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Dear Customer:

Thank you for your purchase of a custom manufactured door. Certain care and handling will be required after receiving your order. Please review the following list of procedures to enhance proper performance of your door.

Our doors are shipped as a mill finish product (unfinished). Your door should be protected from the elements and will need to be finished immediately.

### **TIPS FOR FINISHING YOUR SDC DOOR:**

- 1.) (If purchased as slab only) Size, bevel & machine your door completely.
- 2.) Remove all hinges, locksets, weather-strip, sweep, and/or other hardware on the door unit (door, jamb & head).
- 3.) Finish all exposed, semi-exposed & hidden areas of the door, behind hinges and hardware, inside lockset bore or mortise and TOP & BOTTOM OF THE DOOR. Special attention should be given to areas with end grain. (End grain will soak up several coats of finish until it will build up enough to provide a proper seal and finish).
- 4.) If your door is to be in a location exposed to weather (exterior), be certain the finish being applied is a weather/waterproof finish. (Exterior finishes are available through professional finish sales agents - you must follow manufacturers' recommendations closely.)

The following information is a basis for proper care and maintenance of your doors to enhance quality and durability.

Any wood product by nature is hydroscopic. That is, it takes on and releases moisture at varying rates. Even with an application of a good sealer/finish, your door will absorb and release moisture at a slower rate. Results of too little or too great of moisture content in your home are shrinking, declination, checking, splitting and warping. It is important to know that as the humidity level in your home changes, so will the moisture content of your wooden door.

Listed below are some suggestions that will be of great benefit to the longevity of your investment.

- Maintain humidity levels of 25% to 55% (AWI Recommended range).
- Seal all end grain well.
- Seal all exposed raw wood parts after boring, chiseling, or machining. End grain will absorb water twice as fast as face grain.
- Plumb the jamb to receive the door.
- Use appropriate hinges for the weight.
- Allow proper reveal on all sides when the door is closed (1/8" is standard).
- Store doors in a flat, level position until hanging.
- Maintain proper condition of the finish of the door.
- DO NOT permit binding of hinges. This causes undue strain on joints.
- DO NOT permit door to bind on door stop.
- DO NOT expose doors to direct sunlight.
- DO NOT drag doors across each other.

