Before installing the door hardware lightly sand and paint the door with an exterior grade paint for extra protection from the elements. As you can imagine, hollow core doors are very vulnerable to the elements since they are typically used for interior uses only.

A note about door handles: A dead-bolt is our preferred locking mechanism for the Hut. This is because latch bolt style locks can be opened with a credit card or knife while a deadbolt cannot. We also install a simple handle for ease of door operation for the user (see **fig. 13**).

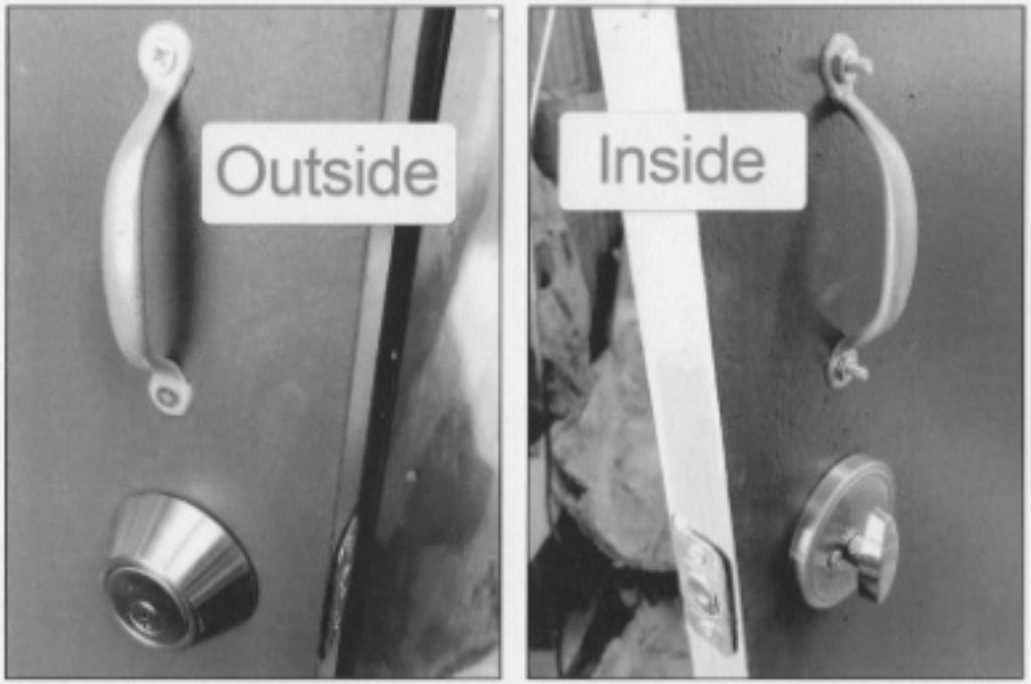

Figure 13.