

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR DOOR CLOSER

Simplex Door Controls satisfy a comprehensive range of application from a light duty contract unit through to high performance architectural units suitable for the most projects, all available in standard and metal finishes. When selecting a door closer for your project particular attention should be paid to the choice of unit ensuring the correct power size, application and standard is selected

Surface door closers are easy to install, with only a few holes for the body and the arm, requiring a minimum amount of preparation of the door and frame. Not only surface mounted door closers are easier to install, they offer advantages with regard to adjustments because of variations in usage or environmental conditions. The main things to consider when defining how to mount a surface door closer are:

1. Closer position
2. Accessibility to the closer arm
3. Space limitations on the top rail of the door
4. Space limitations of the frame above the door

There are three basic methods of mounting surface door closers to the door and frame: regular arm, parallel arm, and top jamb mounts. All Simplex door closers are supplied standard with a tri-pack for mounting any of the three types of applications.

### REGULAR ARM

The regular arm application would be used when there is ample room on the top rail of the door and you are not concerned about the arm extending out away from the door. The closer body is mounted on the hinge side of the top rail of the door. The forearm is then mounted to the frame face by a mounting shoe.

The arm projects at approximately a 90° angle away from the door. The regular arm mount will make the closer more power-efficient than the parallel arm or top jamb mount.

### PARALLEL ARM

The depth of the top rail is an important consideration when using this application. The closer body is mounted on the top rail of the door opposite the hinge side of the door. The forearm is mounted by a parallel arm bracket to the underside of the frame. The arm is parallel to the door, which makes it less likely to be damaged and aids in the overall aesthetics. This mounting application will, however, reduce the power-efficiency of the closer.

### TOP JAMB

This is the preferred method of mounting a closer if you are faced with a narrow rail on a door. The closer body is mounted to the frame face above the door, opposite the door hinge side. The forearm is then mounted to the top rail of the door. The top jamb mount is more power-efficient than the parallel arm application.

### DOOR HANDING

Simplex surface door closers are all non-handed and they can be placed on a door so that they will operate a left-opening or a right-opening door. Some of the accessories that can be ordered with these closers are handed and the hand of the door should be specified when ordering a closer with these components.

### MEETING ADA REQUIREMENTS

Doors and doorways that are part of an accessible route shall Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)

Doorways shall have a clear opening of 815mm minimum. Clear opening of doorways with swinging doors shall be measured from the face of door and stop with door open 90°.

Door closers shall be adjusted so that from the open position of 90°, the time required to move the door to an open position of 12° shall be 5 seconds minimum.

The maximum force for pushing open or pulling open doors other than fire doors shall be as follows:

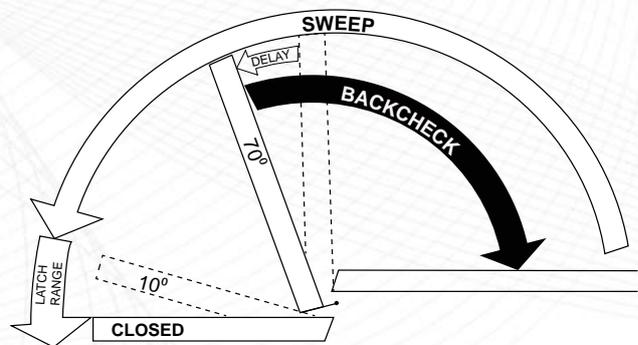
1. Interior hinged door: 5lbs.
2. Exterior hinged door: 8.5 lbs.

### FIRE DOORS

Fire doors shall have the minimum opening force allowable by the appropriate administrative authority.

### CLOSER ADJUSTMENT

All Simplex door closers are equipped with key control valves that allow for easy adjustments while decreasing the chances for tampering.



### SWEEP AND LATCHING SPEEDS

Two separate valves control the closing speed of the door. The sweep speed controls the speed of the door from full opening to within approximately 254mm to 50mm of the closed position. The latching speed valve controls the speed of the door from approximately 254mm to 50mm to full closing.

### BACKCHECK

Backcheck starts at approximately 70° door opening and slows the door as it opens. This feature is not to be used as a positive stop. An auxiliary stop must be used.

### DELAYED ACTION

The delayed action feature is available for all applications. The closing time between 90° and 70° shall be a minimum of 20 seconds, but is adjustable to be even slower.