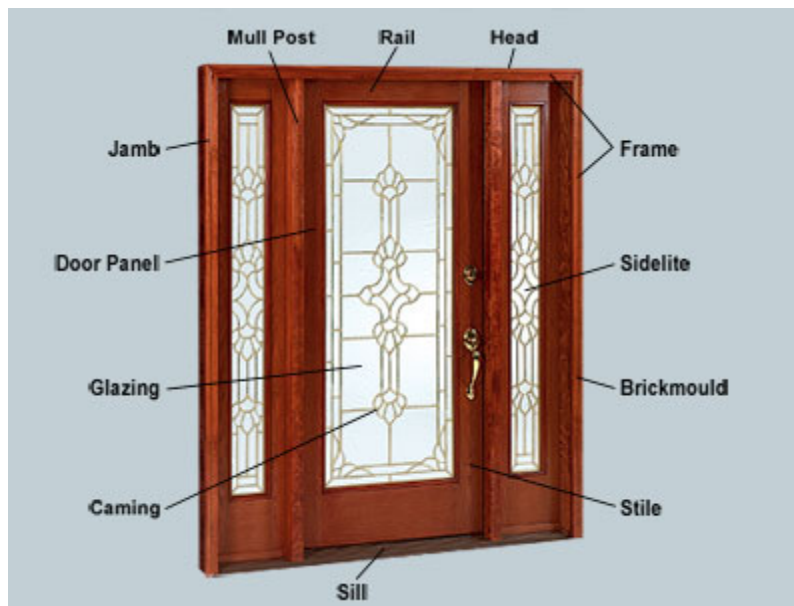


Door Components



Door Jambs

A **door jamb** is the vertical portion of the frame onto which a door is secured. Most types of door fasteners and deadbolts extend into a recess in the door jamb when engaged, making the strength of the door jambs vitally important to the overall security of the door.

The two most widely used door jambs for pre hung doors are wood and composite jambs.

Wood Jambs:

Composite Jambs: Put an end to callbacks for rot and insect damaged door frames with jambs featuring finger jointed fiberglass composite jambs. They have a fire-rating that varies by each manufacturer and a surface that machines, sands, and finishes like wood. They are preferred because it resists rotting and the buildup of mold and mildew.

(To learn more about each manufactures jambs please visit their website listed under Door Manufacturers.)

Astragals

For double door systems only, astragals add stability and prevent drafts.

An astragal is commonly used to seal between a pair of doors. Exterior astragals are kerfed for weather-stripping. Also flush head and foot bolt hardware is commonly mortised into the astragal to hold the inactive door in place, when both doors operate, at the top and bottom.

How to determine the Swing of the Door

If you're replacing your old door with a prehung unit, first determine if you need a left- or right-hand door. Stand in the doorway and face outside. If the lockset is on your right, you have a right-hand door. Does the current door open inwards? Then, it's an inswing door. In contrast, if the door opens outwards than it's called an outward swinging door.

Caming

Caming is the metal banding that joins panels of glass together in a design. It's a small detail with a big impact on the overall look of your entry. Choose a door glass design which has the caming option to coordinate with your door hardware, outdoor fixtures, interior furnishings, or to suit your personal taste.

Sidelite

A sidelite is a narrow fixed or operating sash consisting of either steel or wood stiles and rails, glazed with clear or decorative glass and matching the sight lines of the entry door. Sidelites are typically mulled to the entry door on one or both sides.

Glazing

Glazing is a transparent part of a wall, usually made of glass or plastic (acrylic and polycarbonate). Common types of glazing used in architectural applications include clear and tinted float glass, tempered glass, and laminated glass as well as a variety of coated glasses.

Door Panel/ Door Slab

A slab door is what we normally think of when we think of doors: just a rectangular slab of wood, composite, or steel. It has no hinges or hardware. It's up to the remodeler to attach it to the door frame via hinges.