

DOOR CLOSER NOMENCLATURE

Closer Cycles

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Closing Cycle: The entire length of travel from where the door is in the

fully open position until the door is completely closed

and latched

Opening Cycle: The entire length of travel from where the door in the

closed position until it reaches the fully open position

including the back check cycle

Latch: The last 15 degrees of the closing cycle before the lock

engages the strike. This cycle allows the door speed to be decreased before it latches reducing the stress on

the frame

Back Check: The last 15 Degrees of the opening cycle before the

closer reaches its maximum opening limit. This cycle slows the door down before it reaches the mechanical

end of the opening cycle.

Sweep: The distance between the end of the opening cycle until the beginning of the latch cycle

Technical Note: Back check should never be used to replace an overhead stop or a physical door stop



Delay: An pause at the end of the opening cycle before the closing cycle begins

Power Adjustable: A mechanical function of a door closer that allows a person to increase or decrease the opening

and closing strength of the closer

Drop Plate: A metal plate used when a ceiling, frame or door condition does not permit any of the standard

surface closer mounting styles

Surface Closer Mountings

Regular Arm: Pull side mounting where the standard closer arm is used. This mounting is the most

geometrically efficient for the closer

Top Jamb: Push side mounting where the closer is mounted on the frame and the arm on the door. This

mounting is the next best alternative to the Regular arm mounting. Suggested for exterior doors

Parallel Arm: This push side application provides the most appealing appearance for a surface mounted door

closer having a standard arm. With the arm running parallel to the door, this application is less prone to vandalism. A Parallel Arm Application will all the door to swing up to 180 degrees in

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one direction, but due to the arm configuration there is a 25 percent loss of power

compared to regular and top jamb applications

