

Classic Pet Door

Congratulations on your purchase of the *Petsafe* Classic Pet Door – a carefree passage to independence for you and your pet. Follow the steps for easy installation and pet training and soon you'll have a pet door that will give you freedom from scratched house doors and midnight awakenings. You can allow your pet to go in and out at will or you can restrict your pet's use of the pet door at any time by using the Closing Panel. So why wait? Let's install the PetSafe Classic Pet Door – a perfect solution for you and your pet.

Before you begin

- 1) Check the package contents
- 2) Measure your pet
- 3) Read all the instructions thoroughly
- 4) Determine if you need to follow special instructions for a specific type of installation, such as steel doors, etc.
- 5) Assemble your tools.

Installation Steps

- 1) Trace the template
- 2) Drill, cut out, and remove core from opening
- 3) Mark and drill fastening holes
- 4) Install frames and fasteners
- 5) Train your pet to use the pet door.

Before You Begin

1) *Check the package contents.* You should have:

One inner frame with flap attached

One outer mounting frame

One closing panel

One cardboard template

One hardware pack containing nylon screws and binders

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Instructional video

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2) *Be certain your pet can fit through the pet door.* If your pet is not fully grown, allow for anticipated changes in height and weight.

3) *Read all the instructions completely before you begin and watch the brief instructional video.*

4) *Determine the type of door or wall where the pet door will be installed. **The following instructions for typical installation are for solid core even surfaced doors. For other installations, check the special instructions.***

Special additional instructions --- such as uneven surfaced doors, steel doors, storm doors, and walls--- follow the general instructions.

5) *Assemble your tools.*

You should have:

A pencil

A ruler

A Phillips head screwdriver

A jigsaw or keyhole saw

A drill with a 1/2 " drill bit and a 5/16" drill bit

Tape

Wire Cutter

Optional:

A saw horse

A level

Pliers

Hammer

Sandpaper

Typical Installation – Even Surfaced Doors

In all instructions, “door” refers to your house door and “pet door” refers to the PetSafe Classic pet door.

Step One – Tracing the Template

1-1 For easier installation, you may choose to remove the door before installing the pet door. You can remove the door from its hinges by removing the hinge pins. Lay the door across two saw horses with the inside facing up.

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1-2 Using a ruler and pencil, draw a line along the vertical center of your door.

1-3 Position the template. It should be:

- Placed at least 2” - 3” above the bottom of the door to avoid weakening the door
- Lined up so that the notches on the template are placed along the vertical center of your door
- Placed at a height that is approximately 2” - 3” above the height of your pet’s shoulder

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1-4 Tape the template in place and trace the ***inside*** edge of the template.

1-5 Remove the template.

Step Two – Drilling and Cutting the Opening

2-1 Using a 1/2” drill bit, drill a hole just ***inside*** each of the four corners of your outline. The hole you drill must be large enough to fit your saw blade.

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2-2 Using a saw, carefully cut along the template lines you have drawn, sawing from hole to hole. Keep the saw perpendicular to the door as you work.

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2-3 Remove the cutout and sand the edges of the opening, if necessary.

Step Three – Mark and Drill Fastening Holes

3-1 Insert the inner pet door frame into the opening and make sure that it fits snugly, but with no distortion. If necessary, trim the edges of the opening to adjust the fit of the frame.

3-2 Using a pencil, mark the pre-drilled screw holes and remove the frame.

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3-3 Using a 5/16" drill bit, drill through the door at each of the marked screw holes. ***It is important to drill straight through the door to assure proper alignment. Do not angle the drill in any way.***

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Step Four – Install Frames and Fasteners

4-1 Insert the inner pet door frame (with flap) in the opening from the inside of the door. Insert the outer mounting frame from the outside of the door. *

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4-2 Insert the screws through the inner frame and the binders through the outer frame. Tighten until snug.

4-3 When all the binders are secure, snip the ends of the screws with wire cutters to make them flush with the binders.

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* **Note** - If your door is thinner (usually less than 1 5/16" thick) than the mounting frame, you can adjust the thickness of the frame by removing break off levels. Remove one level at a time. Using pliers, begin by bending the metal on a top corner of the outer frame toward the center, at the first indented break off level. Repeat at the bottom of the frame and then at the sides. Test the fit. If necessary, remove second break off level.

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Step Five – Training your Pet

- 5-1** When you have completed installing the pet door, tape the flap of the pet door so that it is completely open.
- 5-2** Place your pet on one side of the door and yourself on the other side.
- 5-3** Call or coax your pet through the pet door, using some food or a treat, if necessary. Be patient. Never push or pull your pet through the opening.
- 5-4** Once your pet goes through the pet door without coaxing, gradually let the flap down to a closed position and call or coax your pet to use the pet door.
- 5-5** Reward or praise your pet for each successful attempt. In very little time, you and your pet will know the new freedom of the PetSafe Classic Pet Door.

Whenever you want to prevent your pet from coming in or out, just insert the closing panel.

Enjoy!

Special Instructions for installation on other types of doors or in walls

Uneven surfaced doors – Follow Step One, Step Two, and Step Three. After you have cut a rough opening in the door and drilled the initial screw holes, build up the low area with a wood frame that will create an even door surface. Drill screw holes through this wood frame from the opposite side of the door where the screw hole markings are still visible. If both sides of your door are uneven, repeat this process for the other side. Continue with Steps Four and Five.

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Storm and steel doors – Follow all the steps for typical installation, using appropriate tools for metal (tin snips or hacksaw or router) instead of a wood blade jigsaw. Follow the special note on using break off levels for thinner doors (Step Four) if required.

Walls – **PetSafe recommends that you contact a local contractor or builder for wall installation.** IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BE VERY CAREFUL TO AVOID ELECTRICAL LINES AND PLUMBING. Wall installation requires making a rough opening in the wall, building a frame to cover the exposed area between wall surfaces, and using wood screws to attach the inner and outer frame to the wall surface.