



## Fit & Finish

*Doors that can last a lifetime.*

### WARRANTY

All Buffelen stile and rail doors conform to industry Standard FHDA 7/79 and are covered by the Buffelen limited warranty available upon written request. Buffelen warrants each door to be free from defects in material or workmanship for a period of one year from the date of shipment to Buffelen's customer. Doors not handled in accordance with these guidelines will not be considered in any claim for warranty.

### HANDLING AND STORAGE DO'S AND DON'TS

1. Deliver doors in a clean truck and under cover.
2. Do not deliver or install doors until foundations, concrete floors and plaster or texture walls are completely dry.
3. Allow doors time to acclimate to the conditions at the job site prior to installation.
4. Never subject doors to abnormal heat, dryness or humidity for prolonged periods, (i.e. forced heat).
5. Store doors lying flat on a level surface above the ground in a dry, well-ventilated building and keep covered. Don't stack doors on end.
6. If the doors are to be stored on the job site, the entire door including top and bottom edges must be sealed with a clear or pigmented based sealer to prevent moisture absorption. All six sides of the door must be properly sealed for warranty to apply.
7. To keep doors protected, use clean gloves and equipment. Cover doors, but allow for air circulation. Carry, do not drag doors over any surface.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** *Panels of stile and rail doors are engineered to float so they can move with changes in climate without causing stress. Make sure these components are aligned before finishing. You can correct alignment by carefully moving the panel with a wood block, rubber mallet and a soft touch. Components that have shifted and must be aligned are not considered "defects" according to the warranty.*

### FITTING AND HANGING

1. When hanging a door, allow adequate clearance for swelling of door or frame in extremely damp weather.
2. Use designated sizes to avoid cutting door width. For trimming ends, we recommend a sharp, fine-tooth saw.
3. Be careful not to impair structural strength of door when fitting for hardware or special features. To prevent distortion, set hinges in straight line. Use three hinges on doors 7' or less; four hinges on doors over 7' high. Jamb and stops must be square and plumb.
4. Protect outward swinging doors that are exposed to the elements. (An adequate overhang is strongly recommended for exterior doors. A general rule of thumb for an overhang is to measure height from porch to overhang and divide the distance in half. That measurement would be a minimum overhang width recommended.)
5. Immediately after fitting or cutting, and prior to weather-stripping and hanging any door, give the entire surface (including all edges) two coats of paint, varnish or a quality sealer to prevent moisture absorption.
6. To minimize heat loss and reduce energy costs, use any good weather strip on exterior doors.
7. Damage incurred due to extreme temperature build-up when a storm door is used is not considered a defect.

***Buffelen reserves the right to make product improvement changes in specifications, materials and construction details.***