

## **ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION DEFINITIONS 3:**

- ACCORDION PARTITION:** A fabric-faced partition which is hung from an overhead track and folds back like the bellows of an accordion.
- AWNING WINDOW:** A window that the top horizontal sash is top-hinged and the bottom sash swings inward or outward.
- BI-FOLDING DOOR:** A door having two pairs of leaves that are hinged together, with one side pivoted to the jamb, while the other side slides open and closed in the overhead track.
- CASEMENT WINDOW:** A window that's side sash swings open along the entire length.
- CASEWORK:** The aggregate assembled parts (including framework, finish, doors, drawers, etc.) which make up a case or cabinet.
- CASING:** The exposed trim molding, framing, or lining around a door or window.
- CHAIR RAIL:** A horizontal strip usually of wood, affixed to the wall at a height which prevents the backs of chairs from damaging the wall surface.
- CLERESTORY:** An upper zone of wall pierced with windows that admit light into the room.
- CROWN MOLDING:** Any molding forming the crowning or finishing member of a structure or along a ceiling.
- DEADBOLT:** A type of door lock which is operated by the door key or turning piece.
- DOOR CLOSER:** A device, containing a spring, for controlling the speed to automatically close a door.
- DOUBLE GLAZING:** Two panes of glass, usually parallel, with an air space between; used to provide increased thermal and/or sound insulation.
- DOUBLE HUNG WINDOW:** A window having two vertically sliding sashes, each closing a different part of the window.
- FINISH HARDWARE:** Hardware, such as hinges, locks, knobs, etc., that has a finished appearance as well as a function, which are usually used with doors, windows, and cabinets.
- FRENCH DOORS:** A door having a top and bottom rail and stiles, which has glass panes throughout its entire length.
- GASKET/WEATHER STRIPING:** A continuous strip of resilient material attached to a door or door frame to provide a tight seal between the door and frame, it also provide a barrier from the weather, light, and sound.
- GLAZING:** The glass surface of a glazed opening.
- HINGE:** A movable joint used to attach, support, and turn a door about a pivot.
- HOLLOW CORE DOOR:** A flush door of hollow-core construction.
- HOLLOW METAL DOOR:** A flush metal door, fabricated of sheet steel and reinforced by light metal channels; sometimes filled with a light filler material.
- JAMB:** A vertical member at either side of a door or window frame.
- KICKPLATE:** A protective plate applied on the lower rail of a door to prevent marring.
- LATCH:** A simple fastening device having latch bolt, but not a dead bolt, contains no provisions for locking with a key; usually operable from both sides.
- LOCKSET:** A complete lock system including the basic locking mechanism and all the accessories, such as knobs, levers, plates, etc.
- MILLWORK:** Ready-made products which are manufactured at a wood-planning mill or woodworking plant: moldings, doors, door frames, window sashes, stair work, cabinets, etc.
- MULLION:** A vertical member separating (and often supporting) window, door, or panels set in series.
- OVERHEAD DOOR:** A door that either swings up or rolls up, which when open, assumes a horizontal position above the door opening.

- PANEL DOOR:** A door having stiles, rails and sometimes mutins which form one or more frames around recessed panels.
- POCKET DOOR:** A door that recesses into a wall.
- PREHUNG DOOR:** An assembly consisting of a door on its frame, together with all necessary hardware and trim, ready for installation.
- PUSH BAR/PANIC:** A heavy bar fixed across a glazed door used to open or closed the door, while providing protection for the glass.
- SASH:** Any framework of a window.
- SKYLIGHT:** An opening which is glazed with a transparent or translucent material that is located in the roof.
- SOLID-CORE DOOR:** A door having a core of solid wood or mineral composition.
- SPANDREL GLASS:** An opaque glass used in windows and curtain walls to conceal internal construction.
- TEMPERED GLASS:** Glass having two or four times the strength of ordinary glass as a result of being prestressed by heating and then suddenly quenched.
- THRESHOLD:** A strip fastened to the floor beneath a door to cover the joint where two types of flooring material meet; may provide weather protection at exterior doors.
- TOE KICK:** A space provided, typically in cabinetry, for toe space.
- TRANSLUCENT:** A material that transmits light but diffuses is sufficiently so that an image cannot be seen through the material clearly.
- TRANSOM:** A horizontal bar of wood or stone across a window or door. Also, a window located above a door.
- TRIM:** The visible woodwork or moldings of a room, such as the baseboards, chair rail, crown molding, door and window casing, etc.
- WAINSCOT:** A decorative or protective facing applied to the lower portion of an interior partition or wall.
- WEATHER STRIPING:** A strip of neoprene applied to an exterior door or window so as to cover or seal the joint made by it with the sill, casing, or threshold, in order to exclude rain, snow, cold air, etc.