

# RV ENTRY DOOR OEM INSTALLATION MANUAL

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## Introduction

This RV entry door comes completely assembled with door lock, standard push down screen knob, standard raised kick panel and standard soft screen door corners. Snap trim and drip cap are sold separately. Required mounting fasteners are not included.

# **Safety**

Read all instructions and safety labels before starting installation of this product.



This Warning symbol indicates that the following procedure may create a condition where severe product and/or unit damage, serious personal injury or death may occur if stated precautions are not followed.



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Moving parts can pinch, crush or cut. Keep clear and use caution.

# **Resources Required**

- 1-2 People, depending on task
- Cordless or electric drill or screw gun
- Appropriate drive bits
- Appropriate drill bits
- Caulk gun
- Gunnable sealant
- Putty tape or closed cell PVC foam tape
- #8 Screws (quantity depends on size of the door) length must be long enough to penetrate sidewall framing.
- #12 Screws length must be long enough to penetrate sidewall framing. (For motorized unit entry door only.)

**NOTE:** For wood frame construction, do not use self-tapping screws.

### Installation

### Exterior Frame Installation - Towable and Motorized

Steps 1-10 of the installation must be performed with the door assembly in the closed position. Step 11 must be performed with the door assembly in the open position.

**NOTE:** The door is shipped with a jig (Fig. 2A) holding the doors together to prevent deformity. Leave the jig in place until step 10 of the instructions.

**NOTE:** Spacer blocks come installed in the door assembly to hold and properly space the door in the frame.

1. Verify size of door opening is correct. Door "call" size is the required rough opening size. The actual door size will be undersized by  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in width and height. (i.e. 26" x 72" door requires an opening of 26" x 72" but the actual door size will be 25  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 71  $\frac{1}{2}$ ").

**NOTE:** The rough opening size tolerance is  $+/-\frac{1}{8}$ " for width and  $-\frac{1}{4}$ " on height. A rough opening of  $+/-\frac{3}{16}$ " for the width is a Fail;  $+/-\frac{1}{4}$ " or over for the width is a Critical Fail. On Motorized door rough opening width,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " can be added.

**NOTE:** The opening squareness measured corner to corner is  $\pm \frac{1}{8}$ . Squareness measured  $\pm \frac{3}{16}$  is a Fail; over  $\frac{1}{4}$  is a Critical Fail.

2. Install sealant tape around back side of the screw track frame. Lippert recommends using putty tape or closed cell PVC foam tape.

**NOTE:** Excessive putty tape or foam tape in the plunger opening may restrict full engagement of the latching mechanism.

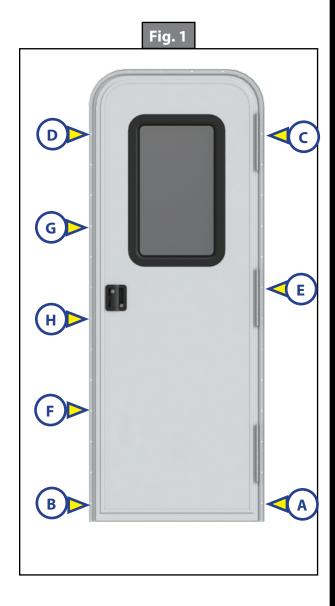
**3.** Make sure that the door is sealed along the bottom, either on the lip of the opening or the edge of the floor.

**NOTE:** The deadbolt should be disengaged at this point.

**4.** Set the door in the wall opening, so that the bottom edge sets flat on the floor and the hinge side is flush against the opening.

**NOTE:** If the door is offset to the latch side, the plunger may hit the side wall framing and not engage completely.

5. Install a #8 screw in the hole nearest the bottom hinge (Fig. 1A) and another #8 screw in the hole near the bottom of the latch side (Fig. 1B).



- **NOTE:** After screws at locations A and B are installed, verify the bottom of the door is flush with the bottom of the outer frame to make sure spacer blocks are present. If the door is hanging down, open the door carefully (making sure the door does not tip out) and install a spacer block on the latch side between the threshold and the bottom of the door. Close the door carefully and continue with the installation.
- **6.** Install a #8 screw in the hole near top hinge (Fig. 1C).
- 7. Make sure door sets evenly in the frame and that the frame on the latch side maintains a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " gap. Next, install a #8 screw into a hole near the top of the door on the latch side (Fig. 1D).

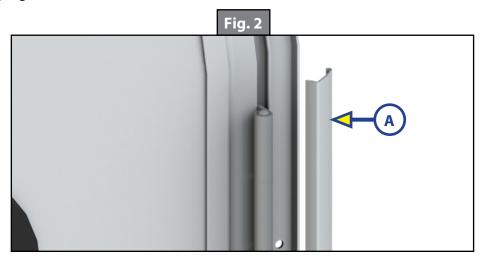
- **8.** Install the next four #8 screws in alphabetical order (Fig. 1E-1H).
- **9.** Install #8 screws in remaining pre-drilled holes on the door frame.

**NOTE:** Each pre-drilled hole in the outer frame should be filled. Do not use additional screws.

**NOTE:** Screws must be installed straight on the latch side of the door. Screws installed at an angle will cause the door frame to twist and may prevent the door from opening properly. This can also result in latch damage.

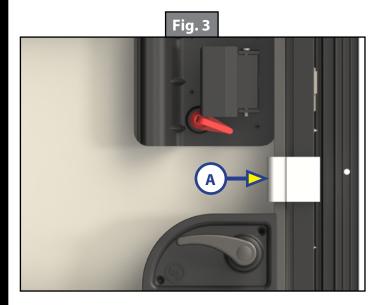
**NOTE:** On stick and tin units, install screws at the ridges of the siding metal first, then valleys.

