

6 SQUARE®  
CABINETS

## product care & maintenance guide



Thank you for your purchase! To help ensure the life and beauty of your new cabinetry, please take the time to read this guide. It contains important information and care instructions to assure lasting beauty for your cabinets. While 6 Square takes great care to ensure that your cabinetry arrives in excellent condition - normal shipping, handling and installation can sometimes result in the need for adjustments or minor touch-ups during and after installation. Please keep this booklet, along with warranty information in a convenient location for easy reference.



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# unpacking your cabinets

After receiving your cabinets store them in a secure dry space until you are ready for installation. Do **not** remove your existing cabinets prior to the delivery and inspection of your new cabinets. Unpack and inspect every cabinet and accessory for any damage or warranty items. Be sure to use two people to remove cabinets from boxes.



- Save your boxes until after complete inspection! From time to time 6 Square will ask for return of warranty replacement products. There are no additional charges to you as 6 Square Cabinets offer a limited lifetime warranty. Please recycle your boxes after you have unpacked, inspected and accepted all of your product.

# general care

6 Square Cabinet's all wood construction and superior furniture finish insures years of strength and durability. Our cabinetry is KCMA tested and certified providing you the assurance that your purchase will maintain its attractive finish and structural soundness throughout years of everyday use. Just like all fine furniture a little common sense and a few moments of care and maintenance will keep your cabinetry looking its best as long as you own your home.

- It is important to keep the cabinet surfaces dry. Areas that experience quick temperature changes such as self-cleaning ovens may have heat leakage due to damaged gaskets. We recommend opening any adjacent cabinet doors/drawers during a cleaning cycle to reduce heat exposure. Areas that experience excessive humidity such as bathtubs and showers can be harmful to the cabinet finish if moisture build-up is present on cabinetry.

## ! caution warning

Never use commercial detergents, powdered cleansers, scouring sponge pads, or steel wool on your cabinetry. These harsh abrasives will mar the topcoat stain or paint finish. Do NOT use spray type polishes containing silicones, petroleum solvents. Also avoid products containing wax that can build up over time. For hard to remove stains, it may be necessary to use a mild detergent, such as Ivory® with warm water.

### DO NOT USE:

petroleum solvents



silicone base



wax base



scouring pads



'magic' eraser pads



# after installation care

After your cabinetry has been installed, wipe down the exteriors with a clean damp cloth. Work on a small area at a time and thoroughly wipe dry. Polishing is not immediately necessary. Overtime you can provide additional protection by applying a commercially available cleaning polish. Please see page 3 for details.

# exposure to light



Over time, ultra violet (UV) light rays in natural sunlight will affect the appearance of your cabinets. 6 Square applies UV inhibitors to all its wood cabinetry as part of the finishing process. The finish on your cabinetry will not change, but the wood itself may, depending on its natural characteristics. The amount and direction of light exposure, the portion of the cabinet that receives light and cabinetry placement in your home may change your cabinets appearance.



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please see page 2, general information, regarding recommended products



### daily care

Daily care for your cabinets is simple and easy. The key is to wipe up spills and water marks as they occur. Give special attention to areas around the sink and dishwasher. Avoid draping damp or wet dish towels over the cabinet doors. Over time, this moisture can cause permanent water damage to the door. Dust cabinets frequently with a slightly dampened cloth or a spray-type dust remover.



### long term care

We recommend that you wash and polish cabinets once or twice each year, depending on use. Use a light coat of quality furniture polish. There are a number of products available for your wood cleaning needs. We recommend a high quality, oil based furniture polish. Do not use paste wax or polishes that contain silicone; the wax build up is difficult to remove and will leave a residue that attracts dust.



- Use an emulsion type polish such as Pledge® Revitalizing Oil which is formulated without silicones, petroleum solvents or wax to prevent build-up that dulls your cabinet finish and smudges to the touch.



### touch up care

For minor scratches and nicks 6 Square provides a complimentary touch-up kit with every kitchen order. Begin by establishing if this is a substantial repair. If this is the case please consult a professional refinisher to protect your investment. Please read the instructions for the putty stick and stain marker before attempting repair. If the damage is minor use the putty stick to fill in recess with an even back-and-forth motion to completely fill in the damaged area. For easier fill application soften the fill stick by carefully heating the end with your hand. After fill is complete, use the stain marker pen to blend the color with light even strokes, using your fingertip, or cloth to blend color. Do not allow the stain marker fluid to accumulate in one space as it may drip.



