

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:


Interior Door Specification

General
Options
Casing
Lintel
Lites
Jamb
Arch
Hardware
Shutters
Opening Indicators
Rough Opening
Framing
Energy Values
Layer
Materials
Label
Components
Object Information
Schedule









Door or Doorway: 2668	Formula	Value
Hinged-Door P04		
interior casing - Color - ...		
interior casing - Color - ...		
interior jamb - Color - ...		
interior jamb - Color - ...		
handle: Lever		
handle: Lever (ext.)		
hinge: Standard		
Door P04		
ID	Doors	Doors
Sub Category		
Supplier	=supplier	
Manufacturer	=manufacturer	
Code	=component_code	
Size	=formatted_size	30"x80"x1 3/8"
Description	=description	Hinged-Door P04
Count	=1	1
Extra		
Price		
% Markup		
Labor		
Equipment		
Total Cost	= (count + extra) * price * (1 + ...	\$0.00
Comment	=comment	
Label	=label	2668
Accounting Code	=accounting_code	Interior Doors

- 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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