

# Aircraft Door Closure Inspection

For every departure, and for all aircraft types, the person closing the cabin door must perform a visual inspection of the aircraft door to ensure the door has closed and latched properly. *Recently, two 737NG aircraft were forced to return to the airport when an improperly closed cabin door did not allow the aircraft to pressurize.*

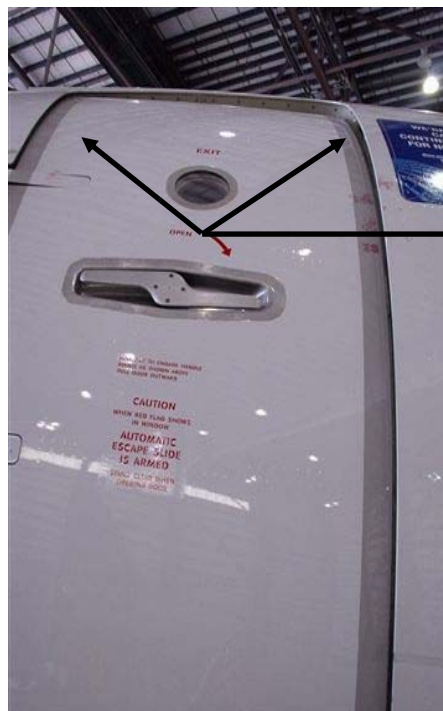
After closing the cabin door, the gate agent must visually inspect the aircraft door, paying close attention to the upper and lower thirds of the door.

- The door must be flush with the airframe, and the door handle must be flush with the surface of the door.
- **Note: A flush door handle alone does not mean the door is properly closed.**

If after inspection, the door does not appear closed, then the door must be reopened.

- Notify the crew that you will be reopening the door.
- Do not open the door until the crew indicates the door has been disarmed.
- Open the door fully.
- Re-close the door. Close the door quickly, but do not force the door closed.
- If the door has not closed properly, call aircraft maintenance.

## Example of 737 Door – Improperly Closed



### Inspect:

This door is not closed properly. The upper corners of the doors are not flush with the door frame, even though the door handle is flush with the door.