



CABINETRY INSTALLATION, CARE, AND CLEANING

THE BEAUTY *of wood*

The richness of cabinetry begins with the wood. Neither synthetic nor engineered, wood comes from the heart of nature – the simplest and most reliable resource. It's natural for wood species in all finishes to show color changes caused by exposure to light, humidity and temperature changes. If you chose wood cabinetry, you can expect graining differences and color variations caused by this natural process. It's part of the timeless beauty and warmth of wood. Understanding these variations will give you an even greater appreciation for the uniqueness wood cabinetry brings to your home.

Constructed from many pieces of wood, your cabinetry is unique and displays natural color variations. The lighter pieces were closer to the tree's bark, and the darker pieces were closer to its center. All are equally strong and enhance the beauty and value of hardwoods.

Growth rings create the unique grain patterns in hardwoods. Preparing the wood for use in your cabinetry brings out these distinct differences.

Trees absorb minerals and other essential elements as they grow and prosper. You may see traces in your cabinetry, some more than others. These natural characteristics let you know you are enjoying authentic wood and not an imitation.

All trees grow limbs, which fall to the forest floor as the tree matures. The tree trunk will always have a knot where limbs once were. Parts of the tree, knots and all, may find new life in your cabinetry. They have absolutely no effect on its durability and structural integrity. These natural markings are proof of the tree's origins and add to its character.



WOOD SPECIES and characteristics



OAK

Oak is a strong open-grained wood that ranges from white to yellow to pink. It is sometimes streaked with green, yellow and black mineral deposits and may contain some wide grain.



MAPLE

Hard maple is a strong, close-grained wood that is predominantly off-white in color. It also contains light hues of yellow-brown and pink, and occasionally has light tan or small dark mineral streaks.



CHERRY

Cherry is an elegant, multicolored hardwood, which may contain small knots, pin holes and cherry fissures. A cherry fissure is a small crack that occurs naturally in cherry wood. A cherry fissure will not get bigger over time.



HICKORY

Hickory is a strong, open-grained wood known for its wide variation in color. It is not uncommon to see doors or parts range in color from light to deep brown.



ALDER

Rustic Alder's color range is softer than other hardwood species with a fine grain pattern. Rustic Alder likely includes some combination of rustic characteristics such as open and closed knots, burls, worm holes, mineral streaks and sound cracks reflecting the inherent beauty of the wood. Of the natural characteristics, open and closed knots are the most common in the species.

*Sapwood – The outer zone of wood in a tree, next to the bark. Sapwood is generally lighter in color than heartwood.

**Heartwood – The inner layers of wood that have ceased to contain living cells in growing trees. Heartwood is generally darker than sapwood, but the two are often indistinguishable.



INSTALLATION guide

To ensure a successful installation, please read these easy-to-follow instructions before beginning your installation project. If you have any questions, please contact your nearest retailer.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Tape Measure
- Level
- 3/16" Drill Bit
- Phillips Head Screwdriver
- Step Ladder
- Phillips Head Screw Gun
- Handsaw
- Chalk Line
- Carpenter's Square
- #2 Square Drive Bit
- Patching Plaster
- Extension Cord
- Pry Bar
- 2 "C" Clamps*
- Electric Drill
- Hammer
- Wood Shims for shimming cabinets up from floor, out from the wall or down from the ceiling

* NOTE: If metal "C" clamps are used, apply protective material between exposed metal and the cabinet face frames to avoid frame damage.

DON'T FORGET!

- Shut off the water lines to the sink.
- Shut off the gas and electricity to appliances.
- Move all appliances (stove, oven, refrigerator, dishwasher, etc.) out of the kitchen to provide more working room.
- Remove sink.
- Remove old cabinets, countertops, baseboards and any molding when they interfere with cabinet installation.
- Remove old floor covering, if replacing floor.

Important Notice

Countersink screws when installing decorative hardware to prevent scratching the cabinet face frame.

RIGHT



WRONG



PLEASE NOTE:

Cabinets are not intended to be freestanding units, they must be attached to a wall stud or anchored to the floor to achieve sufficient stability. Failure to comply with these guidelines will void all warranties and claims.

PREPARATION

Remove all doors, drawers and shelves from cabinets to allow you to clamp cabinets together for installation. Check for uneven floors and walls, as this will affect the installation. Locate these uneven areas and then shim cabinets to make the installation plumb, true and square.

CHECK FOR UNEVENNESS IN FLOORS

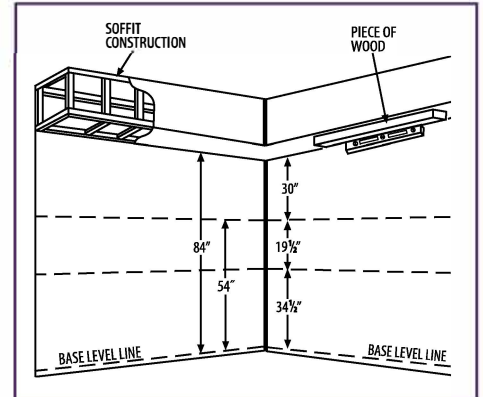
Using a straight length of 2 x 4 and a carpenter's level, check the floor for "high" spots. Check all around the room within 22" of the walls where you will be installing the base cabinets. Once you have located the highest point on the floor, strike a level line on the wall all around the room from this point of the floor, using your level and chalk line. (See illustration.) We will call this the "Base Level Line."

CHECK FOR UNEVENNESS IN WALLS

Mark the outlines of all wall cabinets on the wall to check actual cabinet dimensions against your layout. Using a straight 2 x 4, check the walls for uneven spots. Wall unevenness can cause misaligned cabinets resulting in "racking" or misalignment of the doors and drawer fronts. Remove high spots by scraping or sanding off excess plaster. Shim low spots with thin pieces of wood or shingles.

FINDING STUDS

Wall-framing studs should measure 16" on center for most homes. Use a stud finder or tap on wall to locate a "solid" sound. This generally will give you the location of the wall-framing studs. You can verify this location by driving a finishing nail into the wall. Make sure you do this in an area that will be covered by the wall cabinets. You can also check for studs near receptacle outlets. Mark the location of all the studs on wall surfaces. It is ok to use Wolf Artisan install screws in metal studs.



