

Replacing entry door handleset. How to take the proper measurements.

We frequently get calls from people who want to replace their entry handleset with a new one, either because the old set no longer works properly, or because they simply want to upgrade to the more current styles or finishes. The problem is, you don't want to have ugly holes exposed in your entry door if the new handleset doesn't fit the existing door prep. You can take some simple measurements from your door and use the ch to find a new entry handleset that will work for you.

An important measurement to double check is the "C" measurement shown in the image here. Your handleset will have a through bolt attaching the bottom of the exterior grip. It's important to match this length with your new handleset to avoid drilling a new hole in the door and unsightly patching.

The [standard residential door prep](#) for entry doors is two 2-1/8" bore holes 5-1/2" center to center. See measurement "B" in the image to the right. If you have more than 5-1/2 inches here you can still use a sectional handleset on your door. Sectional handlesets have a separate deadbolt body so the "B" measurement is actually variable. With most sectional handlesets you could also have a door prep a little smaller than 5-1/2" center to center and it will still work. If you are going to modify the door prep a little, you may want a non-sectional handleset because the full escutcheon may cover up your modifications.

If you need help determining which handleset will fit your existing door conditions please call us at (416)822-7588 or email us info@renovationoutlet.ca

