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Glossary of Terms



# 30 Most Frequently Used Door Hardware Terms.

**Backset:** The distance between the edge of the door and the center of the bore hole for the doorknob or latch.

**Latch:** A mechanical device that keeps the door closed until it is opened by turning the knob or lever.

**Strike Plate:** A metal plate affixed to the door jamb or frame, which the latch engages with when the door is closed.

**Latch bolt:** The part of the latch that extends or retracts when the door is closed or opened.

**Deadbolt:** A bolt that cannot be moved to the open position except by rotating the key or knob.

**Doorknob:** A rounded handle used for opening and closing a door.

**Door Lever:** A handle, often shaped like a lever, used for opening and closing a door.

**Escutcheon:** A decorative plate surrounding a keyhole or knob to protect the door surface.

**Rosette:** A decorative plate installed behind a knob or lever against the door surface.

**Latch Mechanism:** The internal mechanism within the knob or lever that operates the latch.

**Latch Faceplate:** A metal plate installed on the edge of the door that accommodates the latch mechanism.

**Doorstop:** A device attached to the door frame to prevent the door from swinging too far open and damaging the wall.

**Hinge:** A movable joint that connects the door to the door frame, allowing it to swing open and closed.

**Hinge Pin:** The cylindrical pin that holds the two halves of the hinge together.

**Door Closer:** A hydraulic device that controls the speed and force at which a door closes.

**Door Sweep:** A flexible strip attached to the bottom of the door to seal the gap between the door and the floor, preventing drafts and dust from entering.

**Threshold:** The horizontal piece of wood or metal at the bottom of a doorway, forming the entrance to a building.

**Jamb:** The vertical portion of the door frame where the door is hinged or latched.

**Reinforcement Plate:** A metal plate installed on the door or door frame to strengthen the area around the lock or latch.

**Keyway:** The slot or groove in a lock cylinder into which the key is inserted.

**Privacy Lock:** A lock that can be engaged to prevent entry from the outside, typically used on bathroom or bedroom doors.

**Passage Set:** A non-locking door set used for interior doors, allowing free passage without the need for a key.

**Keyed Entry:** A lockset that requires a key for entry from the outside, commonly used on exterior doors.

**Latch Guard:** A metal plate or shield installed around the latch area to prevent tampering or forced entry.

**Latch Release:** A mechanism that allows the latch to be released without turning the knob or lever, often used in emergency situations.

**Flush Bolt:** A type of bolt installed flush with the door edge, typically used on double doors to secure the inactive leaf.

**Mortise Lock:** A type of lockset installed within a mortise cutout in the door, providing greater security and durability.

**Latch Bolt:** The portion of the latch that extends or retracts when the door is closed or opened.

**Strike Box:** A reinforced metal box embedded into the door frame to receive the latch or deadbolt.

**ADA Compliant:** Door hardware that meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act for accessibility.

