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How to Measure Cabinet Door Overlay

When you install hinges on your new or existing cabinets, one important piece of information you need to know is the cabinet door overlay measurement.

What is cabinet door overlay?

Cabinet door overlay is the distance your cabinet door overlaps the frame of the cabinet.

Follow these steps to determine the overlay for your cabinet door:



1. The first step is to close the cabinet door. With the cabinet door in the closed position locate the hinged side of the door.



2. Once you have located the hinged side of the door, place a piece of tape on the face of the cabinet and flush to the door in a vertical position.

3. Open the cabinet door so you can see the edge of the tape.



4. Now, measure the distance from the inside edge of the tape to the cabinet frame opening. (Normal cabinet door overlay is $\frac{1}{4}$ " - $1\frac{1}{2}$ ")

In this example, the measurement from the edge of the tape at the 1" mark to the edge of the cabinet frame opening is $\frac{3}{8}$ ". This is your cabinet door overlay.