



Installation Tips for Installing an Exterior Door

1. Door should not be nailed through Brickmoulding to secure the door in the opening.
2. Square and level off the side hinge frame.
3. Need equal margin on hinge side top to bottom.
4. Run at least 3 beads of butyl caulking on the sub floor between sill and sub floor to prevent air leakage in this area.
5. Shim behind all 3 hinges so hinges don't flex when the door opens and closes.
6. Shim behind strike and 2 other locations on the strike frame.
7. To secure frame in rough opening either nail or screw into frame (screws can be concealed behind weatherstrip if needed) to secure door in opening.
8. 2 screws in top hinge to keep door from sagging where screw is missing.
9. Use fiberglass insulation between door and framed rough opening to stop air from coming in around frame. Do not use expanding foam insulation around any door or window frame.

Installation Tips for Installing an Exterior Door with 1 or 2 Sidelites

1. When unit is in the opening shim head above door and secure. Remove sill cap and install screws in sill - replace sill cap.
 2. Check sill of door and sidelites to be equal line of door then shim and screw or nail sidelite frame in place.
 3. Because of weight and handling issues with doors and sidelites, it may be necessary to shim between jambs of door and sidelite frames. To do this, you may need to snap corrugated fasteners with a stiff blade putty knife. Then shim as needed to gain proper reveal on door frame.
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