SOFFITS

If you are building soffits, you should construct and install them before installing the cabinets. Soffits in a room with 8' ceilings are normally 12" high and 14" deep. The bottom should be a minimum of 84" from the floor to allow the use of tall cabinets. Make sure there is at least an 84" clearance between the highest point in your floor and any existing soffit. If there is not, it may be necessary to start from a point in the floor that will accept this height or cut your tall cabinet down. Also, note that cabinets deeper than 12" will require a soffit depth greater than 14".

NOTE: When cutting tall cabinets from the bottom, the toe kick will not align with cabinets on either side. In some cases, you can cut 1/2" from the top. However, you cannot trim full-overlay styles at the top of the frame.

INSTALLATION WITH AN EXISTING SOFFIT

If the wall cabinets are to be against a ceiling soffit, you should check the soffit for levelness. You can do this using a straightedge and level, much the same as finding the high spot on the floor. This time, you are looking for the lowest spot closest to the floor. Shim corner cabinets down to this "lowest" height closest to the floor.

INSTALLING WALL CABINETS WITHOUT A SOFFIT

Measure up from the base-level-reference line 54", and place a mark on the wall. Using a level and straightedge, continue around the room, drawing a line parallel to the base-level line (previously found by locating the high spot on the floor). This 54" line will be the bottom line for most 30" standard wall cabinets. As an option, you can also use a 1" x 2" furring piece as a brace. Nail this piece on the 54" bottom line to help support the wall cabinets until you securely fasten them to the wall, using the supplied screws. After you remove the temporary brace, repair the small holes with patching plaster and refinish.



INSTALL WALL CABINETS FIRST

To make installation easier, you should install wall cabinets first. If you are unable to use the 1" x 2" furring brace, then use the 54" above finished floor line as a visual reference point. Raise the cabinets to this point, and use a floor "T" brace made from scrap lumber.

START IN A CORNER

When installing a full-overlay cabinet, we recommend using a filler or starter strip next to the wall or soffit. This will allow doors and drawers to open fully without hitting molding around doors and out-of-square walls.

NOTE: If you are installing a wall blind corner cabinet, make sure you pull the cabinet out from the corner the appropriate distance as called for in your kitchen plan.

CAUTION: When measuring the wall space, be aware that cabinets with front frames overhang the "box" by 3/16" on each end. Any measurements on the wall must coincide with the front frame measurements of each cabinet.

IMPORTANT: If you are using decorative handles, it may be necessary to add a filler to the wall blind corner cabinet on the adjacent cabinet and to "pull" the wall blind corner cabinet farther out of the corner. This will provide a 90° opening capacity for the adjacent cabinet doors.

Transfer the measurements of stud locations to the inside top of the wall cabinets. Measuring down 3/4", drill 7/32" pilot holes at each stud location mark. Now, lift the cabinet into place and support the bottom. Using the supplied screws and a screw gun with a #2 square drive bit, fasten the cabinets to the wall.

Now, mark the stud location 3/4" up from the bottom inside cabinet. Drill 7/32" pilot holes at each stud mark and fasten the cabinet to the wall. (Note: 36" and 42" cabinets require additional screws through the center hanging rail.) Do not thoroughly tighten the cabinet to the wall until you have fastened the next cabinet to the first one, checked for levelness and shim if necessary. Take the next wall cabinet and repeat the installation procedure.

Once you have mounted the two cabinets, use your "C" clamps to clamp the vertical frame members (stiles) tightly together, being careful to line up the bottom horizontal edges. Now, drill a pilot hole through the stile of the first cabinet into the stile of the second cabinet. Using the screws supplied in the installation kit, draw the two stiles tightly together. (A little wax on the screws will help seat them easily.) You can now remove the "C" clamps.

Continue installing the wall cabinets next to each other in a similar manner. When you have fastened several cabinets in the line together and have checked for levelness, you can thoroughly tighten the screws holding the cabinets to the wall.

When installing wall cabinets, it is important to secure all cabinets together. If a wall cabinet hangs on the wall where both ends are open, it is extremely important to secure this cabinet to the ceiling or soffit studs with four (4) lag bolts (not supplied) through the front frame and top panel on both sides.

If there is no soffit or ceiling above the cabinets, you must install a support or decorative leg through the bottom of the cabinet to the countertop on both open ends for support. If this is secured properly to the studs at the top and bottom, the cabinet will be completely supported. Failure to follow securing instructions outlined in this paragraph could result in cabinets falling off the wall!

FILLERS OR CABINETS WITH EXTENDED STILES

If it is necessary to use a filler, place the filler or fillers at the ends of the cabinet runs or next to the blind corner cabinets, rather than between cabinets in the middle of the run. You should cut fillers or extended stiles to fit the space.

Cut valances to fit the space left between the cabinets. If you have a scalloped valance, find the center, mark half of the space required between the cabinets, then cut from both ends to maintain the same measurement on each side of the centerline. Attach valances by drilling and screwing through the stiles or end panels of the adjacent cabinets.



INSTALL BASE CABINETS

First, put the base cabinets in place starting with the corner cabinets. If you are using a base blind corner cabinet, pull it out of the corner to the proper dimension, as shown on your kitchen layout. Shim this cabinet up to the high spot line previously located.

NOTE: Full-overlay framed-style blind corner cabinets with decorative hardware must be pulled out 3" from the corner to provide a 90° door opening. If you will not be installing decorative hardware, you only need to pull it 1 1/2" from the corner to provide a 90° door opening. In both situations, you must install a 3" or 1 1/2" filler to the cabinet adjacent to the blind corner.

Base blind corner cabinets may be pulled as necessary. Each base blind corner comes with a 3" filler that must be used as an extension of the adjacent cabinet to provide necessary door and drawer clearance.

If using a base lazy susan cabinet, apply a 1" x 2" furring strip to both walls at the proper height to support the countertop. You should screw these strips to the studs to provide support for the countertop once installed into the corner. It is usually better to fasten at least one cabinet in both directions to the lazy susan. Be sure you have shimmed them properly and attach the countertop brace described above.

