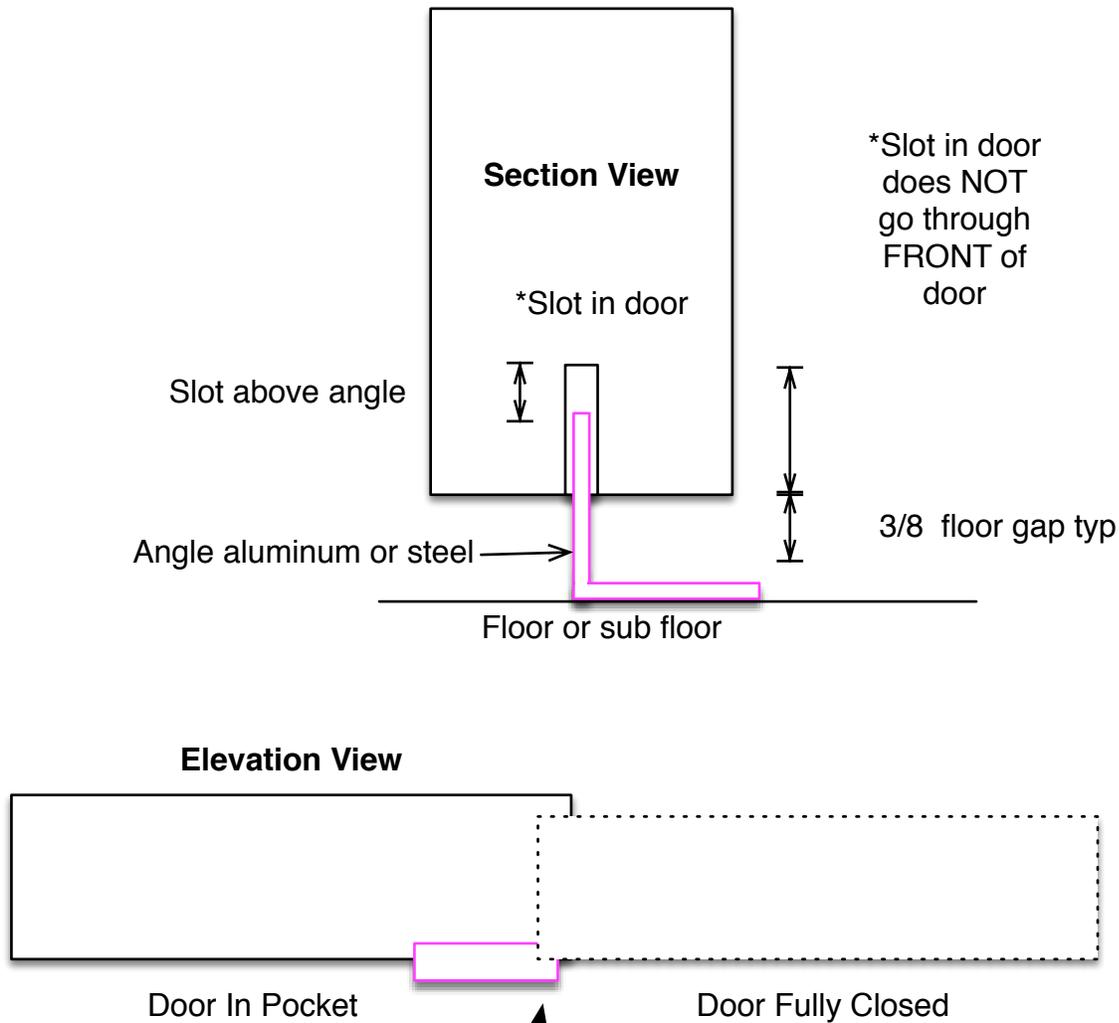


Door Guide Methods For Wood Doors

Due to the fact that many millworkers and installers will have different conditions, there is no one method for the door guide.

It is up to the installer to provide the door guide that suits the needs of their door, pocket, and floor conditions. Below are some examples.



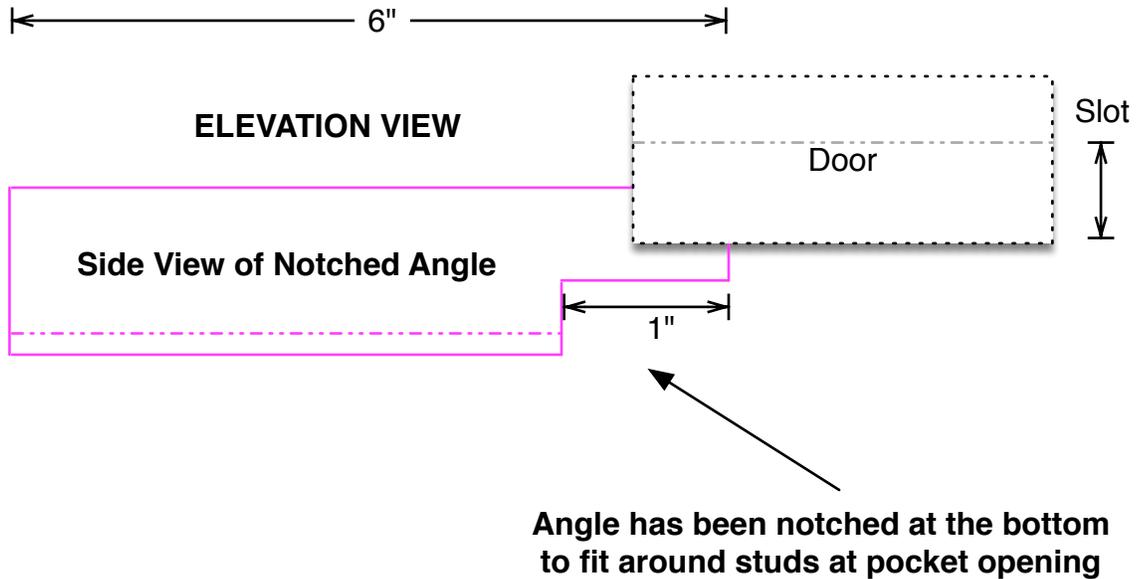
Door should make at least 1/2" contact with angle when fully closed.

The length of the guide is not important, 6 to 8" is typical so you have space to drill screws in the angle to your floor or sub floor.

Choose the angle that suits your height requirements. If your slot is 1/4" dado, and the angle is 1/8 aluminum, then you will have 1/8" total play in the door, 1/16" per side. If you put a 3/16" slot then you reduce the play. The goal is minimal play without friction or binding.

Note: Do not allow the door to come off of the angle when closed.

In a case where you have thick wall material you may not be able to push the angle close enough to the door opening and not have enough contact with the angle. In this case you may need to cut the angle so that the lower part parallel to the floor is notched out, so you can push the vertical part of the channel outward towards the opening to get more contact with the slot.



Simple Door Guide methods for wood doors



Use large holes
with washers
for adjustability

Other options include a pin in the floor at the pocket, but a pin is not very adjustable after the fact. On bi-parting doors the guides are often adjusted to align the doors where they meet so pins are not recommended.