

CARE & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS TO BE LEFT WITH END USER

Your new Aluminium windows / doors have been manufactured in the UK to the highest standards. Like anything else, regular cleaning & maintenance will extend their lifespan and ensure they provide you with years of service. It is highly recommended that the following inspection & cleaning procedures are applied and where applicable, repaired promptly. Alternatively or in addition to this your supplier / installer may be able to offer you a maintenance / servicing contract to maintain moving parts such as hinges, handles & locking mechanisms.

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FRAME CLEANING PROCEDURE:

- (i) Wash external surfaces with clean warm water containing a non-alkaline liquid detergent (in a concentration which can be handled safely with bare hands) using a non-abrasive cloth, sponge or soft bristle brush. This will remove grime grease and any excess chalking. All ridges, grooves and drain age channels where salt and other deposits can collect should be well washed out. This will prevent corrosion sites from occurring.
- (ii) Rinse thoroughly with clean water.
- (iii) Dry with a soft cloth or leather
- ** Please note certain conditions such as areas within direct influence of salt water, industrial chemical plants, blast furnaces or other aggressive emission sources are known to be harmful to organic powder coated surfaces and should be cleaned more frequently. Where a reduction in finish is observed, chalking is evident or excessive staining has occurred, then a non-abrasive renovating cream such as T-Cut or similar may be carefully applied with a non-abrasive cloth. Finish off by polishing with a softy cloth. For extra protection a wax polish can be applied once or twice a year if desired.



REPAIR:

If exposed or damaged areas are left untreated if may be that a repair to the surface becomes necessary. This can be done by following the procedure below or if preferred there are nationwide professional repair companies who will undertake repairs in situ with minimal disruption - one of which is Magic Man (www.magicman.co.uk).

Blisters and corrosion sites may originate from areas where mechanical damage or scratches, prolonged exposure to UV rays and other causes such as bird droppings have damaged the coating or penetrated the coating through to the aluminium.

PROCEDURE:

- (i) Use fine grade 120 360 grit adhesive paper to remove corrosive product and any non adherent coating.
- (ii) Wipe with white spirit or similar cleaning solvent.
- (iii) Ensure surface is completely dry before applying a thin primer coat, allow 20-30 minutes to 'flash off' using a fine brush.
- (iv) With a fine brush again, touch in the damaged and primed area with an air drying paint.

STAINLESS STEEL HANDLE AND COMPONENTS:

Stainless steel provides a high degree of protection compared with other metals. It is not however maintenance free and regular cleaning will maintain it's desirable appearance.

CLEANING:

Routine monthly cleaning is recommended (more frequent in exposed locations, or areas of heavy soiling / frequent use). Exposed stainless steel should be wiped over with a clean cloth & warm water using a mild detergent. Cleaning should be followed by rinsing in clean hot water with, the surface then wiped completely with a clean cloth. Where cleaning has been delayed and staining occurs or more stubborn dirt is present mild non-abrasive household cleaners can be used with a small amount of vinegar added.

Alternatively, specific stainless steel cleaning kits are available.