



## Wood and Finish Characteristics

Much of the beauty and appeal of wood cabinetry comes from the natural variations in grain and color inherent in wood. Note that wood color continues to change even after being made into finished cabinetry. All wood, finished or unfinished, will change in color due to exposure to sunlight and natural mellowing with age.

### Characteristics of Wood

Wood is a product of nature and will vary in color, texture and grain. No two pieces are exactly alike — natural variation is part of the beauty, character and charm of wood. All woods are affected by moisture and humidity. High humidity will cause wood to expand, while low humidity will cause the wood to contract. As wood ages and with exposure to sunlight and other elements, it will change slightly in color.

#### Wood Species:

- Maple: Hardwood with a fine, tight grain. Yellows slightly with age.
- Oak: Hardwood grain pattern is very evident when a stain is applied.

### Characteristics of Finishes

**Paint Finishes:** Paint finishes are different from standard wood finishes. Hairline cracks may appear at joints due to natural wood movement with seasonal changes in humidity. This will be most notable at panel joints, stiles, and rails.

**Stained Finishes:** The natural light and dark characteristics of the grain are enhanced as stains are absorbed in to the wood. Softer areas of the wood, and end grain surfaces, accept more stain and can appear darker.

**Highlight Glaze:** Glaze is an artistic application and is intended to be unique for each application. The number of glaze lines will vary depending on the number of recessed details in the door design. See an actual sample front for specific details. Available in a variety of colors on stained and painted doors, see product guide for details.