

## Advantages of Factory Finished Doors

The finish on a wood door serves two main purposes. First, it is a means to enhance the natural beauty of the wood veneer. The second is to protect the wood from the effects of natural deterioration and wear from daily use. The appearance of the door finish (along with the veneer species, cut, and match) determines the important first impression of an architectural wood door. Factory finished doors provide the best appearance and durability to ensure they meet both aesthetic and performance requirements of your project.

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### The Benefits of Factory Finishing Include:

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A pleasing consistent appearance with more uniform color, texture, and sheen as doors are properly prepared (machine sanded) just prior to application of stain and finishes by state-of-the-art equipment.

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Smoother finishes free of impurities as factory conditions provide a well lighted, temperature controlled, dust free environment for finishing.

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Reliable compliance with environmental regulation as solvent (VOC) emissions and waste disposal are controlled at the door factory, meeting Environmental Protection Agency requirements.

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Lower finishing costs in most cases as factory automation is more efficient than manual handling and finishing.

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Protection from varying job site conditions (temperature and humidity levels, dust, dirt, etc.) as all surfaces are sealed and doors are individually packaged prior to leaving the factory.

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Doors which look better for a longer period of time because chemical and wear resistance properties of factory finishes are higher than most field applied finishes.

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Simplified service should there be any questions. Factory machined and finished doors have only one vendor to contact if there are service issues to be resolved.

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Faster project completion since doors need only to be installed after delivery to the job site.

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**The Appearance of field finished doors is not covered by the manufacturer's warranty.** Door manufactures' warranties do not cover the appearance of field applied finishes because of the many uncontrollable variables that may exist at a construction site (temperature and moisture variation, dust, and other factors). Field conditions may also limit sanding and preparation of the wood surfaces prior to applying stain, the most crucial step in any finishing process. Specify factory finished doors to avoid these problems.

Architectural Wood Doors are the building's permanent furniture. Why risk their appearance to anyone less than the manufacturer's trained craftsmen? Factory finished doors offer the best quality, warranty, environmental, and economical results.

**Specify factory finishing for the wood doors on your next project.**