

Streamline Your Supply Chain

If time is money, Twin City Hardware (TCH) has a valuable proposition. It's called the Store-In-A-Box, a logistical innovation born from the demands of the fast-track construction that retailers rely on to grow. Our Store-In-A-Box delivers loss prevention door hardware and related items in an organized manner that eliminates job-site confusion and reduces damage in transit.

TCH itself is a multi-location enterprise, with offices in the Twin Cities, Omaha, and Phoenix that serve clients throughout North America. Doors, frames, door hardware, restroom partitions and accessories, and electronic access control are core competencies of TCH project managers. They specify and provide these materials for new construction and existing facilities in need of an upgrade.

The Store-In-A-Box is available for any project. Current customers include Target, Best Buy, and Pei Wei Asian Diner, among others.

It all starts with your TCH project manager, who works with you to review your needs, then offers you options, based on the architect's blueprints. The TCH shipping department then packs the hardware for each door in an individual Door-In-A-Box, with the door number and contents clearly labeled. A typical Door-In-A-Box may contain a lockset, closer, push plate, pull, kickplate, wall stop, and hinges. All hardware pieces stay in order, and it's easier to distribute throughout the job site.

Next, all of the boxes are assembled into a master carton, or Store-In-A-Box. This pallet-sized corrugated box keeps everything tightly packaged and lowers the risk of scratches and dents, or boxes lost, en route to the job site. Oversized items, such as weather-stripping, are packaged separately in heavy cardboard tubes. When the Store-In-A-Box arrives, contractors know immediately where each hardware piece belongs: just take one

box to each opening. Lost or missing items, the wrong products on the wrong openings...and the resulting delays...are virtually eliminated. The packaging is also useful for storage at the job site until each opening or item is needed. TCH will stock and stage your items for a set delivery schedule.



The Store-In-A-Box is just one retailer-friendly option available at TCH. If your order involves hollow metal doors, TCH builds a custom plywood crate. This provides superior protection against the hazards of shipping cross-country. It will also prevent the subsequent wait for replacements when something does get dented or nicked on the truck. Hollow metal door frames are also shielded and palletized with plastic, wood, and strapping, giving you and your general contractor the confidence to use a national provider.

All of these shipping options provide exceptional protection, organization, and timely delivery. Everyone benefits—the building owner or you, the tenant, contractors, and TCH. ■

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About TCH

Twin City Hardware is one of the nation's largest suppliers of doors, frames, hardware, restroom accessories, and electronic access control.

- Founded in 1883 with 125 years in business.
- Nationwide locations, including Minneapolis, St. Paul, Omaha, and Phoenix.
- 60,000 square feet of warehouse space to stock your items.
- Close factory relationships that benefit TCH customers in price, support, and quality.
- National accounts program for volume pricing and consistency in hardware throughout your locations.
- 50 team members focused on your projects, including certified Architectural Hardware Consultants.
- Service available 24/7/365, with hardware experts on-line at all times to assist with emergencies and dispatch our network of technicians, if necessary.