Once you have positioned the corner cabinet into the corner, use the stud marks on the wall to locate the position of the screws for mounting the base cabinets to the wall. Drill a hole at the stud location through the back rail of the base cabinet approximately 3/4" from the top and into the stud. Attach the cabinet to the wall with the screws provided inside each cabinet. Be sure to use the shims under the cabinet base to bring it up to the level line, established previously. Install the next cabinet in the same manner.

Using your two "C" clamps, clamp the stiles tightly together, making sure the horizontal frame member rails form a level and straight line. Now, drill a pilot hole through the frame stile of the second cabinet. Use the screws supplied in the inside of each cabinet. (A little wax on the screws will help seat them easily.) Draw the two stiles tightly together. You can now remove the "C" clamps.

After you have securely fastened all base cabinets to the wall, reinstall doors and drawers, and check each for proper alignment. If a drawer front does not rest flush against the front frame, recheck each cabinet, assuring they are both vertically and horizontally level.

INSTALLING BASE CABINETS TO THE FLOOR

Base cabinets that are not secured to a wall stud (such as an island or peninsula application) must be secured to the floor with wood blocks behind the toe kick and on each side of the cabinet. To prepare blocking, place the cabinet in the desired location and mark the floor at all exposed ends of the cabinet. Cut 2x4 wood blocks 8-12" long to fit the underside of the cabinet. Measure the thickness of the toe kick or sides, and position the blocks inside the markings on the floor so the cabinets can be positioned over them. Fasten the blocks to the floor. Attach the cabinets together following the applicable attachment procedures for shimming, leveling and attaching face frames, then use finish nails to attach the cabinets to the blocks on the floor.

FINE-TUNING

At times, you may have to fine-tune your cabinetry after the installation. After all the cabinets have been installed plumb and level, place doors and drawers back on the cabinets. Install doors and make hinge adjustments so reveals between doors and drawers are equal. Make these adjustments before installing pulls or knobs.

COMMON SERVICE PROBLEMS YOU CAN HANDLE

The Troubleshooting Guide (below) will help you fix the most common problems. Other adjustment information is included later in this guide.

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

CONDITION	POSSIBLE CAUSE	REMEDY
Double doors on cabinet do not line up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cabinet not set level and square (racked).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loosen screws and use shims to make cabinet plumb.• Loosen hinge screws and readjust.
Door does not fit up to cabinet face frame at either top or bottom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hinge out of adjustment or cabinet racked.• Door warped due to extreme dryness or humidity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure cabinet is plumb and level. Then, reset hinge.• Relative humidity level should be at least 35%. Install proper control in home. If the door has already warped, leave door partially open and it should adjust itself.
Drawer face does not fit flush with cabinet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drawer glide out of alignment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pull out drawer. Rotate the tilt adjustment lever on the rear of each runner to tilt the drawer front.• Close drawer. Drawer should automatically reset.
Scratches, nicks and dents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mishandling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Touch-Up Kit

MAKING ADJUSTMENTS

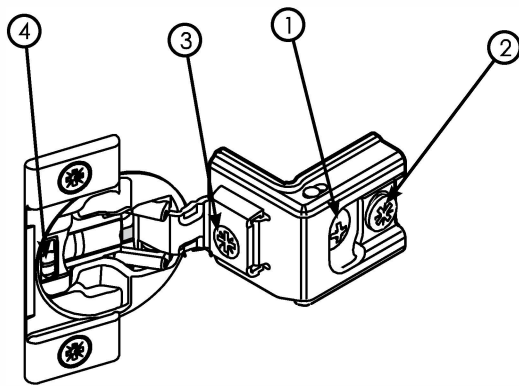
HINGE ADJUSTMENTS

We construct our cabinetry with several types of durable, high-performance hinges that will operate smoothly and silently for years. Periodically, you should tighten hinge screws, because they can loosen over time with normal use. For specific adjustments, refer to the following pages.

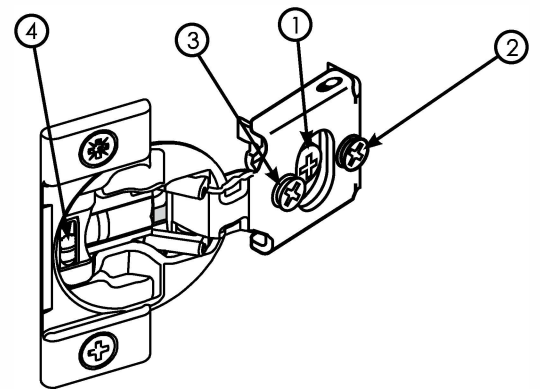
NOTE: Make adjustments with a hand-powered screwdriver to help eliminate over tightening, sometimes caused by power screwdrivers.

SOFT CLOSE HINGE ADJUSTMENT

We use several different cup hinges on our cabinetry. The overlay (concealment of the frame) for that door style dictates the exact design. As shown here, simply loosen the screws (1) (attach the hinges to the frame) and move the door up or down to the desired position. For in or out adjustments on cup hinges, turn the cam screws (2) clockwise to move the door in or counter-clockwise to move the door out. For left or right adjustments, turn the cam screws (3) clockwise to move right and counter-clockwise to move left. (4) On-off switch – to activate the soft-close put the switch in the "on" position by moving it toward the (-) symbol, "off" position – switch is moved towards the (o) symbol. On-off position allows you to control the rate of speed at which the door closes. When moving from the on to off position, the door must close one cycle for the feature to engage.



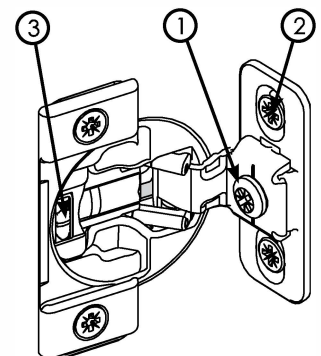
FULL-OVERLAY HINGE



1/2" OVERLAY HINGE

SOFT CLOSE OVEN CABINET HINGE ADJUSTMENTS

To adjust the cup hinges on oven cabinets, turn the cam screw (1) counter clockwise to move the door left, clockwise to move right. You can make up and down adjustments by loosening the screws (2) attaching the plate to the face of the cabinet frame and then tightening in the desired position. (3) On-off switch – to activate the soft-close put the switch in the "on" position by moving it toward the (-) symbol, "off" position – switch is moved towards the (o) symbol. On-off position allows you to control the rate of speed at which the door closes. When moving from the on to off position, the door must close one cycle for the feature to engage.



