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New Releases

This month we are releasing a new shaker door with thin outside rails. Her name will be "LIDIE" there are a few rail width options to choose from.

Web Site

It's been a long time coming, but we have finally revamped our web site to be MUCH more user friendly. Check it out at www.bestdamndoors.ca and if you know me, you know I love to make improvements! So any feedback you have please let us know.

Book reviews

2 SECOND LEAN

One of my favourite books on the subject of Lean manufacturing. Paul Akers makes Lean fun and simple in this easy read. I believe this to be wonderful foundation for lean learning. If Lean manufacturing is something your considering, this is a great starting place. We use 2 second lean everyday and love every second of it.



Biggest problem facing cabinet shops

Do you ever go home at night pulling out your hair or losing sleep, just when you think you have the bottle neck in your factory figured out, it moves! This is the wandering bottleneck syndrome and is caused by our biggest enemy on the shop floor: Over production. By definition this is the manufacturing of anything faster than the next step in the process can consume it. And the minute we over produce, the problems start. We have racks and carts full of parts that aren't going anywhere. One way to help combat this is to create "triggers" in the organization. For example: coordinating a kitchen to be finished at the same time. You have to make a pile of custom parts & doors, then the cabinet boxes. Generally the boxes are fast, custom parts & doors are slow. Creating a trigger in the primer area that says: don't start cutting boxes until the finished parts are on first coat of primer. Then as the finished parts are getting the top coat the boxes are on the home stretch of production. If you wondering if your overproducing, look for big piles of parts and ask where they came from, that's likely the area that could use a trigger.