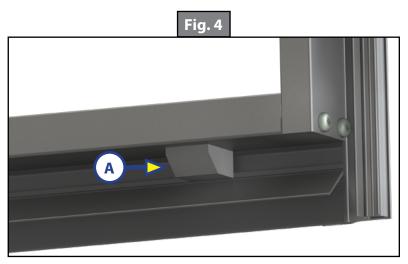
**10.** Install snap trim (Fig. 2A). Snap trim is installed from the outside in. Match the long leg of the snap trim to the long leg of the door frame.



- 11. Remove the jig (Fig. 3A) holding the screen and entry doors together.
- **12.** Remove the spacer blocks on the entry door after the door is installed.

**NOTE:** There is a spacer block (Fig. 4A) on the very bottom of the door.





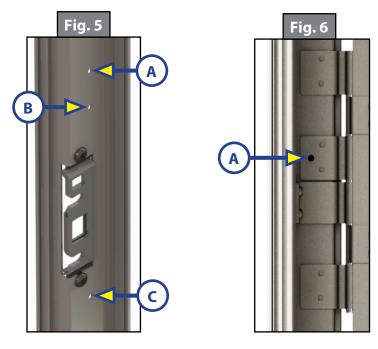
# Interior Frame and Hinge Installation - Motorized Only

**NOTE:** For doors with friction hinges or struts, be sure to read those sections later in this manual.

- 1. With the entry door open, install three #12 screws (Fig. 5A-5C).
- 2. Install one #12 screw (Fig. 6A) in the third leaf of each hinge on door. There are four hinges per door. Screw length must be long enough to penetrate sidewall framing.

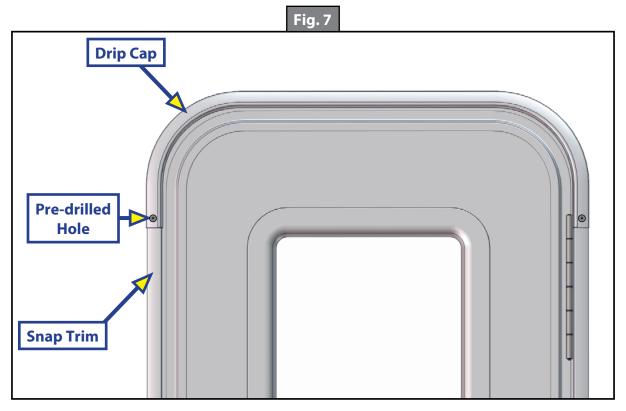
**NOTE:** Figure 5 is the catch of the door, figure 6 shows the hinges.

**NOTE:** After installing the door, minor adjustment of the screen door may be necessary to achieve proper operation.

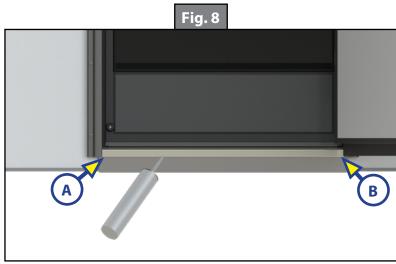


# **Drip Cap Installation**

- 1. Install drip cap (Fig. 7), overlapping the snap trim that was installed in step 10 of the Exterior Frame installation.
- 2. Secure with #8 screws in pre-drilled hole locations. Screw length must be long enough to penetrate sidewall framing.



- 3. Run a bead of gunnable sealant on the bottom of the threshold (Fig. 8) along the entire width of the door. Do not leave any seal voids at the corners (Fig. 8A and B).
- **4.** Run a bead of gunnable sealant around the remaining edges of the door frame to completely weatherize the door.



# **Friction Hinge Door Installation**

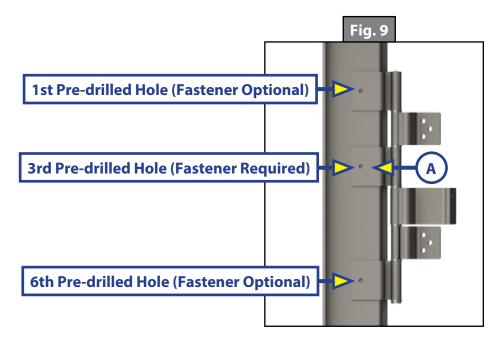
Install the friction hinge door as follows:

- 1. Using the third leaf's pre-drilled hole as a guide (Fig. 9A), use an appropriate-sized drill bit to drill a pilot hole through the door frame.
- 2. Secure the hinge leaf and door frame to the unit's wall with a #8 screw.

**NOTE:** Screw length must be long enough to penetrate the unit's wall framing.

**NOTE:** There will also be pre-drilled holes on the first and sixth leaf of the hinge for optional fastener installation.

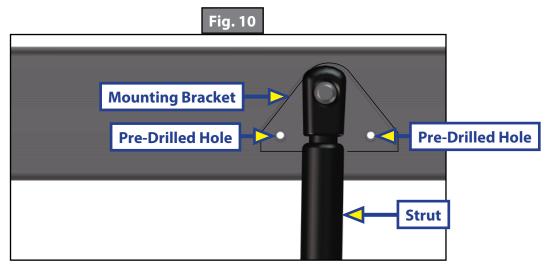
- **3.** Optionally, repeat steps 1-2 for the first and sixth hinge leaves on each hinge.
- **4.** Repeat steps 1-3 on any remaining friction hinges.



### **Strut Door Installation**

- 1. Using the mounting bracket's pre-drilled holes as guides, use an appropriate-sized drill bit to drill a pilot hole.
- **2.** Secure the strut's bracket to the unit framing (Fig. 10) with two #8 screws.

**NOTE:** Screw length must be long enough to penetrate the unit's framing.





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