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Adjusting How Objects are Reported to the Materials List

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QUESTION

What can I do to adjust how a specific object is reported to a Materials List?

ANSWER

The properties located on the Components panel of an objects specification dialog controls how an object is reported to a Materials List in Chief Architect.

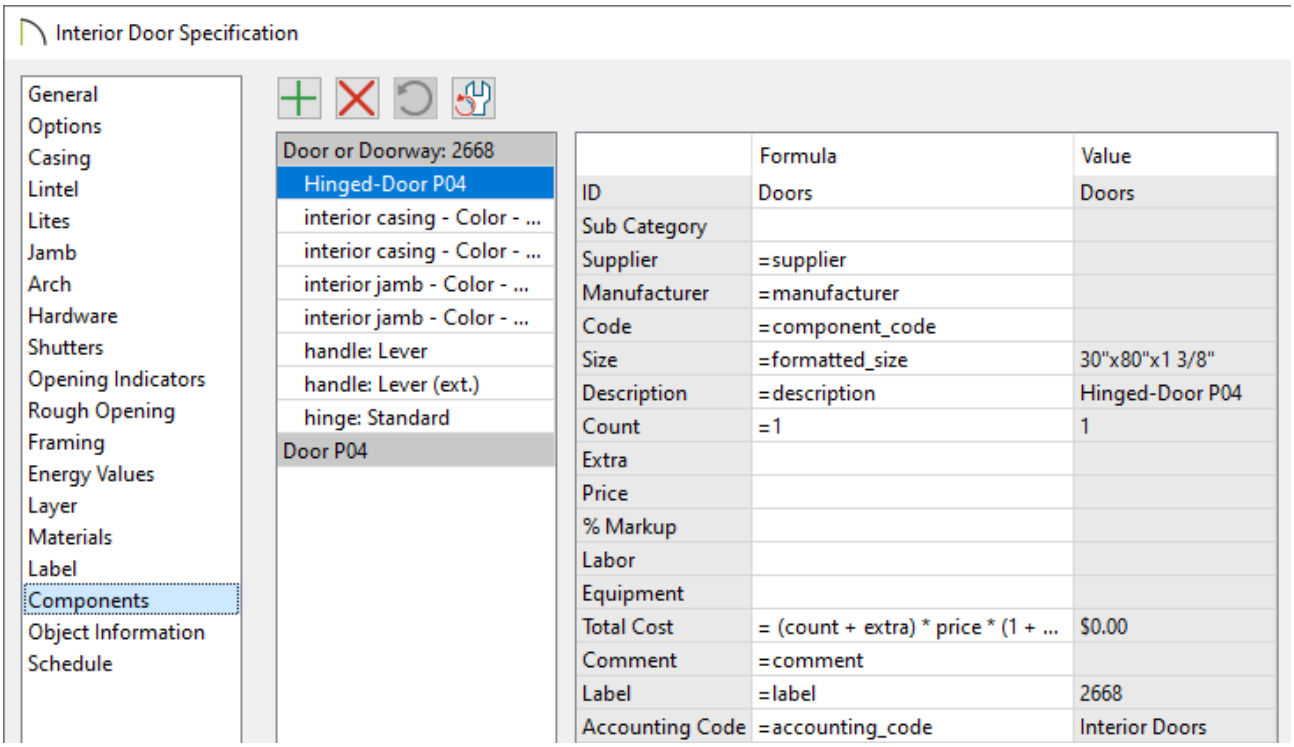
To adjust how objects are reported to the materials list

1. Using the **Select Objects** tool, click on the object that you want to adjust.

   In this example, a door is selected.

2. With the object selected, click the **Open Object** edit button to open its **Specification** dialog.

3. On the COMPONENTS panel:



- Click on a line item to select it and display its Materials List information to the right.

- To change a specific line item, focus on the Formula column, then double-click on the cell that contains the information that you want to adjust. For example, double-clicking on the ID Formula cell will allow you to access a drop-down menu to choose what category the object will reported to.

- When an ellipses (...) is present in a cell, you may notice that information in that cell is not editable. This typically indicates that the information is populated from another location, such as the OBJECT INFORMATION panel.

- When a component is selected, click the **Add Line Item** button to add a new component to the list, or click the **Remove Line Item** button to remove the selected line item. Click the **Restore** button to restore components that have been removed, or click the **Revert** button to reset any formulas that were customized.

- The Value column displays the results from any formula specified in the Formula column, and is for reference only.

- Once all desired changes have been made, click **OK** to close the dialog.

4. Select **Tools> Materials List> Calculate Materials for All Floors** from the menu to create a new Materials List.

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