

Timing of Field Finishing:

- Raw or primed entry systems should be sealed or finished within 2 weeks of delivery and before any exposure to the elements.
- Raw or factory primed product can be damaged if stored in dry relative humidity conditions. Relative humidity should not be less than 25% or more than 55% in storage area to protect against damage.

Finish Selection Guidelines:

- Dark finishes should be avoided in openings with significant and strong sun exposure. The resulting heat build up caused by dark finishes in these openings can damage the entry system.

Staining Raw Doors:

1. Remove handling marks, debris, or moisture damage by sanding lightly with 180 grit or 220 grit sandpaper. Sand the door following the direction of the grain.
2. Clean and dry bare wood surfaces before applying paint or finish.
3. Before staining doors with glass, cover bare glass perimeters with a strip of masking tape in a manner that will prevent stain from seeping behind the sticking and becoming visible through the glass.
4. Apply a high-quality, exterior-grade stain and clear coat system to all raw edges of the door. Carefully follow the manufacturer's application instructions. The bottom of the unfinished door was sealed at the factory prior to door sweep installation.
5. Make note of stain and clear coat system for future reference by Entry System owner. This will allow verification that future top-coat refresh/re-conditioner products are compatible with original finish (see TruStile Care and Maintenance instructions for finish maintenance instructions)

Painting Raw Doors:

1. Remove handling marks, debris, or moisture damage by sanding lightly with 180 grit or 220 grit sandpaper. Sand the door following the direction of the grain.
2. Clean and dry bare wood surfaces before applying paint or finish.
3. Before painting doors with glass, cover bare glass perimeters with a strip of masking tape in a manner that will prevent paint from seeping behind the sticking and becoming visible through the glass.
4. Apply a minimum of one coat of high-quality, exterior-grade stain blocking primer to all raw surfaces of the door.
5. Allow the prime coat to fully dry and then scuff sand the surface.
6. Apply two coats of high-quality exterior grade paint according to manufacturer's instructions to all raw edges of the doors. The bottom of the unfinished door was sealed at the factory prior to door sweep installation.

Painting Factory-Primed Doors:

1. Scuff sand and clean the factory prime coat
2. Apply 2 coats of a high-quality, exterior-grade paint immediately after scuff sanding. Carefully follow the manufacturer's application instructions. Apply paint to all edges of door except the bottom, which was sealed at the factory prior to door sweep installation.