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**HMX NOW MAKES
JOB SITE &
DISTRIBUTOR
DELIVERIES**

New Delivery Truck



The brand new HMX delivery truck will make deliveries - large or small - to a Distributor or directly to a job site.

The current

MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

We'll Be Closed May 26th

HMX employees will be celebrating Memorial Day with family and friends on Monday, May 26th. The office and plant will be closed.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday!

ASK DELBERT

Spreader Bar

Q:The contractor is calling me and claims that the frame is out of plumb and it is due to the spreader bars on the bottom of the frame? I thought the spreader bars were designed to prevent this?

A:Great question about a long-standing misconception. Spreader bars are NOT installed on the frame nor designed to maintain the plumb and square-ness of the frame. Temporary spreader bars are attached to the jamb base ONLY to minimize misalignment or other damage during shipment. The steel spreader bar is for Shipping Purposes Only and should be removed before installing the frame. Removal of the spreader bar and primer surface touchup are to be performed by the contractor responsible for installation. AT NO TIME SHOULD THE SPREADER BAR BE USED TO SQUARE A FRAME DURING INSTALLATION.

All too often, contractors are unaware of this and the spreader bars have become damaged or bent. Possibly during transit, while being stored on the job site or even after being installed as foot and equipment traffic distort and bend them, causing them to draw in or twist the base portions of the frame and pull it out of square. It is important that the contractor installing these frames remove these temporary spreader bars and replace them with wood or metal spreaders specifically designed to maintain the plumb and square-ness of the opening during the frame's installation.

Failure to do so can result in doors that do NOT fit in the framed opening and may result in additional costs to remove and properly set the frame in a finished wall opening. For additional information regarding proper installation of both welded and knock-down frames, [click here](#) to read the HMMMA 840-99 "Guide Specifications for Installation and Storage of Hollow Metal doors and Frames". This is a very handy

schedule is for morning deliveries:

Monday

East valley

Tuesday

Scottsdale

North Phoenix

Wednesday

Central Phoenix

Thursday

East valley

Tucson

Friday

Central Phoenix

West Phoenix

Please request delivery when you place your order. There are no limits on the size of the order.

Combined with our Stock and Standard Program, job site deliveries offer you a big increase in profitability and efficiency.



reference guide for proper installation and storage of hollow metal doors and frames as well as troubleshooting techniques for some common problems associated with their installation.



WHERE'S DELBERT?

Another Delbert First

Since Delbert is making his first visit to this famous American city we decided to give you a list of the city's "firsts" to help you figure out where he is.



The first three correct answers to Marketing@HMXpress.com win a prize!

- Known as The Holy City due to the numerous steeples which dot the city's skyline, the city was the first colonial city to allow Jews to practice their faith.
- The first American museum opened to the public in this city on January 12, 1773.
- The first theater building in America was built here in 1736.
- The city is the former capital of the first state to ever secede from the Union.
- In fact, the first shots of the American Civil War were fired here.
- The first successful submarine warfare occurred on February 17, 1864 with a daring night attack in this city's harbor. A Confederacy sub sank a Union warship but was lost in the battle.
- The First Baptist Church of ??? is the oldest Baptist church in the South and the first Southern Baptist Church in existence.

Last month's trivia winners were:

1st place

Nathan Kuenster

Walters & Wolf

Gilbert, AZ

2nd place

James Wagoner

RDL Supply

Dallas, TX

3rd place

Tim Hickox

Builders Hardware & Supply

Seattle, WA