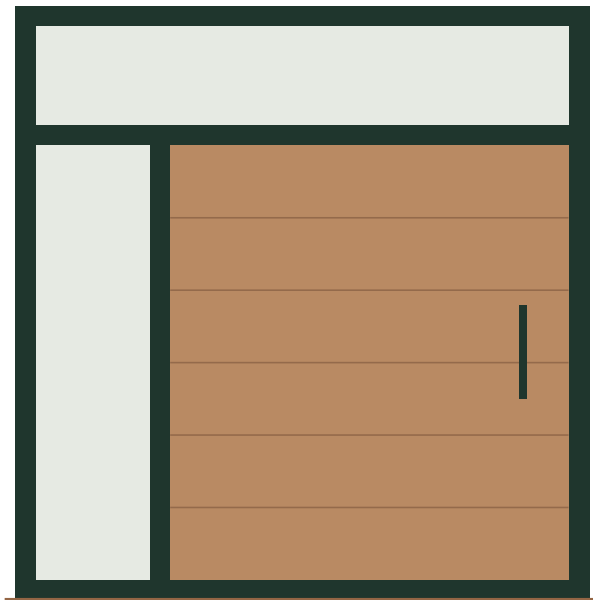


A CONSIDERED ENTRANCE

A better door starts with a better brief.

Begin with the architecture. Then give the materials, the opening and the scope the same attention as the design.



Conceptual elevation. Not a product drawing or construction detail.

READ THE WHOLE OPENING

The door leaf

The moving panel, often called a slab.

The surrounding assembly

Frame, sidelights and transom, where specified.

The working details

Hardware, glazing, seals, finish and installation scope.

THREE SCOPE QUESTIONS

01

Slab only?

Confirm dimensions, machining and compatibility with the intended frame and hardware.

02

A framed unit?

Ask what is assembled, what is supplied loose and which components are included.

03

A complete project?

Assign finishing, delivery, unloading and installation. These are separate scope decisions.

THE MATERIAL CONVERSATION

The face tells part of the story.

Specify what you see and how the door is built. A species name by itself does not describe the complete construction.

A CONCEPTUAL LAYERED CONSTRUCTION

**Face / surface**

Visible wood or other finish surface.

Core / supporting layers

Ask for the selected construction, not an assumption.

Edges / joinery

Confirm edges, panels, grooves and other details.

Illustration only. Layer order, materials and thickness vary by product.

DEFINE THE CHARACTER

Grain & grade

Discuss grain direction and cut, color variation, knots and sapwood. Record what is acceptable.

Texture & detail

Identify smooth or textured surfaces, grooves, profiles and which faces receive each treatment.

Finish & setting

Discuss color alongside orientation, cover and weather exposure. Confirm the selected supplier's requirements.

Ask whether a material or finish sample can be reviewed. Record the accepted appearance and its natural variation in the project specification.

FROM INSPIRATION TO SPECIFICATION

Fit the opening. Plan for the setting.

Label every measurement. A slab size, an assembled unit size and a rough opening are different things.

Rough opening

The framed opening prepared to receive the assembly.

Unit dimensions

The overall dimensions of the specified assembled unit.

Slab dimensions

The width, height and thickness of the door leaf itself.

Preliminary measurements can start a discussion. Final dimensions, tolerances, handing and clearances need verification for the selected system before ordering.

BRING THE SITE INTO THE BRIEF

Orientation & shelter

Which direction does the entrance face? Note direct sun, overhangs and weather exposure.

Glass & privacy

Identify clear or obscured views, daylight needs and glazing in each door, sidelight or transom.

Location & access

Share the project location, elevation if known, access limits and unloading arrangements.

Hardware & operation

Describe swing or pivot preferences, handling needs and hardware already selected.

Name the responsible person for field measurements, hardware supply and machining, finishing, delivery and installation. Confirm the applicable warranty and care instructions.

BRING THIS TO THE CONVERSATION

Your project, clarified.

Write what you know. Mark the rest for discussion. This worksheet supports an inquiry; it is not an order or an approved shop drawing.

PROJECT / LOCATION

DESIGN / REFERENCE IMAGES

MATERIAL / APPEARANCE

DIMENSIONS / MEASUREMENT TYPE

SCOPE / RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE

BEFORE A DRAWING IS APPROVED

- ☐ Match the quote reference printed on the drawing to the quotation. Check the revision and date.
- ☐ Reconcile dimensions, handing, quantities, materials, glazing, hardware and included scope.
- ☐ Resolve open questions in writing. Record who approves the final design and any later changes.

Start with the information you have.

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