

Understanding fire labels

Read the opening label and keep the door, frame, and hardware assembly compatible.



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. Look for labels on the door and frame, usually near the hinges; some labels are on the top or another edge because of hardware.
- ☐ 2. Record the listed duration, manufacturer, and any special limitations shown.
- ☐ 3. Confirm that the door, frame, glazing, and hardware are compatible as one listed assembly.
- ☐ 4. Follow the project documents and local authority requirements; do not infer a rating from appearance.

A fire-rated opening is a complete listed assembly, not only a rated door leaf. Read both door and frame labels, use compatible glazing and hardware, and follow the project documents and local authority having jurisdiction. Never assume a rating because components look similar.

Technical reference: Steel Door Institute fire-rated assembly guidance

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