OVEN CABINET HINGE

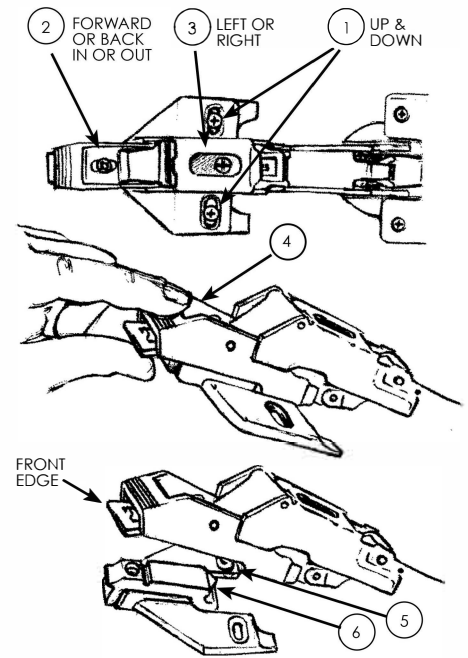


EASY-REACH HINGE ADJUSTMENTS

If your kitchen includes an Easy-Reach cabinet, and it needs adjustments, you should follow these guidelines. For up and down adjustment, follow this procedure: With the door attached to the cabinet, loosen the Phillips head screws (1) attaching the hinge plate to the cabinet frame. Move the door to the desired position and tighten the screws. For forward or backward movement of the door, adjust the Phillips head screw (2) at the end of the hinge arm.

For left and right adjustment, locate the concealed Phillips head screw (3) through the slot in the arm of the hinge. Insert a screwdriver into the slot and turn the screw to the desired adjustment.

For easier installation or cleaning of the cabinet, you can remove the Easy-Reach doors by squeezing the latch (4) between the thumb and forefinger. To place a door back on the cabinet, insert the door hinge into the slotted space (5) and (6) on the hinge plate. Once the clasp is in the slot on the back of the hinge, the assembly will snap together. For adjustments, it is important that the door remain on the cabinet for reference and alignment with other doors or drawers.

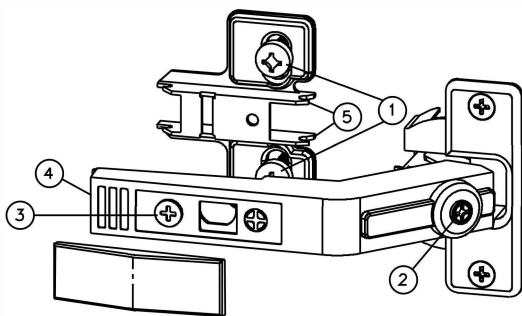


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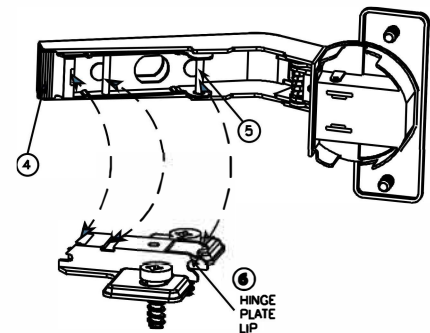
BI-FOLD EASY-REACH HINGE ADJUSTMENTS

The framed bi-fold hinge connects two Easy-Reach doors. For up and down adjustment, remove cover cap on the hinge and locate the screws (1) on the hinge plates. Loosen these screws and tighten after proper adjustment. For proper adjustment of the gap between the two doors, loosen the screw (2) on the shortest arm of the bi-fold hinge and tighten after adjustment. Adjust the door in and out by loosening the inner screw (3) on the longer arm of the hinge. Tighten at the desired position.

You can remove the door by squeezing the release plate (4) at the end of the longer hinge arm. To re-attach, insert the pin (5) beneath the lip on the hinge plate (6) and press on the end of the hinge arm (4).



BI-FOLD HINGE FRONT



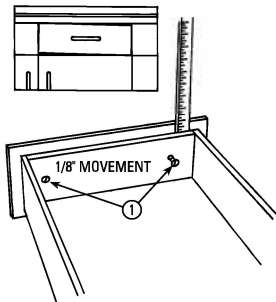
BI-FOLD HINGE BACK

DRAWER FRONT ADJUSTMENTS

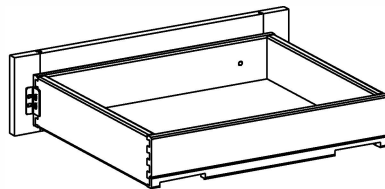
If a drawer front looks crooked, first measure at each end of the drawer front to see if the height is the same. If not, slightly loosen the screws (1) attaching the drawer front to the drawer box. Make any up, down or sideways adjustments and then tighten the screws.

NOTE: This adjustment can only be made PRIOR to installing decorative hardware (handles or knobs).

For cabinets with a 5-piece drawer head, make adjustments by removing the plastic cover and loosening the side brackets attaching the drawer head to the side of the drawer box. Simply loosen the screw on the drawer and determine the proper up or down position, then retighten the screw.



DRAWER FRONT ADJUSTMENTS



5-PIECE DRAWER HEAD ADJUSTMENTS

SOFT CLOSE OVEN DRAWER RUNNER ADJUSTMENTS

We construct our cabinetry using several types of self-adjusting drawer suspension systems. The drawer function and in some cases, the options chosen by the purchaser determine the runner type used.

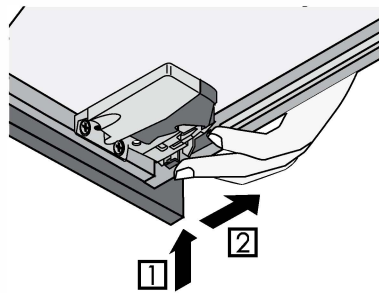
- Sidemount runners (used only on roll-out trays)
- Full-extension undermount runners with soft close buffer system
- Full-extension sidemount runners (used on drawer storage and desk double file drawer cabinets)

We equip sidemount runners with self-adjusting rear mounting clips. If roll-out trays rub or bind, remove the tray and check the position of the screws in the runner, as well as in the cabinet. You may need to retighten these screws to eliminate any interference or chafing.