- Please be advised that paint is more difficult to repair and blend than stained products. Practice on a small, concealed, area of your cabinets before making any repair. Caution: If you have any concerns please consult a professional refinisher.



### hardware adjustments

6 Square designs much of its cabinetry to be adjustable by you, our customer. Over years of normal use, screws and hinges may need to be tightened, or drawers and runners adjusted for peak performance. We construct our cabinetry with several types of durable, high-performance hardware that will operate smoothly for years. Periodically, you should tighten hinge screws, because they can loosen over time with normal use. Please see attached pages for specific hardware (drawer glides and hinges) adjustments.



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warning: complete all adjustments before hardware installation



## alignment

After installation your cabinet drawer boxes may need to be properly aligned. Shipping and handling can misalign the glides from side to side so the drawer box does not close properly. The drawer glides are captured on both sides of the cabinet, and the bracket is free floating. This allows the drawer to self adjust back to a centered position if they are out of alignment. Start by simply pulling the drawer out halfway and with a gentle force move drawer side to side until proper adjustment is achieved. Then close the drawer normally and re-open to check that the glides and brackets have self aligned.

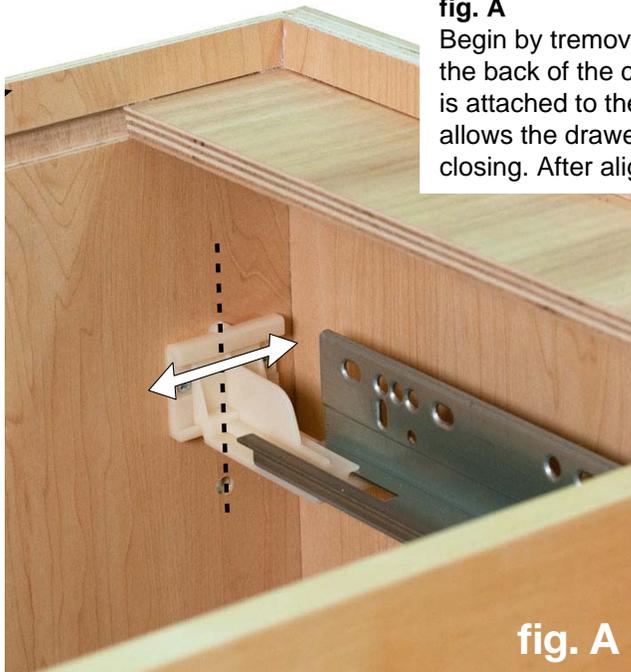
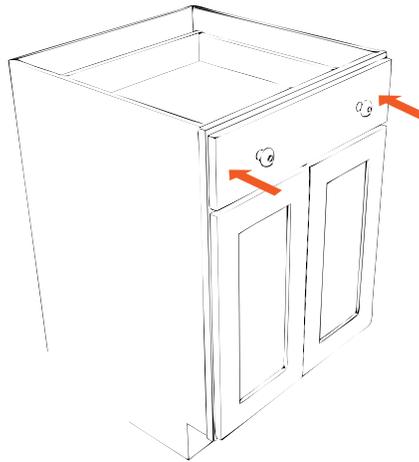


fig. A

Begin by removing drawer (fig. A) and checking the white brackets that hold the glides to the back of the cabinet. Start on one side by centering (dashed line) the white bracket which is attached to the back of the cabinet. This bracket has a 'floating' component that allows the drawer box to re-align itself (left/right represented by the white arrow) upon closing. After aligning one bracket close to check that drawer closes properly.



**NOTE:**

When closing wide, large or heavy drawers be sure to close drawer with equal pressure from both sides of drawer front. Pushing just one side can misalign drawer front and require realignment.

