



Lakeside Cabinets Pocket Door Slides

Customer Guide: How to Operate and Adjust

Most common issue: the door is pushed closed before it is fully pulled out.

Always pull the door completely out to the open position before swinging or closing it. You should feel and/or hear a click when fully open.

How to use your pocket door

- Open the door smoothly until it reaches the normal open position.
- Pull the door fully out of the pocket before swinging it closed.
- When closing, guide the door gently. Do not shove, slam, or twist the door from one corner.
- Use the handle or a consistent grip area instead of pulling on the edge of the door unevenly.
- If the door starts rubbing, dragging, or looking crooked, stop forcing it and make a small adjustment.

Do	Don't
Pull the door all the way out first.	Push the door closed while it is still partly in the pocket.
Make small adjustments, then recheck.	Over-tighten or crank an adjustment screw too far at once.

Basic adjustment points

Most pocket door systems use a 3-way hinge adjustment: horizontal, vertical, and depth. On common 4x4 / 8090 style systems, the horizontal screw adjusts side gap clearance, vertical moves the door up or down, and depth moves the door in or out. The horizontal screw should not be over-adjusted or left tight on these systems.

Adjustment	What it changes	Use it when...
Horizontal	Moves the door left or right to even the reveal.	The gap at one side is uneven, the door looks shifted, or it rubs one side more than the other.
Vertical	Moves the door up or down.	The top or bottom reveal is uneven, the door is sagging, or it catches high/low when closing.
Depth	Moves the face of the door in or out.	The door sits too far proud, too far in, or does not sit flush with the cabinet face/frame.

How to adjust

1. Open the door and pull it completely out so you can see the hinge area clearly.
2. Check the gaps first: top, bottom, and both sides. Decide whether the problem is side-to-side, up-and-down, or in-and-out.
3. Make only a small adjustment on one hinge at a time. Start with a quarter-turn or less.
4. After each small adjustment, open and close the door slowly and check the reveal again.
5. If the door is tall, adjust the top and bottom hinges together in small matching moves.
6. Once aligned, confirm the door can open fully, retract smoothly, and close without rubbing.

Important: If the door must be forced, stop and recheck alignment. Forcing a misaligned pocket door can damage hinges, rollers, guides, or the slide assembly.

Common problems and likely fixes

Problem you see	What to try first
Door rubs on one side	Make a small horizontal adjustment to even the side gap.
Top or bottom gap is uneven	Make a small vertical adjustment to raise or lower the door.
Door face is not flush	Use depth adjustment to bring the door in or out.
Door feels tight before retracting	Recheck hinge alignment first. On some installations, hinge adjustment may be needed before the door can retract properly.
Door still does not move correctly after adjustment	Check for loose screws, damaged guides/rollers, or debris. Contact your cabinet shop if the system still binds.

Care and service tips

- Periodically check that hinge, guide, and mounting screws are snug.
- Keep the track and guide area free of dust, chips, and debris.
- Do not spray heavy grease into the slides unless the hardware manufacturer specifically recommends it.
- Some 4x4 style installations require access holes or interior access to reach hinge adjustments.
- If a guide roller is missing, broken, or binding, replace it with the correct part instead of substituting another roller.

This guide covers common operation and hinge adjustments used on many pocket door slide systems installed by Lakeside Cabinets. Exact screw locations can vary by hinge package and installation style.