

Finishing

This product update is to clarify the level of finishing options available at Forte™ Opening Solutions. Based on research and consultation with our finishing suppliers, it has been determined that the existing wood door standards do not define semi-filled and full-filled finishes for wood veneer doors.

IN LIEU OF A DEFINED INDUSTRY STANDARD, WE WILL DEFINE SEMI-FILL AND FULL-FILL FINISH AS FOLLOWS:

- **Semi-fill** finish refers to a finishing technique where the grain structure of the wood is partially filled with standard finishing materials such as sealant, stain and topcoat. Unlike a full-fill finish, which completely obscures the natural grain structure, a semi-fill finish allows the wood's inherent grain to remain visible. This approach strikes a balance between achieving a smoother surface and preserving the distinctive texture and character of the wood grain.
- The term "semi-fill" suggests that while there is a degree of filling to enhance smoothness and appearance though the finish doesn't completely mask the natural features of the wood. This type of finish is often chosen to maintain a more natural and textured look while still providing a level of protection and enhancement to the wood surface.
- A **full-fill** finish refers to a finishing technique where any visible grain structure on the wood surface is filled with additional colormatched material. This process is done to completely fill the grain structure and smooth out the surface of the wood, resulting in a surface that has no visible texture variation. The purpose of a full-fill finish is often aesthetic, aiming to achieve a sleek and polished look on the wood surface.

Based on these definitions, Forte Opening Solutions provides factory-finished doors that meet the requirements for "semi-fill" finish. This factory finish not only enhances the visual appeal of the doors but also provides a protective layer that helps safeguard the wood against environmental factors and wear and tear. Currently, Forte Opening Solutions does not offer "full-fill" finish.