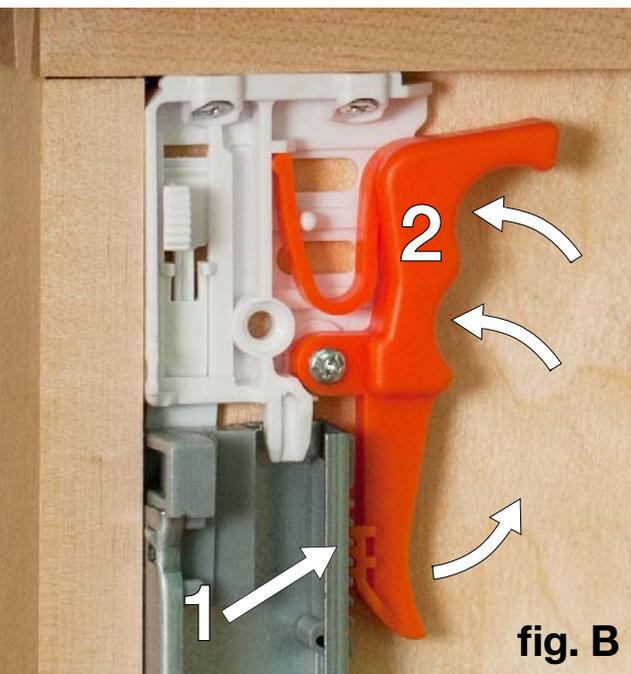


fig. B

## adjustment

If the drawer box still does not close smoothly the lever that connects the glide to the bottom of the drawer box may not be secured. In fig. B (left) check to insure that the 'handle' lever (pictured orange but may also be white), labeled 2, is properly engaging with the glide - 1. The 'teeth' should be catching the glide which secures the glide to the drawer box - be sure to check both the left and right sides.

**NOTE:**

The 'handle' (labeled 2 and pictured orange but may also be white) is the lever that releases the glide from the box allowing you to remove the drawer completely from the cabinet. To remove drawer box gently squeeze the lever handles, both left and right side, towards the outside of the drawer boxes (see white arrows in fig. B) and pull out and lift up at the same time.

**NOTE:**

Fig. B is looking at the bottom of the drawer box (underneath).

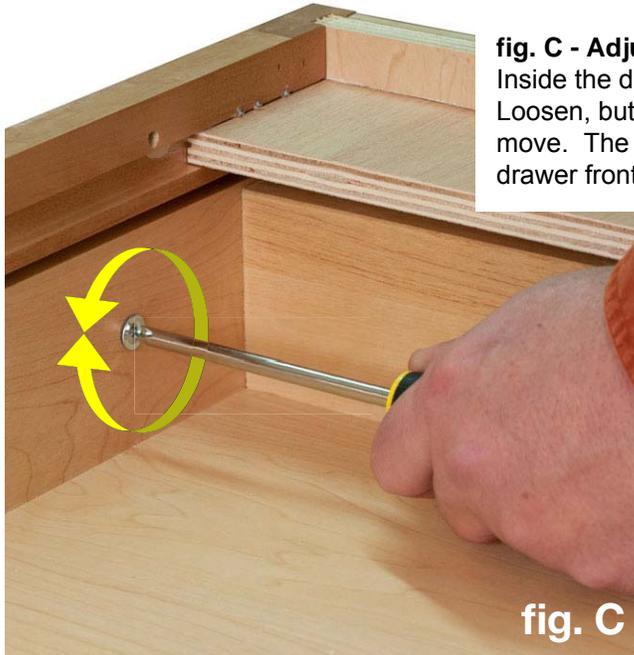


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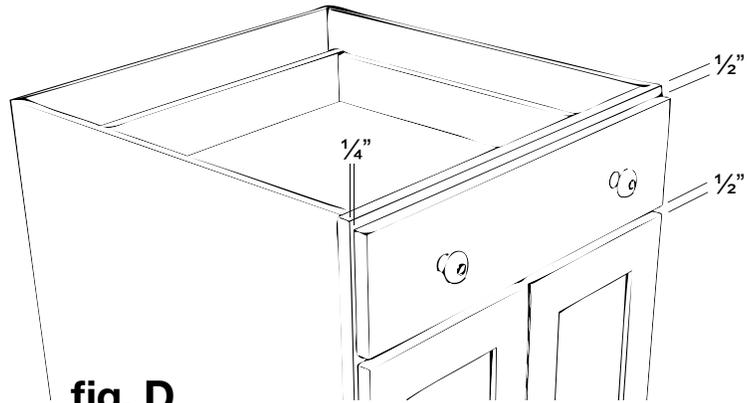
## drawer front alignment

Be sure to inspect that your drawer fronts are properly aligned. The drawer front should be a 1/2" from the top of the cabinet face frame and 1/2" from the top of the cabinet doors. On the left and right the drawer fronts should be 1/4" from the edge, or sides, of the cabinet face frame. See fig. D for details. There are two ways to adjust the drawer fronts:



**fig. C - Adjustment option 1:**

Inside the drawer box are screws that secure the drawer box to the drawer front. Loosen, but do not remove, the screw enough so that the drawer front is able to move. The screw is located in a 1/4" hole that allows for up to 1/8" adjustment of the drawer front in any direction. It's best to adjust one side at a time.



