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DETERMINING TOP OR BOTTOM RAIL THICKNESS

When a wider than normal top or bottom rail is required, some manufacturers will add the specified thickness to their standard rail, i.e. 5-inch blocking plus a standard 1-3/8" rail will result in a total thickness of 6-3/8".

However, when a 5-inch top rail is requested on a VT door, that is exactly what is supplied. For instance, if you have a closer specified requiring 6 inches of blocking, you must specify a 6-inch top rail.

Specifying 5-inch blocking for the top rail will result in a 5-inch top rail, not 5 inches of blocking plus the standard top rail dimension.

- The maximum thickness for rails on non-rated and 20-minute doors is 14 inches for each rail.
- The maximum thickness for rails on mineral core doors is 10 inches for each rail.

If you have any questions regarding top and bottom rail dimensions, please contact your Customer Service Center representative or your area sales representative.









