



Explanation of Primer and Finish Painting Requirements for Door Depot Commercial Metal Doors

Door Depot doors are manufactured and shipped with a factory-applied primer coat, not a finish coat. This primer is designed solely as a preparatory layer to protect the steel during fabrication, shipping, and installation. It is **not intended to serve as the final decorative or protective finish.**

Primer vs. Finish Coat

- Its purpose is to provide a surface that will accept finish paint.
- It is not formulated for long-term exposure, durability, or appearance.
- Finish painting is always required to meet industry standards and achieve proper protection against wear, corrosion, and environmental conditions.

Scratches and Surface Marks

Small scratches, scuffs, or handling marks are not unusual on primed hollow metal doors. These do not indicate damage or defects. Because the doors are made of steel and are intended to be finish-painted:

- Minor imperfections can be easily sanded out.
- The surface can be re-primed if needed.
- Finish paint will cover and correct these marks as part of the standard painting process.

Conclusion

This primer is not a finish product and should never be treated as such. Proper finish painting - including light sanding, cleaning, and preparation is required to achieve the final protective and aesthetic coating. Minor scratches are typical and easily addressed during the finishing process, ensuring a durable and professional final appearance.