How to Install a Wood Screen Door

**STEP 1**

**Gather Tools & Supplies**
You will need a tape measure, a drill with a Phillips head bit and shims or something similar to assist with holding the door during installation. For sealing or painting, you will need a flathead screwdriver or putty knife to remove the screen frame, paint or sealant and a paint brush. You may also need a circular saw if you plan on trimming your door.

**STEP 2**

**Determine Opening Size**
Measure the width and height of your existing opening inside the door frame to determine if you need to trim your door. Allow a 1/8” space on each side and top and up to 1/4” on the bottom.

**STEP 3**

**Trim Door as Needed**
You can trim your door up to 3/8” from each side and top and 1” off the bottom. A standard circular saw will do the job. If you trim more than these amounts you will compromise the integrity of the door and void the warranty.

**STEP 4**

**Wood Door Sealing & Painting**
All Screen Tight wood doors must be sealed or painted. Begin by unscrewing the screen frames and prying them off gently with a flathead screwdriver or putty knife, being careful not to damage the door. Seal or paint the entire surface, covering all edges, top and bottom. Reinstall the screen frame once dry.

**INSTALL HINGES & HARDWARE**
The following are instructions for installing Screen Tight hardware which may or may not have been included with your door.

**Position Hinges**
Measuring from the top of your door, mark the door frame at 10”, 40”, and 67”. Position each hinge on the center of each mark.

**Mount Hinges**
Align the middle of the each hinge with the side of the door by pushing the Edge Guide directly against the frame. The vertical holes of each hinge attach to the frame while the horizontal holes attach to the door itself. Mark hole locations and drill pilot holes. Attach with included screws. **Be sure not to over-tighten as this may break the hinge.** Once hinges are mounted, slide screw covers into place.

**Adjust Hinge Tension**
Screen Tight hinges have built-in adjustable springs for door movement control. To increase hinge tension, insert a Phillips head screwdriver into the top of the hinge, push down and turn counter-clockwise about 60° then release. There are four levels of tension. The maximum tension is reached at about 240° from zero.

**Mount Pull Handles**
Mount pull handles at desired height — usually aligned near the center of the door about 36° from the top. Drill pilot holes then install with included screws, being sure not to overtighten.

Installation guides and videos available at ScreenTight.com/Hardware