

Interior Doors

Interior doors are made of wood or a composite material and add to the overall beauty of your home.



Interior Wood Door



Sliding Closet Doors

Important Information

- **Sliding and Pocket Doors.** Keep closely joined surfaces and moving parts, such as rollers, lubricated, and free of dirt.
- **Avoid Slamming Doors.** Slamming doors can damage the door, door jambs, and even crack the walls. Likewise, do not allow children to hang from or swing on doors as this loosens the door hardware and causes the door to sag.
- **Hollow Doors.** Many doors are “hollow core” construction. Do not attach additional hooks or other items to the face of the door, as the hooks may pull out under excessive weight.
- **Cracks.** If cracks appear in painted door joints during the dry season, fill them with putty or caulking and refinish if needed.
- **Hinge Screws.** Heavy use of a door results in hinge screws being loosened, allowing the door to sag. Tighten the screws as necessary. If they fail to tighten, the door or jamb wood is probably cracked or stripped at the hinge screw, requiring additional filling or screw modification.

Quick Tip: Fix a Sticking Door

The most common cause of a sticking door is the natural expansion and contraction of the lumber in the building. This sticking is due to expansion during a damp season. *Avoid planing the door.* When the dry season returns, the door shrinks back to normal size. Make sure that all edges of the doors are sealed and painted.

Recommended Maintenance Tasks	Frequency
Remove smudges with warm water and a mild detergent.	Regularly, with routine cleaning
Coat stained doors with lemon oil to prevent cracking. Low-VOC, solvent-free lemon oil products are available. Use touch-up varnish on nicks and scratches. Use touch-up paint on nicks and scratches.	Monthly
Lubricate door hinges. Remove the hinge pin and rub it with a graphite tube or pencil lead. Avoid oil; it gathers dust. Lubricate door locks with a graphite lubricant. Wipe up excess with a dry paper towel.	As needed
Lubricate and clean rollers, moving parts, and faying surfaces (those closely joined) on pocket or sliding doors.	As needed

Recommended Maintenance Tasks	Frequency
Repaint or restain doors.	As needed

Effects of Deferred Maintenance

Deferred maintenance can result in premature failure of your doors and potentially higher replacement costs.