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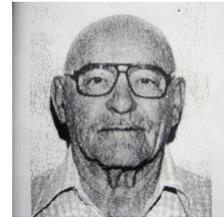
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Just Ask Clyde

Why Doesn't My Door Fit?

At times we have all muttered this under our breath and reach for our favorite (but inappropriate) tool - the cell phone. "Why, I'll just call up that stupid salesperson and give them a piece of my mind."



Talk to Clyde

Do you have a question for Clyde?

A comment for Clyde?

A favorite insult to share for the [Daily Insult?](#)

Email Clyde at Clyde@SteelDor.com
He loves to hear from his fans.

Stop! You probably need all the mind you have - don't go wasting it on some salesperson.

Instead, break out your tape measure, plumb bob and level and make sure everything is to spec before calling. While no door shop is above making errors, modern production techniques, templates and jigs have reduced their occurrence dramatically.

Before attempting installation of your replacement door, please be sure the door you received is the door you ordered. Check the width, height, thickness, hinge size and placement before removing the old door. Once these parameters have been determined, try fitting the door. Does it actually swing?

Good- you're already ahead of the game. Does it close without rubbing? Miraculous.

To paraphrase Will Rogers "I never met a door I didn't shim."

There are several publications available which address the adjustment and shimming of doors and my favorites are on our web site behind Door #1 [Product Installation Guides](#) and Door #10 under [Technical Literature](#).

In the majority of cases, a little time and patience will produce very satisfactory results. In some cases, tuition will be spent at the University of Hard Knocks and you'll discover a frame which is not anchored properly, broken or defective reinforcements within the existing frame or one of the approximately other million things which can thwart your best attempts to make a door operational. Fortunately, this is not neurosurgery, and few have died from their door not working.

Look at the field conditions presented, determine what is out of spec and then decide on the best way to rectify it.

Your sales rep will have a much easier time offering advice when you have eliminated the most obvious problems and can then offer suggestions as to how to correct things.

Best of all, you will have gained the most sought-after gift - "Experience."

Trivia Contest

In Honor of President's Day

Which President are these facts about? The first three email responses to Marketing@SteelDor.com with the correct answer win a prize! The answers, additional trivia and the winners will be posted on the web site on February 28th.

- His famous presidential portrait was offered to the general public for \$20 million. A quick fundraiser allowed a museum to purchase the portrait.
- Created "guerilla warfare"
- Once had 4 bullet holes in his coat after a battle
- Wife burned all correspondence between them
- Freed his personal slaves
- Last words were "Tis well"
- Did not have wooden teeth

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