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There are a number of points you should consider before you purchase a new door, either for yourself, or if you are fitting it for a customer.

### **Choose a design that suits the house style:**

On this website there are many designs of doors; ranging from the traditional designs to the more modern ones. There is also a choice of glass designs available, and our glazed doors are not offered with glass packs, so there is no need for glazing.

### **Ensure that you have made a note of the appropriate measurements:**

Measure the height, width and depth of the frame rebates to determine door requirements. Doors come in specific sizes – choose the one that is the same or slightly larger.

Check both the frame and threshold for signs of wear or damage and ensure the frame is secure to the wall.

### **Decide your budget:**

We know, from the wide number of doors we offer that you will find an XL Joinery door to suit your budget – please locate your nearest stockist using the Stockist Search Facility on our website.

## **Questions you should ask before finally selecting your door?**

### **Is it guaranteed?**

All our hardwood and pine doors have a 10 year Manufacturers Defect Guarantee, so if you are offered an alternative door, check to see if the retailer can match this offer.

### **Are the doors you wish to purchase constructed using the best methods available?**

Here are some points you should look out for:

External doors should either be jointed using traditional mortice and tenon joints or dowel joints coupled with modern adhesives. All our doors are.

Make sure you know exactly what tolerances the door will give you if you have to trim – you must be able to take 9mm from each side of the door without affecting its structural integrity.

Ensure when buying pine doors that the joints are jointed and glued using modern adhesives and that the doors are suitable for either stain or paint, you will find that all the pine doors in this catalogue are constructed to the highest standard.

### **Can you ensure a consistent look throughout your house?**

We offer a complete family of doors that are matched in design. Please refer to our products range menu and select the door you are interested in and you will be given a list of 'related products' which will enable you to create your family of doors.

### **Is the glass in the door toughened for safety?**

All the glass in our doors is rated to BS6206, the standard for toughened glass in the UK.

### **Safety Glass (Excerpt from BSI website)**

The Kitemark scheme for safety glass is changing to reflect the recently published European standards EN 12600, EN 12150 and EN ISO 12543.

BS EN 12600 will replace BS 6206 on an ongoing basis. We use this as the primary standard for the Kitemark scheme for safety glass.

Bringing these requirements into the Kitemark scheme, we will ensure that you have the required technical evidence to support the necessary compliance with the Construction Products Directive in addition to compliance with UK Building Regulations.

The main difference in testing is in the size of the sample and the impactor used.

- **BS 6206** requires the impact test to be performed on a 1930mm x 865mm
- **BS EN 12600** requires a sample size of 1938mm x 876mm and the use of a 'twin sample using an impactor bag.
- 'tyre' impactor.

### **Are you offered comprehensive instructions in how best to fit and finish your door?**

We have reprinted some excellent advice from the British Woodworking Federation along with advice from our experienced technical people on how to ensure that your door when fitted is finished to the highest standard. Please read our '**Installation, treatment & care**' instructions for further information.

