

Clear Finish Color Variation

Clear finish accentuates the natural characteristics in the wood and can drastically change the look of the color. This is especially true on a species like cherry, walnut, and mahogany as they are influenced by UV or light. Some may find this contrast in color appealing and the right look for their project, others may not.

Due to the nature of wood and the construction of stile and rail doors, color variation is expected. Various thicknesses of veneer, use of solid wood, location of harvest and supply all influence color. Natural color variation of wood may be more than some expect. When wood receives a clear finish, the ability to influence the natural colors on the door is limited. (Examples of some variations shown below).



Pictures Represent: Species: Maple – Finish: Clear

Lighting conditions, viewing angle and the orientation of the veneer all play a part in the overall appearance of color.

American Woodwork Standards, 2014, 2nd Edition states:

“Color match and consistency is often misleading. The best case achievable using a natural product like wood in a wide variety of lighting conditions is a good “blend” of color and tone throughout the project area. The natural color of the wood product is altered by the application of even a clear topcoat. Further alteration is achieved through the use of stains, glazes, bleaches, etc. Wood changes color; especially Cherry, Fir, American and African Mahogany, Walnut, Teak, and others.” When clear finish is specified, consider the color and natural characteristics of the wood harvested. If these characteristics are not acceptable, a different finish or specie may be required.

Be sure to discuss the details of your project with your Forte™ Opening Solutions representative to ensure the Forte Opening Solutions Stile and Rail door meets your expectations.