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OUTSWING or INSWING?

DEFINITIONS

OUTSWING = Door installed to open to the outside.

INSWING = Door installed to open to the inside.

Swinging Screen Doors are designed to be installed OUTSWING, but they can be installed as INSWING (with no additional hardware required), with the following limitations:

- 1) The doors do not look the same on both sides, and installing the door INSWING will expose the side of the door designed for the inside to face the outside.
- 2) The handles are designed with a locking mechanism to be on the inside when the door is installed OUTSWING. If the door is installed INSWING, the locking mechanism will be on the outside making the door lockable and unlockable only from the outside. Because of the handle design, the handle cannot be reversed on the door to have the locking side inside on a door installed INSWING.
- 3) The closer piston on a door installed INSWING will be on the outside so it will be visible and exposed to the weather.

INSWING KIT

It may be possible to purchase a different handle set that allows a door installed INSWING to lock from the inside. Usually these are turn handles (as opposed to standard push button handles), and they lock with a key.

Also, it may be possible to purchase or modify the closer to mount on the top inside of a door installed INSWING to keep it hidden and better protected from the weather.

NOTES

HINGE (and HAND) of the door does not change regardless of if a door is installed OUTSWING or INSWING. The door hinges are fixed and will always be on the same side of the door when pulling the door open towards you.