The ABP Update

September greets us with some beautiful weather. Now that school has begun and everyone is back from their family vacations busy times lie ahead.

We would like to address some shipping issues with our countertop supplier VTI. VTI went live with some new computer software August 5. Not long after that the head of their IT department was involved in a serious car accident. As you can imagine, this created a lot of turmoil for them. Lead times went out due to unresolved issues and they had a mess on their hands. We want to apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced. They are on their way to recovery as the IT manager has returned and they are quickly working toward shipping on time again. Thank you for your patience.

Some product news from ViWintech includes the return of their sliding patio unit that was discontinued when they came out with the new design patio unit. The new door is a great door but a little pricey so ViWintech decided to keep the more competitive unit to complement their offering. The timeframe for that product’s availability is not known but should be soon.

ABP has taken on a new interior door manufacturer. Lynden Door is now our supplier of interior moulded and flush veneer doors. Why did we make the change? Quality! Lynden has been a supreme supplier of interior residential and commercial doors for a very long time but their territory did not extend this far. They are out of Washington state but have recently begun an expansion east. ABP will kick off the introduction of these new quality doors next week so please ask your ABP rep for more details about the new features and benefits Lynden brings to the table. Our current moulded door designs will not change so a seamless transition is expected. You will notice that the construction of the Lynden door gives it more weight so you may hear some comments in the field. We hope so.

We are excited to tell you that ABP is replacing our existing LE Johnson set-up pocket door frame with a new improved LE Johnson set-up frame that will accommodate the new soft close option. The new frame looks identical to the #2711 series frame that we currently stock. The new #2710 series frame has the #100 track and the jump proof 3-wheel hangers both of which are bigger and heavier duty than the #2711 series. The transition will be a running change so we will not change the series numbers until all of the current inventory of the #2711 is depleted. Please remember that ABP does stock the #1060 soft close and soft open optional hardware. The soft close feature can be installed before or after the frame is installed. The soft open feature must be installed before the frame is installed. A small price increase will take place soon to accommodate this change. Encourage your customers to add the soft open/close hardware to their pocket door frames. They will appreciate this high quality add-on and you will make more profit!

Thank you for your business and have a great September!!
2710 Series Prefabricated Pocket Door Frame Kits

200lbs [91kg] Max. Weight Per Door
36" [914mm] x 96" [2438mm] Max. Door Size
1" [25mm] to 1-3/8" [35mm] Door Thickness
3-1/2" [89mm] (2x4) Min. Wall Structure Thickness
Commercial Grade Pocket Door Frame Kit
Soft-Close Compatible W/ Optional Soft-Close Kit
*200lbs [91kg] Doors Require 1125 Hanger

Solid Wood Header Section
Pocket End Jamb Bracket
Full Height Steel Stiffeners For Strong Straight Jambs
Solid Spruce, Pine or Fir (#3 or Better) Structural Elements
Adjustable Door Guide

Commercial Grade Smooth Rolling Machine Turned Factory Greased Wheel
125 lb Max 57 lb Max

Height Adjustable and Removable Door Hanger

Made in USA