**fig. D**



**fig. E - Adjustment option 2:**

Another way to adjust the drawer front is to adjust the white clip bracket that secures the glide to the bottom of the drawer box. The clip has an adjustment lever (fig. E circle) that can slide front to back and adjusts the height of the drawer front. Make sure to adjust both left and right glides.

**NOTE:**

Fig. E is looking at the bottom of the drawer box (underneath).



## full overlay hinge adjustment

6 Square Cabinets provide a 6-way adjustable hinge for full overlay cabinets. The hinge uses a cam system which allows the hinges to be adjusted with a phillips head screwdriver. The hinge adjusts 1/8" in all directions. Maintenance will be needed for high use doors and during season changes. Doors are made of hardwood and are affected by temperature and humidity and may require adjustment after cabinets have been installed and acclimated to the new environment.

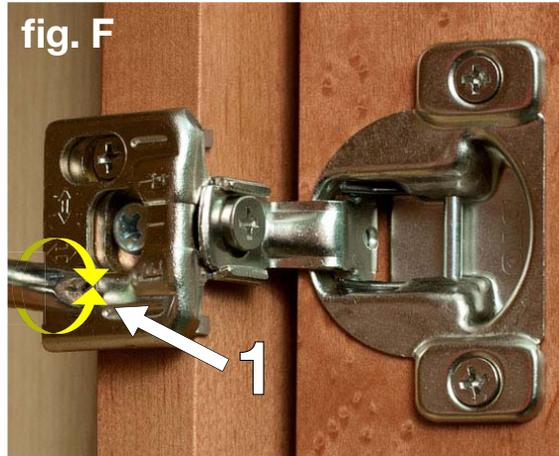
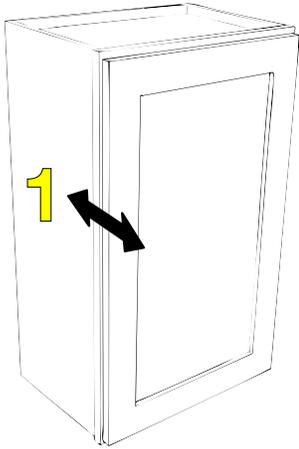


fig. F

### fig. F - in/out adjustment

The in/out adjustment brings the door out or in from the cabinet face frame. Check proper alignment with the door bumpers.

- All hinges may require adjustment

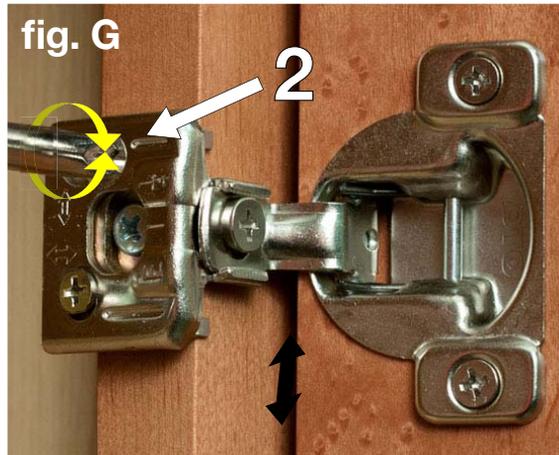
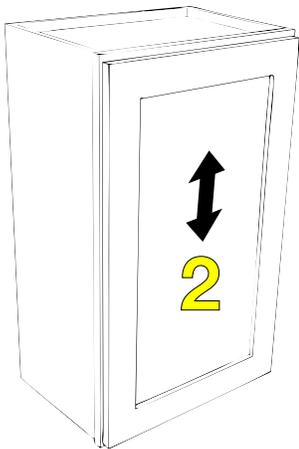


fig. G

### fig. G - up/down adjustment

The up/down adjustment is helpful in aligning all of your doors and drawer fronts to each other. Be sure to adjust all hinges (up to three) in the same direction.

