



Solid Grain Wood Door First Season Expectations:

When considering a custom wood sectional garage door faced with solid grain lumber, one must consider the amount of sunlight and moisture the door will be exposed to on a regular basis. All solid grain wood-faced doors will go through a certain amount of shrinking and the majority will occur during the first hot season of the year. This is the time when you will find splitting or cracking of the face & trim boards that sometimes seem excessive. This is something that is very normal with a solid grain door. This is not considered a factory defect. The owner can expect to refinish any solid grain door with a good amount of sun exposure after the first hot season. This is the time when the splitting or cracking areas are sanded, filled and finished to look like new again. The good news is after the door has settled in, going forward all movement will be very minimal. If the door does not receive much sunlight in the first season, shrinking will be very minimal and the door will not need any attention until the finish is ready to be freshened up.

Other Stain Grade Options to Consider:

Stain Grade Plywood doors are a great option for openings with high sun exposure. This type of material does not split or crack and is very stable. All door finishes last longer on this type of material as well. This helps keep the future maintenance down going forward. You will typically maintain the finish as needed only. There will be no cracks or splits to repair. Make sure your sales representative shows you what a stain-grade plywood door looks like and see if it makes sense for your home.

All Day Sun Exposure or Extreme Moisture:

All day in the sun equals clear coat maintenance every couple years. If you don't like the sound of that, maybe a paint grade door makes more sense. This type of door does not shrink or expand and is extremely water resistant. You will re-paint the door typically when you paint the home. Once every 5 to 10 years. They come fully primed from the factory, ready for finish paint.

Wood Door Warranty Information:

Please note, Elegant Custom Garage Doors & Gates does not consider first season splitting or cracking a warranty issue. We purchase all solid grain face material kiln dried to provide the least amount of movement after the door is built. Solid grain lumber is a naturally grown product and it's going to settle in over the years. There is no such thing as a defective tree.