

# How to measure an opening

Capture the door width, height, and rough opening without mixing up the measurements.

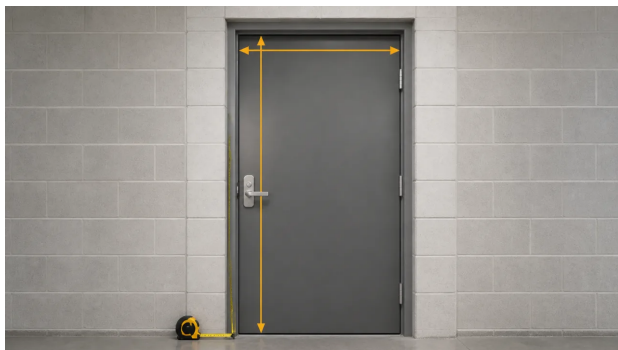


Illustration for reference; not to scale.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

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

## STEP-BY-STEP CHECKLIST

- ☐ 1. Measure the existing door leaf edge to edge and record its actual (net) width, not the nominal order size.
- ☐ 2. Measure the door leaf from top to bottom and record its actual (net) height.
- ☐ 3. Measure the framed wall opening separately and label it as the rough opening.
- ☐ 4. Record each dimension in inches and note whether the opening is new or a replacement.

Door size and rough-opening size are different measurements. Measure the door leaf directly for door width and height, then measure the wall opening separately. Keep the two sets of dimensions clearly labeled.

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**Technical reference: Doors & More field measurement guide**

[Open the technical reference online](#)