



HANDING OF HARDWARE

Handing of Hardware falls into three categories:

- 1. Universal** - hardware can be used in any position. Ex: a surface bolt
- 2. Reversible** - handing of the hardware can be changed by one of these methods
 - by revolving from left to right
 - by turning upside down
 - by reversing some part of the mechanism
- 3. Handed** - hardware not reversible. Used only on doors of the hand for which designed.

Although a hardware item may be reversible or universal, it is still good practice to identify the hand in accordance with the convention stated. That way you can be sure that the hardware will be installed on the correct side (inside or outside) and correct edge (left, right, top, bottom) of the door.

As you examine hinges, locks, exit devices, closers, and so on, you will see how handing plays an important role in hardware designation.