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Update on MDO Material & Alternative Option

Samples are intended for color selection purposes; however, we want to make you aware of a recent material update that may impact surface appearance.

We have recently experienced a change in our MDO (Medium Density Overlay) supply. As a result, the material now has a more pronounced surface texture due to the resin-impregnated overlay. At this time, an alternative MDO option is not available from our supplier, though we are actively evaluating other solutions. In the meantime, for customers seeking a smoother, more refined paint finish, we recommend considering Aspiro® Hardboard (HDF). Both Hardboard and MDO remain high-quality, durable solutions and are available within our Aspiro® Premium Paintable line across all locations.

Primed Hardboard (HDF)

Aspiro® Hardboard with primed hardwood manufacturer's choice edge is designed for superior paint performance.

- Smooth, grain-free surface for a clean, consistent finish
- Excellent uniformity and durability
- Ideal for achieving rich, vibrant paint color
- Backed by a lifetime warranty

Primed MDO

Aspiro® Primed MDO is a plywood-based door skin with a resin-impregnated overlay designed for opaque paint applications.

- Durable and stable for interior applications
- Suitable for painted finishes
- Light surface texture is inherent to the material
- Backed by a lifetime warranty

Key Differences

- **Surface Finish:** Hardboard is smooth and uniform; MDO has a lightly textured surface
- **Paint Appearance:** Hardboard delivers a cleaner, more refined look; MDO may show visible texture
- **Performance:** Both offer durable, stable performance for interior applications
- **Availability:** Both are available from our Marshfield and Northumberland facilities

LEED / NAUF Update

While earlier LEED versions required NAUF (No Added Urea Formaldehyde), **LEED v4 no longer includes this requirement.**

Supporting documentation is available upon request, [LEED Spec Requirements](#) and Indoor Air Quality Advantage Gold certifications, [Finished](#) and [Unfinished](#)

If you have questions or would like to review options for your specific application, please reach out. To request a sample of the MDO material to evaluate the surface texture, please contact your customer service representative.