The full-extension undermount runners with soft close buffer system can be adjusted while the drawer is in place.

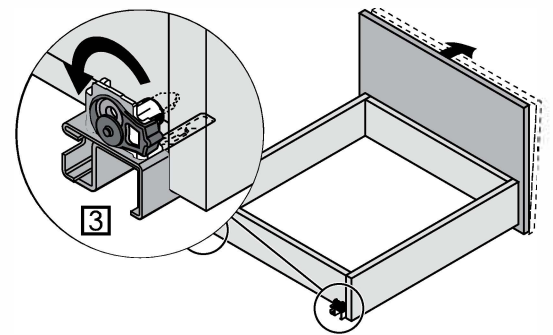
Front height adjustment

Press up on adjustment tab (1).
Push toward back of drawer (2).



Rear height adjustment

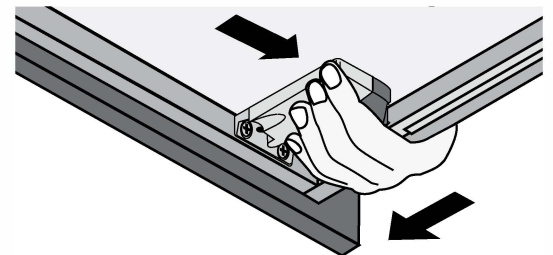
Rotate the adjustment lever on the rear of each runner to raise the drawer box; this will tilt the drawer front forward (3).



SOFT CLOSE FULL-EXTENSION UNDERMOUNT DRAWER RUNNER

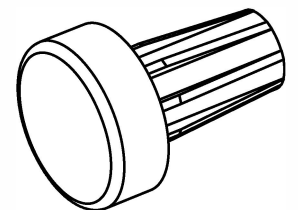
DRAWER BOX

The drawer can easily be removed by opening the drawer and squeezing the orange handles on locking devices then pull the drawer straight out and up. To put the drawer back in place simply, place the drawer on top of the runners and close the drawer. The locking devices will click and engage with the runners automatically. Open the drawer completely to check if the locking devices have engaged.



DOOR & DRAWER BUMPER ADJUSTMENTS (PERMASET BUMPERS)

The material used in our door and drawer bumpers coordinates well with all wood species and will help provide a pliable protective cushion for years to come. These bumpers will not slide across the door or drawer surface or drop off with age, but could occasionally become dislodged. To replace a bumper, gently push the bumper into the door or drawer bumper hole.



DOOR & DRAWER BUMPER

ACCESSORY ADJUSTMENTS

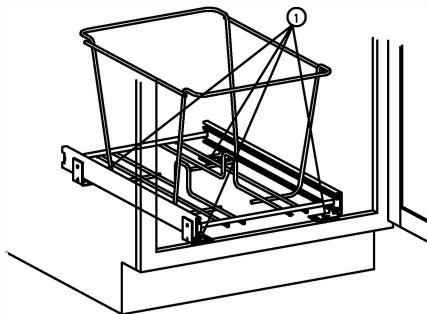
We offer the most comprehensive line of storage solutions available. With more than 200 intelligent, attractive options, you're sure to find everything you need – and a place for everything you have. After installation, you may need to make a few final adjustments. Refer to the following pages for specific instructions.

BASE WASTEBASKET

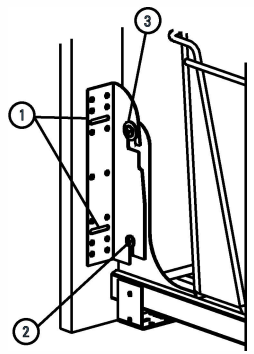
Floor Mount (A) – The floor-mounted base wastebasket contains slotted holes (1) which enable the floor mount itself to move left or right.

Door Mount (B) – To adjust the cabinet door right or left, loosen the screws (1) that attach the door and wastebasket unit. Move the door until it is at the desired position and retighten the screws. To adjust the cabinet door in or out, loosen the lock screws (2) near the unit's bottom, then loosen the adjustment screw (3) near the unit's top. Move the door until it is at the desired position and retighten the adjustment screws followed by the lock screws.

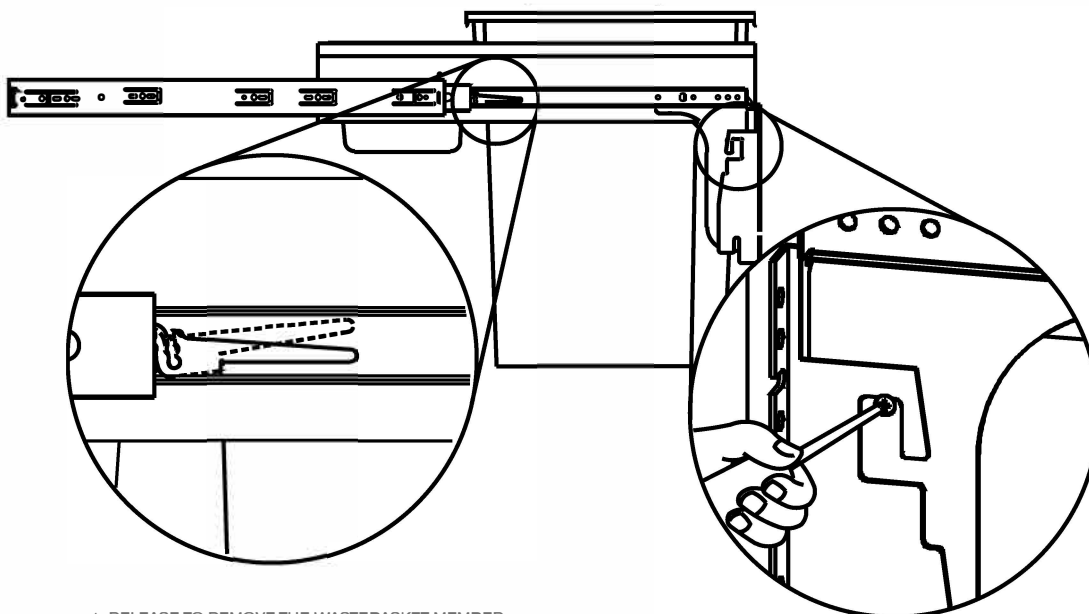
Top Mount Wastebasket Release (C) – To remove the wastebasket member, pull the unit all the way out and lift up on the lever located along the left side.



