

Care & Maintenance of Urban Front exterior doors

Wood is a natural material and its aesthetic appeal and durability cannot be replaced by man made materials. With a little care, timber will outperform any substitute.

Most exterior solid woods will weather, and move and regular maintenance in terms of filing and refinishing is needed to keep your door in good condition over the years. All our doors are delivered to you unfinished together with the necessary finishing materials ready for on-site finish.

All woods are likely to bleach to a grey colour if they are exposed to ultra violet light and not protected by some sort of coating.

Notes on finishing your door

- To prevent bleaching of the wood to a grey colour, treat your door as soon as you receive it.
- Four generous coats of treatment are recommended for protected doors with light sand between each coat. Six generous coats of treatment are recommended for unprotected doors or doors that are south facing, or near the sea.
- Finishing should be only stored and applied in temperatures between 5 and 40 Degree Celsius.
- Finishing should be applied to the front and back of the door prior to hanging.
- All cut outs like hinges, letterboxes and locks should be sealed as well.
- Please ensure to treat your door the moment you see that the finish is fading. This is quite obvious as the wood looks bare. Do not wait until you see a black or greyish color on the wood.
- Finish should be applied every 3-5years or in exposed areas once a year. A light sand and one coat of treatment is all that is needed.

Other notes regarding storage and fitting

- Store your door in a cool and dry area and keep it flat against a wall. Please make sure it is well fastened as it is very heavy. Otherwise you should lay the door on a completely flat surface.
- Doors should not be hung in damp or newly plastered rooms or suddenly exposed to central heating or other forms of direct heat.
- We highly recommend that our doors should at least be protected by a canopy or porch and for more exposed areas; you should increase the treatment of the door by a minimum of one extra coat.

Please read in conjunction with our terms and condition and our coating information for external doors

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