

Division 8 Doors & Windows

Estimating Tips

081 Metal Doors & Frames

- Most metal doors and frames look alike, but there may be significant differences among them. When estimating these items be sure to choose the line item that most closely compares to the specification or door schedule requirements regarding:
 - type of metal
 - metal gauge
 - door core material
 - fire rating
 - finish

082 Wood & Plastic Doors

- Wood and plastic doors vary considerably in price. The primary determinant is the veneer material. Lauan, birch and oak are the most common veneers. Other variables include the following:
 - hollow or solid core
 - fire rating
 - flush or raised panel
 - finish
- If the specifications require compliance with AWI (Architectural Woodwork Institute) standards or acoustical standards, the cost of the door may increase substantially. All wood doors are priced pre-mortised for hinges and predrilled for cylindrical locksets.

083 Special Doors

- There are many varieties of special doors, and they are usually priced per each. Add frames, hardware or operators required for a complete installation.

085 Metal Windows

- Most metal windows are delivered preglazed. However, some metal windows are priced without glass. Refer to 088 Glazing for glass pricing. The grade C indicates commercial grade windows, usually ASTM C-35.

086 Wood & Plastic Windows

- All wood windows are priced preglazed. The two glazing options priced are single pane float glass and insulating glass 1/2" thick. Add the cost of screens and grills if required.

087 Hardware

- Hardware costs add considerably to the cost of a door. The most efficient method to determine the hardware requirements for a project is to review the door schedule. This schedule, in conjunction with the specifications, is all you should need to take off the door hardware.
- Door hinges are priced by the pair, with most doors requiring 1-1/2 pairs per door. The hinge prices do not include installation labor because it is included in door installation. Hinges are classified according to the frequency of use.

088 Glazing

- Different openings require different types of glass. The three most common types are:
 - float
 - tempered
 - insulating
- Most exterior windows are glazed with insulating glass. Entrance doors and window walls, where the glass is less than 18" from the floor, are generally glazed with tempered glass. Interior windows and some residential windows are glazed with float glass.

089 Glazed Curtain Walls

- Glazed curtain walls consist of the metal tube framing and the glazing material. The cost data in this subdivision is presented for the metal tube framing alone or the composite wall. If your estimate requires a detailed takeoff of the framing, be sure to add the glazing cost.

Reference Numbers

Reference numbers are shown in bold squares at the beginning of some major classifications. These numbers refer to related items in the Reference Section. The reference information may be an estimating procedure, an alternate pricing method or technical information.

Note: Not all subdivisions listed here necessarily appear in this publication.