



The Cabinet Wizard's Quick Tip - Adjusting Your Cabinet Doors

Wood is a natural product. It's sensitive to its surroundings, just like we are. Wood expands and contracts in response to changes in humidity and temperature. You might notice doors around the house are harder to open and close at certain times of the year. Cabinet doors are no different, they're just smaller and don't usually change enough to be noticeable, much less cause a problem. BUT, San Antonio can experience a wide range, from high to low humidity and even cabinet doors can be noticeably affected.

But no worries, it's a simple adjustment of the hinge...an easy fix...no muscle required, just an ordinary #2 Philips screw driver (what's a #2? Don't worry, just pick one that fits pretty good). If pairs of doors fit too tight or won't close you'll need to make a tiny adjustment to the hinges to move each door slightly toward the hinge side of the door. This widens the reveal (the gap) between the two doors. Remember, these are tiny adjustments...don't use a power driver (well, you can...just don't turn it on!).

HOW TO: The diagrams below show the two types of hinges we use most often. In the diagrams, the screw driver shows you which screw needs a small adjustment. Turning this screw moves the door from side-to-side. The diagrams show the hinges on the right side of the door, but it doesn't matter whether the hinges are on the right or the left...adjustment is always the same. Turning the screw counterclockwise moves a pair of doors farther apart and turning it clockwise moves them closer together. Just remember **COUNTERCLOCKWISE = MORE SPACE, CLOCKWISE = LESS SPACE**

ADJUSTMENT

Start with 1/4 turn on the top *and* the bottom hinge of *both* of the two doors.

Try closing the doors to check the fit.

If more adjustment is needed, adjust by small amounts, and do your best to turn each screw the same amount to keep spacing between the doors even.

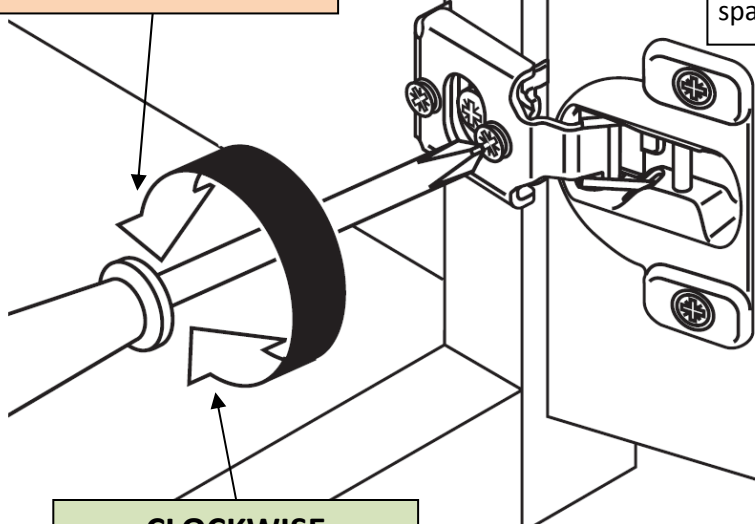
HINT

To check that the space between the doors is even, try fitting a dime between them at the top and at the bottom.

* If any of your hinges don't look like the ones in these diagrams, give us a call... (210) 979-1341

COUNTERCLOCKWISE

Moves doors farther apart

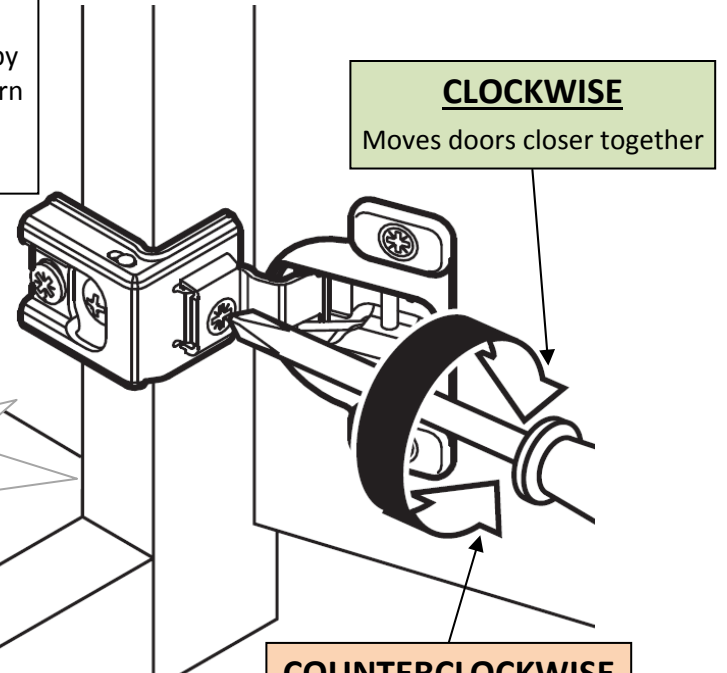


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