(A) FRAMED FLOOR-MOUNTED
WASTEBASKET



(B) FRAMED DOOR-MOUNTED
WASTEBASKET



1: RELEASE TO REMOVE THE WASTEBASKET MEMBER
FROM CABINET MEMBER

2: LOOSEN FOUR SCREWS ON THE SLIDE MEMBER TO REMOVE
DOOR AND PROPERLY ALIGN DOOR

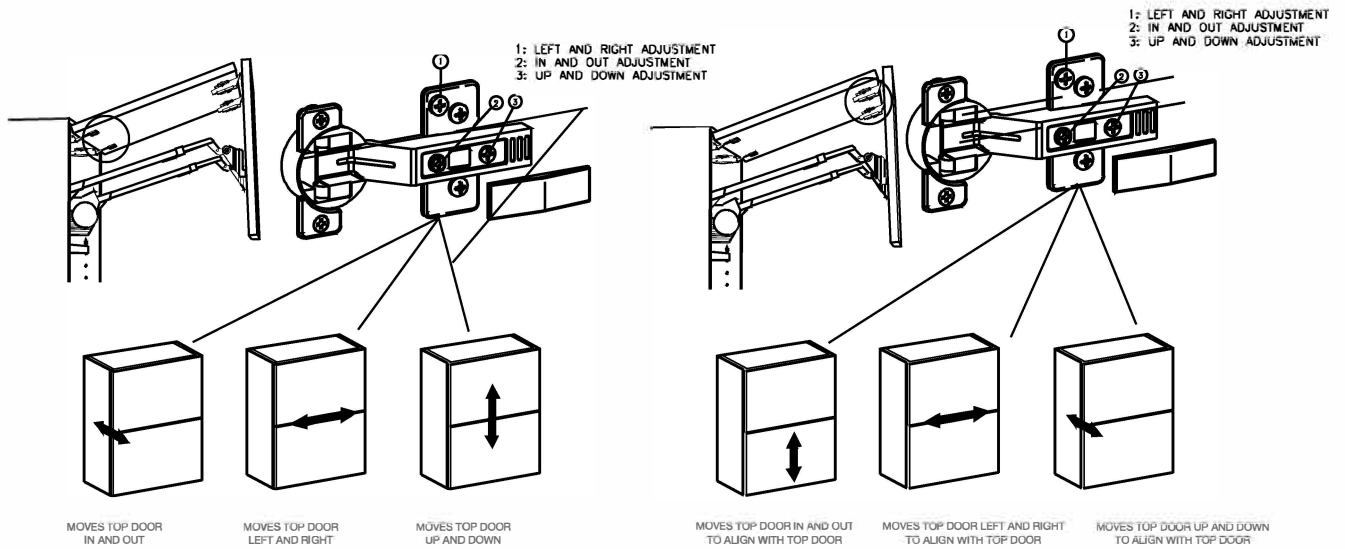
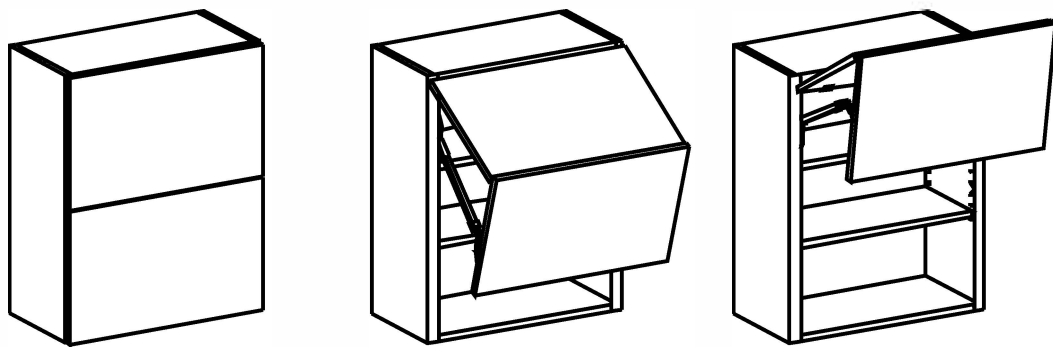
(C) WASTEBASKET RELEASE



WALL LATERAL BI-FOLD CABINET

You can adjust both the top and bottom doors on the wall lateral bi-fold cabinet. To adjust the top door in and out, loosen screw (1) and retighten after making your adjustments. Adjust the top door left and right by loosening screw (2) and then tightening after making your corrections. Adjust the top door up and down by loosening screw (3) and retightening after adjusting.

Adjust the bottom door up and down by loosening screw (4) and retightening after adjusting. Adjust the bottom door left and right by loosening screw (5) and then tightening after making your corrections. To adjust the bottom door in and out, loosen screw (6) and retighten after making your adjustments.



WALL LATERAL BI-FOLD CABINET ADJUSTMENTS

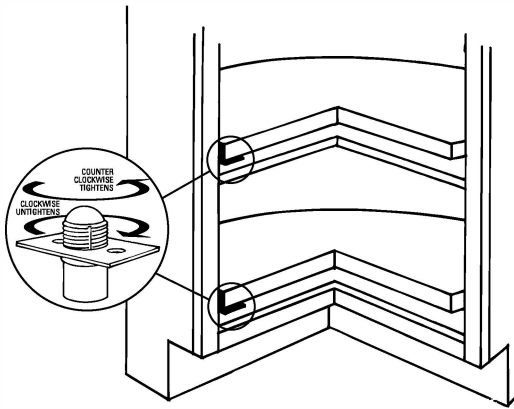


EASY-REACH SUPER SUSAN ADJUSTMENTS

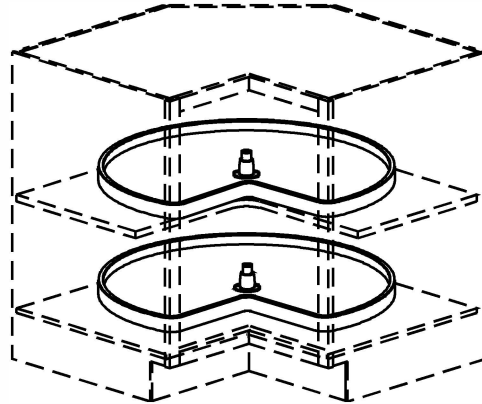
The only adjustment possible with the Super Susan is to the bullet catches that catch the revolving shelves. You will find them between the permanent shelf/floor and the revolving shelves. For best results, fully load the revolving shelves during adjustment.