- All hinges may require adjustment

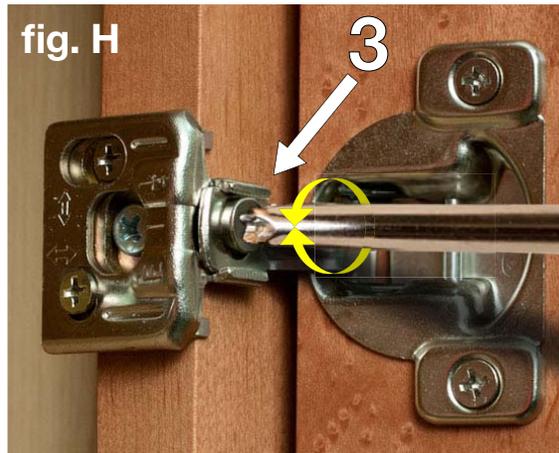
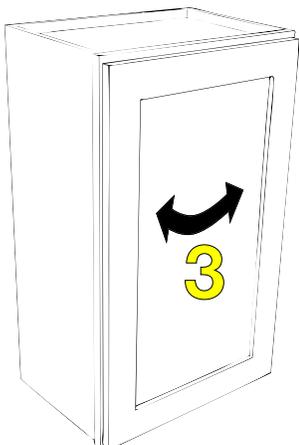


fig. H

### fig. H - left/right adjustment

The left/right adjustment can be a bit tricky from the aspect that the other adjustments may need re-alignment. The adjustment may be used to move the whole door or just the top or bottom of the door.

- All hinges may require adjustment



## inset hinge adjustment

6 Square Cabinets provides a 4-way adjustable hinge for inset cabinets. The hinge uses two screws for each adjustment which allows the hinges to be adjusted with a phillips head screwdriver. The hinge adjusts  $\frac{1}{8}$ " in all directions. Maintenance will be needed for high use doors and during season changes. Doors are made of hardwood and are affected by temperature and humidity and may require adjustment after cabinets have been installed and acclimated to the new environment.

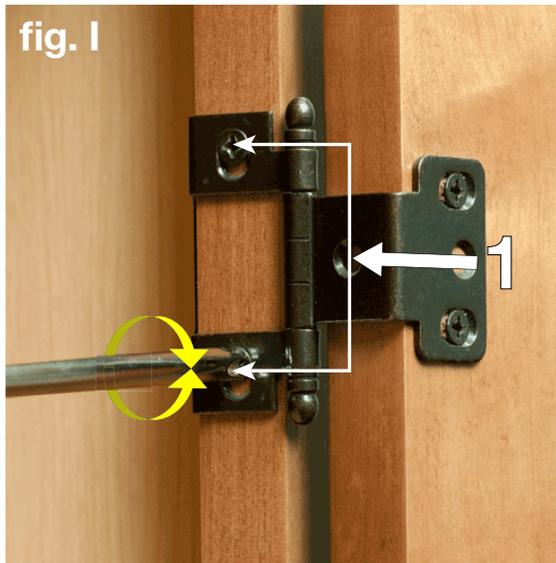
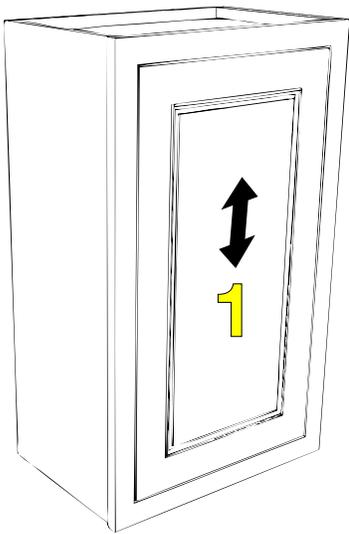


fig. I

### fig. I - up/down adjustment

The up/down adjustment is helpful in aligning all the doors with the top and bottom gap between the door and face frame.

