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### Holiday Schedule

Hollow Metal Xpress will be closed **November 22nd and 23rd** to celebrate Thanksgiving.

We will also be closed **December 23rd through January 1st.**

**January 2nd** we'll be back in our offices ready to help you start a great 2008!

### DHI Show in Nashville



Thank you to all who visited our booth at the DHI show in Nashville or attended the Six Amigos party. It was a pleasure to speak with you!

Everyone received a special Show discount coupon. We hope you take advantage of this offer to give us the opportunity to show you our superior quality and service. Or if you're already a HMX customer, let us say Thank You for your business.

The X box drawing was a lot of fun! The winner was Jim Marquette with Contact Hardware from Altoona, PA. Congratulations, Jim!

### Ask Delbert

Spreader Bars

**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 during transit, while being stored on the job site and 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 and does 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, you may visit the **Hollow Metal Xpress** web site at [www.hmxpress.com](http://www.hmxpress.com) and click on the "Installation/Painting" tab for links to the HMMA 840-99 "[Guide Specifications for Installation and Storage of Hollow Metal Doors and Frames](#)". This is a very handy reference guide for proper installation and storage of hollow metal doors and frames as well as trouble shooting techniques for some common problems associated with their installation.

## Where's Delbert?



### Clues and Facts

Delbert recently visited this city while shopping for some new equipment to further improve production at the plant.

Reply to [Marketing@HMXpress.com](mailto:Marketing@HMXpress.com) with the correct city name to win this month's trivia contest. First place will receive a \$50 gift and the two runners-up will receive a \$25 gift.

- Created in 1836 when a former federal judge purchased over a thousand acres (4 km<sup>2</sup>) of swamp and forest land on the isthmus between two lakes
- Land owner lobbied aggressively for the legislature to select the site for the new capital, offering buffalo robes to the freezing legislators and promising choice lots at discount prices to undecided voters.
- Has streets named for each of the 39 signers of the Constitution
- Main intersection is known as Union Corners, for a tavern located there was the last stop for Union soldiers before heading to fight the Confederates.
- Cornerstone for the capitol was laid in 1837
- Detractors refer to city as "70 square miles surrounded by reality."
- Hosts "Kites on Ice", a gathering of kite-flying enthusiasts on the ice of local lake
- Home of university consistently ranking as one of the top "party schools."
- "Garbage" is the city's most recognized contemporary contribution to popular music
- Names of their sports teams: Mallards, Princeton-56ers, Wolves, Mad Rollin' Dolls, Minotaurs, Mad Dogs, The Hurling Club

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