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Comparing Steel vs Wood Doors and Frames

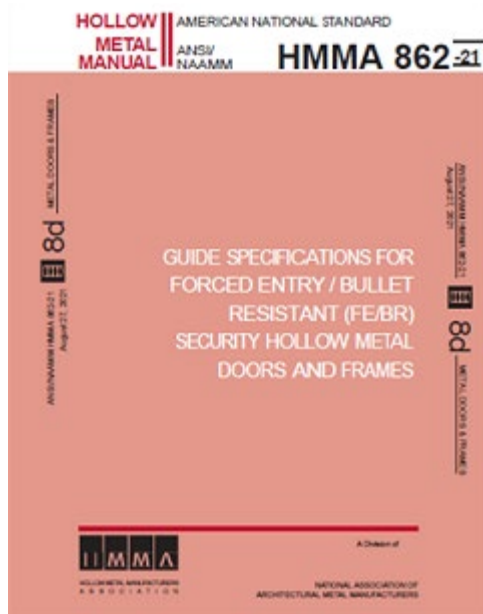


The Key Differences Between Steel and Wood Doors

For decades, HMMA and its member companies have been trusted sources of information for hollow metal doors and frames. A large part of our goal as an organization is to be your trusted source of information on steel and hollow metal building products. At HMMA, we want to make it easier to find the best products and how to spec them for your project. Join us, as we take a look at steel doors and frames compared to wood.

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HOLLOW METAL IS THE INITIAL DEFENSE



For many years, hollow metal door and framing systems have been used as the primary and initial defense against forced entry. Architects, specifiers, and end users have come to understand the advantages of using hollow metal doors and frames in FE/BR, “Forced Entry / Bullet Resistant”, security applications, such as, airports, convention centers, hotels, and offices, and in foreign and domestic government buildings such as, embassies, offices, and barracks.

The original standard, ANSI/NAAMM HMMA 862-03, was developed to provide guidance in the specification of FE/BR security hollow metal doors and frames where protection from vandalism, forced entry, theft, and firearms attack is a paramount concern. It is necessary when

writing a FE/BR security specification to keep in mind the security aspects of the entire opening – door, frame, hardware, glazing and wall construction.

The test performance criteria set forth in this document simulates the “total opening” and its ability to frustrate forced entry, and ballistic penetration.

Refer to [HMMA-862-21 Guide Specifications for Forced Entry/Bullet Resistant \(FE/BR\) Security Hollow Metal Doors and Frames](#).

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