Turn the shelf to reveal the bullet catch. Turning the catch to the right (clockwise) moves it up and provides more grab; turning it to the left (counter-clockwise) moves the catch down and allows less grab. NOTE: You may need pliers to start turning the catch. If this is necessary, LIGHTLY turn the catch, being careful to avoid thread damage.

STORAGE HINT: Store taller items toward the center and shorter items toward the outside of trays to prevent them from falling off the tray during rotation of the Super Susan.



EASY-REACH SUPER SUSAN

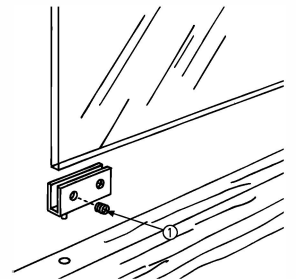


EASY-REACH SUPER SUSAN

TRI-VIEW MIRROR ADJUSTMENTS

For adjustment of your tri-view mirror, loosen the Phillips head screws (1) in the hinge plate. Move the mirrors to the desired position and tighten the screws.

CAUTION: Do not over tighten, as this will cause damage to the plastic screw and/or mirror.



CARE & CLEANING

Before your cabinets reached your home, they were inspected to ensure a quality finished product. Here are some recommendations for caring for your cabinetry.

WOOD CARE RECOMMENDATIONS

As with all wood products, avoid excessive moisture. We design our cabinetry specifically for indoor use; we do not recommend it for outdoor applications. If storing your cabinetry in a place before installation where the temperature and humidity levels differ from your home, such as a garage or basement, it may take some time for the wood to acclimate itself to its new environment. Slight adjustments may be necessary.

After installation, wipe down all exteriors and interiors with a damp cloth to remove dust. Work on a small area at a time and wipe dry. Be careful not to scratch the surface when wiping dust and debris.

Regular cleaning requires only wiping with a damp cloth and then drying. For removal of oil, grease or general soil, we recommend our Cabinet Care Kit. You may also use warm water and any mild commercially available emulsion type cleaner, because it doesn't use wax, petroleum solvents or silicones. The extended use of wax polishes can result in a wax film buildup, while the use of silicone polishes can harm the cabinet's finish. Avoid spray-type polishes containing petroleum solvents, as they are flammable and toxic if swallowed.

Use a damp cloth when cleaning normal household spills. After wiping thoroughly, dry the surface with a lint-free cotton cloth. Always dry the surface immediately. Never use detergent, abrasive cleaners, scouring pads or powdered cleansers. Do not allow oven cleaner to touch any part of the cabinet.

It is important to wipe up spills as they occur. Give special attention to areas around the sink and dishwasher. Avoid draping damp or wet dishtowels over the door of the sink base cabinet. Over time, this moisture can cause permanent water damage to the door. For convenient unobtrusive storage, you can purchase an out-of-the-way sliding towel rack.

NOTE: Do not use a dishcloth to wipe your cabinets, since it may contain remnants of grease or detergents.



WOOD CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

We protect all our wood doors, face frames and drawer heads with a high-quality, patented conversion varnish topcoat. The following is a list of common household chemicals and the relative resistance to them:

CHEMICAL	RATING
Acetone	1
Alcohol (ethyl, methyl)	2
Beet Juice	1
Butter	1
Citric Acid (10% Citric Acid)	1
Coffee	1
Coke	1
Comet	1
Dye (e.g., "Tintex", "Rit")	3
Fantastik	1
Fingernail Polish Remover	2
Formula 409	1
Grease	1
Household Ammonia Solution (10% Ammonia Solution)	2
Household Soaps & Washing Detergent	1
Ink (Washable)	1
Ketchup	1
Lacquer Thinner	1
Lemon Juice	1
Mustard (Paste from Dry Mustard)	3
Olive Oil	1
Oven Cleaner	4
5% Phenol Solution in Water (e.g., "Lysol")	1
Pine-Sol	1
Pledge	1
Shoe Polish (Liquid or Paste)	2
Simple Green	1
Soapless Detergent (e.g., "Dreft")	1
Tea	2
Tri-Sodium Phosphate (e.g., "Oakite")	1
Vinegar	1
Water	1
Wax Crayon	1
Windex	1

KEY

- 1 Unaffected; no color or surface texture change.
- 2 Superficial; stains easily removed by following our cleaning process outlined on previous page.
- 3 Moderate; stains produce a slight discoloration. No appreciable surface texture change.
- 4 Considerable; stains not easily removed. May result in surface etching.



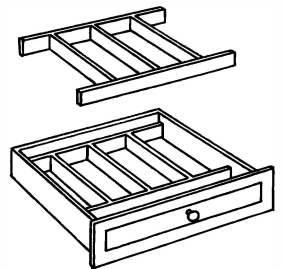
CARE & CLEANING OF DECORATIVE HARDWARE

Periodically, use mild soap and warm water to clean door/drawer knobs or pulls. Thoroughly dry all hardware joints and surfaces and the surrounding area with a clean, soft cloth. Buff hardware with a clean, dry cloth. Lubrication of hinges is not necessary; however, you can clean or dust hinges using cotton-tipped swabs.

CAUTION: DO NOT USE brass and silver polishes as they may contain harsh chemicals that can damage the hardware's surface.

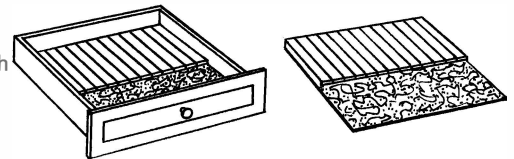
CARE & CLEANING OF CUTLERY DIVIDER

Wipe wood cutlery dividers with a clean, damp cloth and dry thoroughly. Occasional wiping of the dividers with mineral oil will help maintain a rich appearance. For metal dividers, plastic single and tiered divider units, wipe clean with a damp cloth and periodically remove from the drawer and wash with a mild detergent and warm water. It is also safe to place these metal and plastic units on the top shelf of a dishwasher for cleaning. Do not use abrasives or chemical cleaners.