- Adjust both screws on each hinge.
- All hinges may require adjustment

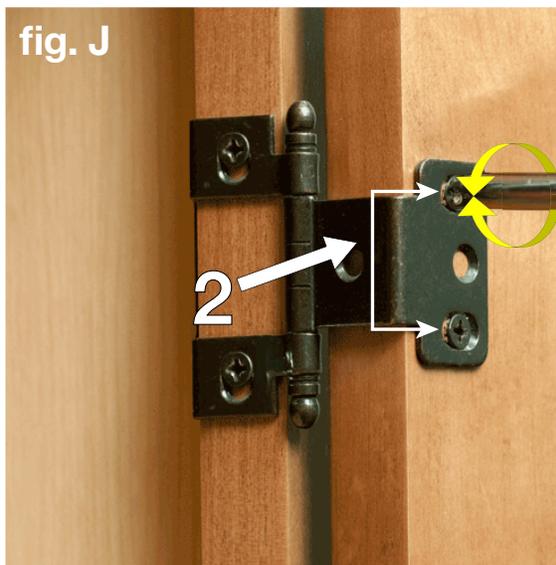


fig. J

### fig. J - left/right adjustment

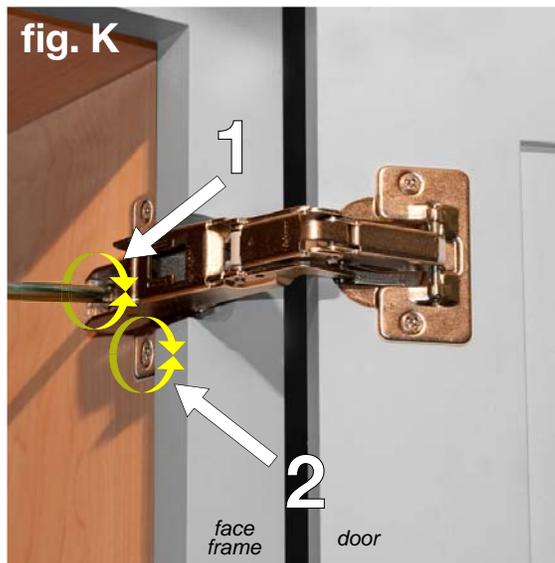
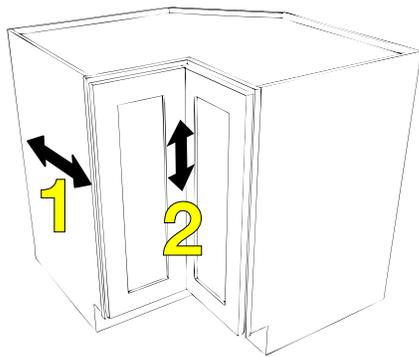
The left/right adjustment can be a bit tricky from the aspect that the other adjustments may need re-alignment. The adjustment may be used to move the whole door or just the top or bottom of the door. Check proper alignment with the gap between the door and face frame.

- Adjust both screws on each hinge.
- All hinges may require adjustment



## BER/BSS base corner hinge adjustment, FOL

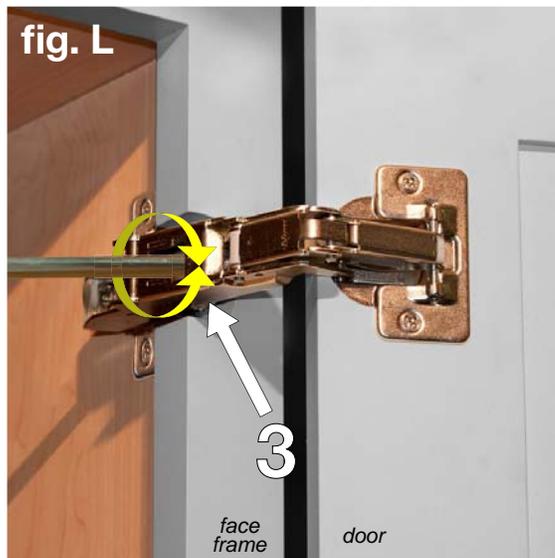
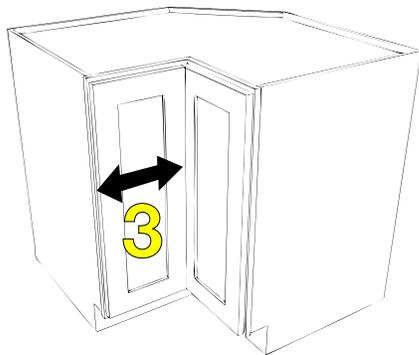
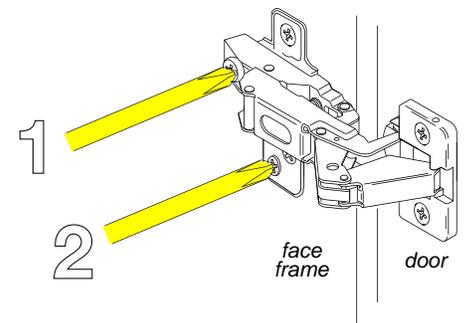
For the full overlay Base Easy Reach (BER) and Base Super Susan (BSS) cabinets 6 Square Cabinets provide a 6-way adjustable hinge. The cabinet uses two hinges to operate the bi-fold door. Below describes the hinge that connects the bi-fold door to the face frame of the cabinets. The hinges can be adjusted with a phillips head screwdriver  $\frac{1}{8}$ " in all directions. Maintenance will be needed for high use doors and during season changes. Doors are made of hardwood and are affected by temperature and humidity and may require adjustment after cabinets have been installed and acclimated to the new environment.



