

Ask Delbert

Q: The bottom of my metal door is rubbing on the floor; what can I do to correct this?

A: Unless specified otherwise, most door manufacturers fabricate their doors with a 3/4" undercut as a standard. In most cases, this undercut will accommodate standard flooring and sills that are installed. However, in some instances, floors may not be level and as the door swings, the bottom of the door may rub along the floor.

If you are aware of this in advance, you may request a larger undercut to overcome this challenge. If the problem is discovered after the door is installed, your options are limited. Depending on the frame anchoring and wall construction, you may be able to remove the anchor fasteners, lift the frame slightly and re-secure the anchors to the wall. If the frame anchors are not accessible, then the only available "fix" may be to trim the bottom of your door.

Extreme caution should be exercised when trimming the bottom of a metal door. Typically, the channel is inverted and projection welded to the door's face skins. In these cases, you can typically trim up to 1/4" off of the door's bottom before getting into the bottom channel projection welds. Trimming an amount greater than this typically involves removing the bottom channel, door core material and reinstallation of the bottom channel. In most cases like this, it is more economical to contact your Territory Manager and order a new door with a larger undercut.

Meet Tony Franzen

Joining HMX from the great state of Texas is Anton A. (Tony) Franzen, Jr., our new Credit Manager. Tony brings a unique background that will be very beneficial to HMX clients. After experience as a City Manager and Municipal Utility District Manager, Tony went into sales. He was successful as a salesperson and moved into sales management. He accepted an opportunity with The Blindmaker to join their credit department. So he has seen both sides of the fence. Outside the office, Tony serves on the boards of Hutto Economic Development Corporation and Williamson County Emergency Service District. Welcome, Tony!

Our New Sales Rep

Norm Jost with Samish Doors Inc has joined the HMX team as a manufacturer's representative for the Pacific Northwest effective February 1, 2008. Norm has an extensive background in wood doors and architectural millwork, having represented VT Industries for the past 18 years. Norm's experience has provided opportunities to work at all levels of commercial construction, from calling on the Architectural community to working directly with General Contractors. No project is too small or too large for Norm to assist you on.

Norm is an alumnus of the University of Washington, having earned a Master's degree in European history. He is currently residing in Bellingham, Washington with his wife. His three adult sons are successfully employed and deployed around the country in Portland, New York City and Boston.

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