CARE & CLEANING OF KNIFE SECTION UNIT

Constructed of hard maple and cork, your knife section holder can maintain its appearance by wiping it with a damp, clean cloth or sponge. Periodically, rub the solid wood portion with a cloth dampened with mineral oil, being careful to avoid moistening the cork bottom.



CARE & CLEANING OF GLASS DOOR INSERTS

If your kitchen cabinetry has glass door accents, a few precautions are necessary. Apply glass cleaner to a towel, not directly to the glass. Avoid cleaner contact with camed, white, gold or copper clad mullions.

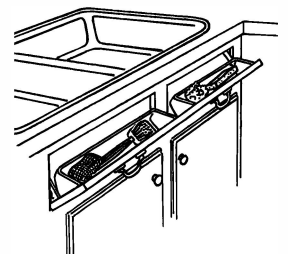
Gently buff coming with 0000 steel wool, which will not scratch glass. Avoid steel wool buffing of joints on gold, copper or white clad coming, since this will remove the gold, copper or white coating. Protect white coming by coating with carnauba wax, available at local hardware or automotive stores.

CARE & CLEANING OF MIRRORS

Apply cleaner only onto a cloth, never directly onto the mirror. Do not allow the cleaner to run or drip into the base trim. Avoid cleaners that contain sodium hydrochloride, phosphoric acid or sulphur (found in products to prevent mildew and fungus). Hair spray and other hair care products often contain chemicals that are caustic to silver and may cause damage to the mirror back. Do not use abrasives.

CARE & CLEANING OF UTENSIL TRAY

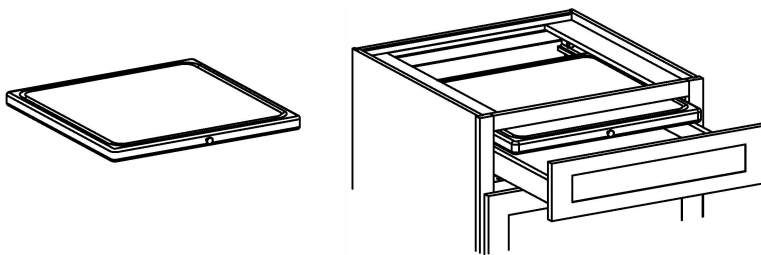
To clean your utensil tray, simply loosen the screws, remove it and wash with a mild detergent. Dry thoroughly. Avoid allowing moisture to seep between the tray and cabinet front. (Utensil trays are also dishwasher-safe.)



CARE & CLEANING OF CUTTING CENTERS

We offer several cabinets containing cutting centers or chopping blocks, designed for out-of-the-way and out-of-sight storage until needed for food preparation. Please note that these boards were designed for use on a countertop, table or other sturdy surface. We recommend against usage while in or attached to a cabinet.

Our cutting boards are made from maple veneers on both surfaces, with solid wood ends. Our chopping blocks are solid maple slabs. After cutting and preparing vegetables, breads or dry goods, simply wipe the surface with a clean, damp cloth or sponge and dry thoroughly. Be sure to wipe and dry any liquids that may have seeped down onto the reverse side. Occasionally rub a small amount mineral oil into both surfaces to keep the board from drying out.



TOUCH-UP OF DAMAGED WOOD SURFACES

It is important to us that you remain delighted with your cabinetry. As careful as you may be, damage to a cabinet could eventually occur. A scratch or nick could become a permanent distraction in your cherished kitchen or bath. A simple touch-up procedure can often make these blemishes virtually disappear.

With the inevitable in mind, we have provided you with a touch-up kit designed for your specific cabinet color and style. Here are some hints to help you with minor repairs to a damaged surface.

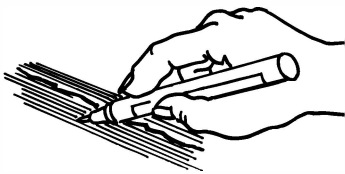
NOTE: Substantial repairs should only be attempted by professional refinishers.



REPAIR OF SCRATCHES AND SCRAPES ON WOOD WITH TOUCH-UP KIT

Touch-up Pens are used to add or alter color to a worn edge, a gouge or to color a scratch.

- Evaluate the damaged area – is it repairable? How much touch-up will be required? Is professional help required? Proceed only if confident of skill level.
- Make sure the surface that you are touching up is clean and dry.
- Shake the touch-up pen vigorously with the pen cap on for one minute.
- Take off the cap and hold the pen in an upright position (tip pointing up) and depress the tip of the pen for a few seconds.
- Hold the pen in a downward position and depress the tip onto a piece of cardboard until the tip becomes saturated. The tip should be moist but not dripping wet, you can remove excess amounts of marker fluid by dapping the tip onto the cardboard.
- Use the pen to add color to the worn edge, a gouge or to color a scratch. Apply the fluid with light even strokes. You can blend the color and remove excess fluid with a clean rag.



REPAIR OF SCRATCHES, NICKS OR FRAMES GOUGES ON WOOD WITH A SOFT FILL STICK

Fil-Stiks are used to fill small cosmetic defects like nail holes, nicks, gouges or small scratches.

- Evaluate the damaged area – is it repairable? How much touch-up will be required? Is professional help required? Proceed only if confident of skill level.
- Make sure the surface that you are touching up is clean and dry.
- Optional: First color the area with a Touch-up pen and wipe off all excess pen fluid.
- Apply the Fil-Stik with an even back and forth motion to completely fill in the damaged area. (Hint: For easier application, you may warm the stick by holding it in your hands for several minutes.)
- Gently remove the excess Fil-Stik by either A) Rubbing over the treated area with a clean cloth until level or B) Lightly scrape over the excess stick with a plastic card.
- Gently buff the area with a clean cloth to remove any remaining residue.
- If the treated area is a little light in color, then a touch-up marker can be used to alter the color.