**fig. K - frame hinge adjustment**

- 1) Adjustment moves door away or closer to the face frame.
- 2) Adjustment moves both bi-fold doors up and down.

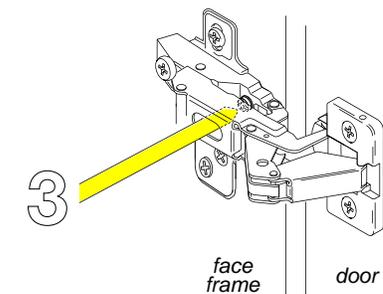
▪ Both hinges may require adjustment



**fig. L - frame hinge adjustment**

- 2) Adjusts door left/right or away from one face frame of the opposite (perpendicular) face frame.

▪ Both hinges may require adjustment





## BER/BSS base corner hinge adjustment, FOL

For the full overlay Base Easy Reach (BER) and Base Super Susan (BSS) cabinets 6 Square Cabinets provide a 6-way adjustable hinge. The cabinet uses two hinges to operate the bifold door. Below describes the adjustment on the hinge that connects the two bi-fold doors together. The hinges can be adjusted with a phillips head screwdriver 1/8" in all directions. Maintenance will be needed for high use doors and during season changes. Doors are made of hardwood and are affected by temperature and humidity and may require adjustment after cabinets have been installed and acclimated to the new environment.

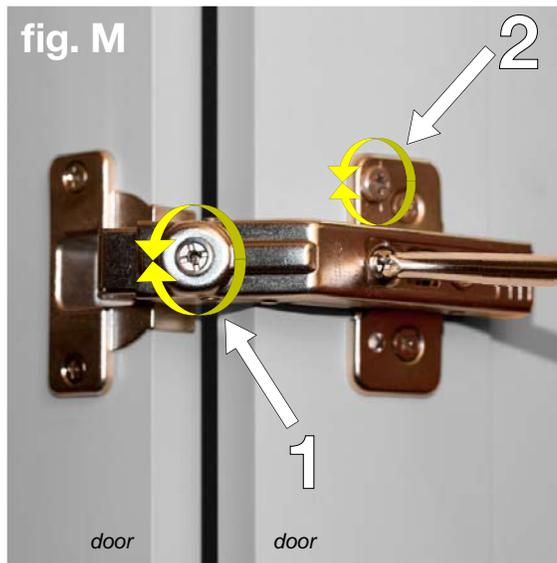
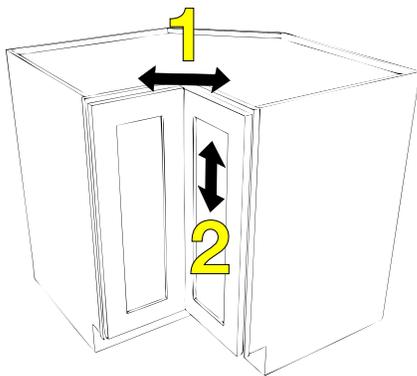


fig. M

**fig. M - Bi-fold Door Gap**

- 1) The spiral cam adjusts the distance between the two bi-fold doors.
- 2) Moves just the end bi-fold door up and down.

• Both hinges may require adjustment

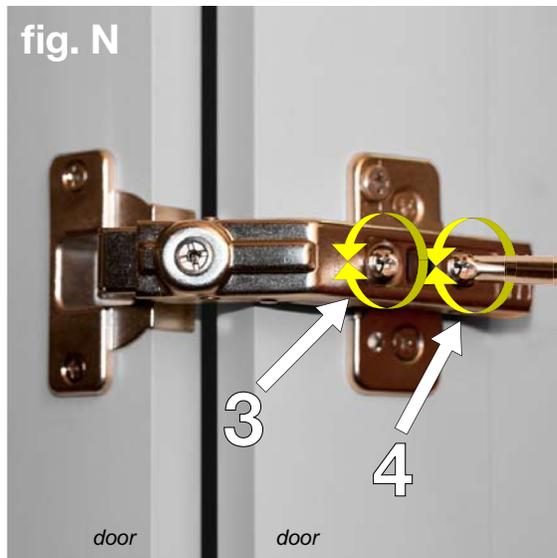
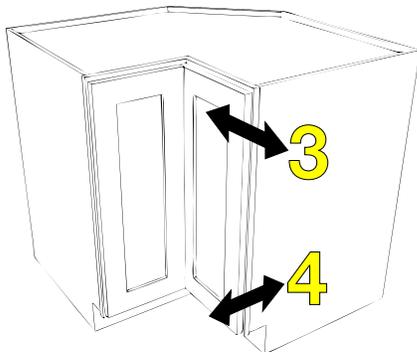
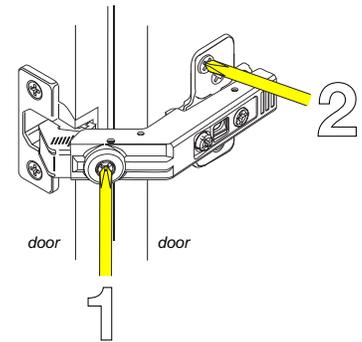
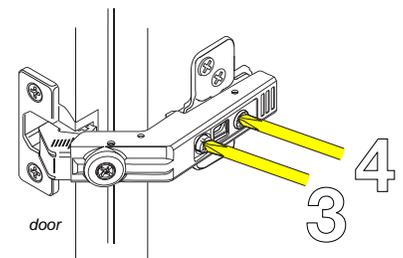


