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Premium Grade Doors and “AA” Faces

Over the past few years there seems to be a growing confusion with respect to door grade and its relationship to veneer grade. Below is an outline of these requirements as stated in the Edition 1 of the Architectural Woodwork Standards (AWS). This information pertains to door grade and relationships to veneers only.

- Doors specified to be AWI Premium Grade Construction: Require veneers to be:
 - “AA” Grade
 - Center Balance Matched.
- Veneers specified to be “AA” Grade do not specifically mean Premium Grade construction.
 - “AA” does not require Center Balance Matching.

“AA” veneer and Premium Grade construction are two entirely separate issues. Too often, the assumption is made that “AA” faces must be Center Balance Matched, this simply is not true. “AA” face can be Balance, Running, Slip matched... “AA” refers to the quality and size of the panels being used in the overall door face. Mohawk will always assume that doors shown to be Premium Grade construction (with no other notation made to veneer grade) will be priced as “AA” Book and Center Balance Matched.

If “AA” faces are identified and the construction requirements have been omitted, Mohawk will default to a Custom Grade door construction.

Any questions regarding this matter can be further addressed by a Mohawk Customer Service.