges. For tougher stains, create a mild soap and water solution and apply it gently. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as they can damage the door's finish. Always dry the door immediately with a clean, dry cloth to prevent any moisture damage.



#### Touching Up Scratches or Dings

If you notice small scratches or dings on your door, you can easily touch them up with a matching primer or paint. Start by lightly sanding the damaged area with fine-grit sandpaper until smooth. Then, clean the area thoroughly to remove dust and apply the primer or paint evenly to cover the imperfection.



#### Protecting Against Moisture

To protect your door from moisture, avoid exposing it to high humidity or water. In rooms with high humidity, such as bathrooms or basements, consider using a dehumidifier to maintain a stable environment. Consistent exposure to moisture can lead to warping or swelling, so keep this in mind for long-term maintenance.



#### Hardware Maintenance

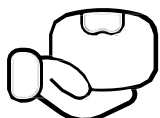
Regularly inspect the door's hardware to ensure that hinges and handles remain secure. If you notice squeaky hinges, apply a silicone-based lubricant to eliminate noise. Avoid using oil-based lubricants, as these can attract dust and dirt over time.

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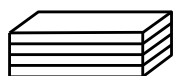
### Storage and Handling

If you're not installing your doors immediately, it's important to store and handle them properly to avoid damage:



#### Handle with Care

Always lift doors by their edges using two people to distribute the weight evenly and prevent stress or bending. Never drag or drop the doors, as this can lead to damage to the edges or panels.



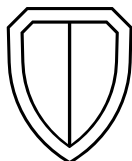
#### Store Flat

When storing, place the doors flat on a level surface. Do not lean them against walls, as this uneven support can cause the doors to warp over time.



#### Keep Them Dry

Store the doors in a dry and well-ventilated area, away from direct sunlight or extreme temperature fluctuations. Avoid areas with high humidity, such as basements or garages, as prolonged exposure can negatively impact the door's structure. Storing in a conditioned space is recommended to avoid large swings in humidity which can cause doors to warp.



#### Maintain the Finish

To keep the doors free from scratches and dust, leave them in their original packaging or cover them with a protective sheet. This ensures that the finish remains intact and the doors stay in pristine condition until they are ready for installation.