

Door Jamb Inspection Checklist

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Check these before you repair or replace a door jamb

- 1 Press the bottom of the jamb with a screwdriver**
If the wood sinks in or crumbles, it is rotting and needs replacement, not patching.
- 2 Look for a split running from the strike plate**
A cracked strike jamb can no longer hold the latch and lock reliably.
- 3 Test the hinge screws and door swing**
Screws that spin and a dropped door point to a failing hinge jamb.
- 4 Feel for drafts and check for daylight at the edges**
A broken seal between door and jamb means worn weatherstripping or a shifted jamb.
- 5 Confirm whether the door is prehung or a slab in an old frame**
Prehung units are often best replaced whole; healthy frames can take a jamb repair.
- 6 Check that the sill and threshold drain away from the house**
Pooling water is the main reason exterior jambs rot in a Canadian climate.

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