Fix Sidelite Panel Replacement Procedure

1. Before you remove, please examine the sidelite panel carefully to make sure it isn’t damaged. Also measure it to make sure it’s the right size.
2. From the interior, using a long blade utility knife cut the silicone under the glazing bead. (figure 1)
3. Remove glazing bead around sidelite panel. (figure 1)
4. You must take a putty knife with a sharpened 1 inch rigid blade and slide it in between the sidelite lite panel and the frame jamb.
5. Move the knife up and down the vertical jamb until you locate the retaining screws.
6. Place the knife on top of the screw at an upward angle and with a hammer, give the knife several solid hits until you shear off the screw.
7. Repeat the process until all of the screws are cut.
8. After the sidelite panel is removed, remove the debris, old silicone and paint any scuffing that have occurred.
9. Before putting the panel in place using a good quality exterior silicone, fill the cavity at the sill with silicone and set the panel in place.
10. Using a 1/8” drill, predrill hole at an angle from the face of the sidelite panel towards the jamb. (Figure 1.)
11. You have to use 3 ½” galvanized finish nails and they should be at 6” from the corners and no more than 24” apart.
12. Place a bead of silicone in the gap between the panel and the side jamb.
13. Place a 1/8” bead on back and side of the glazing bead (Figure 1.)
14. Replace the glazing bead and patch nail holes and paint with touch up paint.

Figure 1