

Door handing made simple

Use the outside/key side and the hinge position to identify LH, RH, LHR, or RHR.



Illustration for reference; not to scale.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Record the opening number, dimensions, and existing conditions. Keep actual measurements separate from nominal order sizes.

STEP-BY-STEP CHECKLIST

- ☐ 1. Stand on the outside or key side of the opening.
- ☐ 2. Identify whether the door swings toward you or away from you.
- ☐ 3. Note whether the hinges are on your left or right from that position.
- ☐ 4. From that same side: left hinges + away = LH; right hinges + away = RH; left hinges + toward = LHR; right hinges + toward = RHR.

Door handing combines the hinge side with the direction of swing. Always start from the outside or key side. A standard hand swings inward; a reverse hand swings outward. Confirm both the hinge side and swing before ordering.

Technical reference: [Steel Door Institute handing reference](#)

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