fig. N

**fig. N - Bi-fold Door left/right**

- 3) Adjusts door left/right or away from the face of the opposite (perpendicular) face frame
- 2) Adjusts door away from face frame

• Both hinges may require adjustment





## soft close door (scd) adjustment

As an upgrade 6 Square offers a compact Soft Close Door (SCD) feature that is factory installed. The Soft Close Door mechanism can be adjusted in or out 5mm to fine tune the contact point of the door. This allows the closing action to be adjusted, with a phillips head screwdriver, to accomodate the individual wieghts of each door.

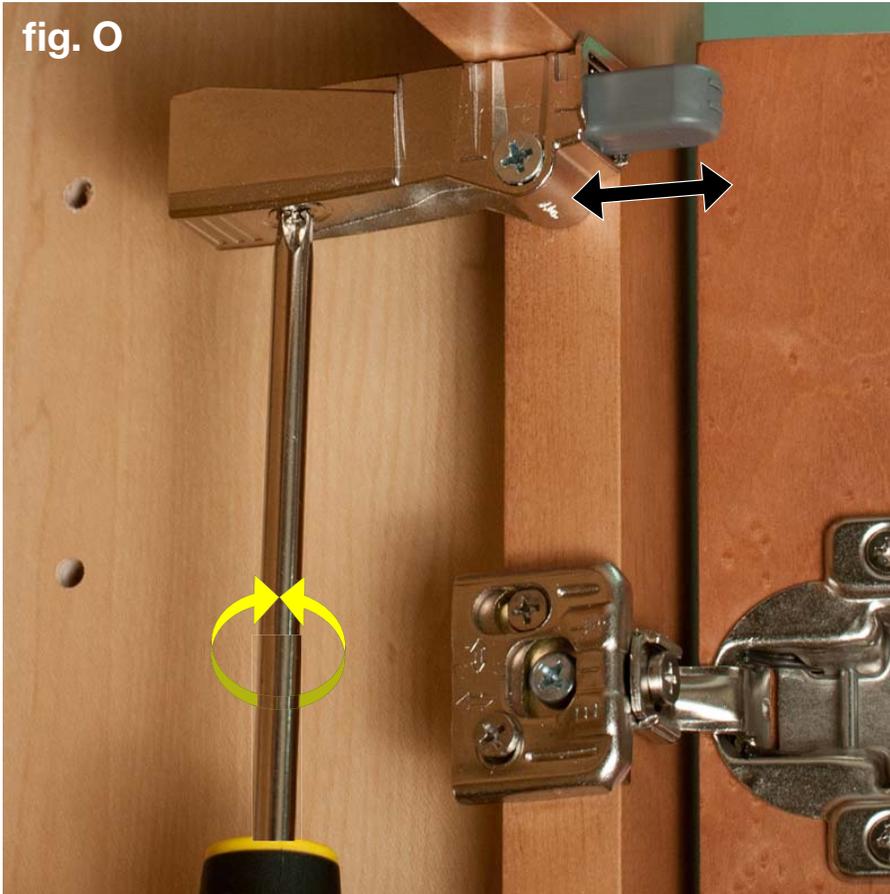


fig. O

### fig. O - SCD adjustment

Use a Phillips screw driver to adjust the contact point in or out 5 mm. Adjust out for larger, heavier doors or in for smaller, lighter doors.

- The SCD adjustment does not affect any hinge alignment.