



Fleetwood Hinged Doors vs. Storefront Hinged Doors

Not Weather Designed: Commercial storefront doors are not intended to resist weather. As such, water and air infiltration are normal symptoms. Each Fleetwood hinged door has been tested for air infiltration, water infiltration and structural wind loads.

Waterproof Frame: Because Fleetwood doors were engineered for luxury homes they have the advantage of effective waterproof installations. The integral nail fin is unique to hinged doors on the market. Storefront doors come without nail fins and rely upon installer sealing.

Clumsy Hardware: Typical storefront doors come with commercial hardware, which is cumbersome to operate. The "thumb turn" spins more than 720 degrees making it hard to tell if the door is locked or unlocked. In contrast, Fleetwood doors are operated with one handle that actuates the locking system and attractive thumb turn for a dead bolt.

Concealed Weakness: Storefront doors have deep, hollow rails. Aside from the obvious weakness, this is a hidden disadvantage that rears its head when it rains. This huge cavity fills with water and some of this water will end up in your home when the door is opened. Fleetwood rails are web designed for strength and evacuate water immediately.

Luxury Home Hinges: Fleetwood hinges were designed for luxury homes and come equipped with adjustment points that any "do it yourselfer" can do (instructions available online). Storefront doors offer crude methods of adjusting e.g. "jack screw" and typically require a technician to come to your home. Further, the Series 3500 and 3900-T doors come with hinges that match the aluminum finish of the door.