

# FINISHING GUIDELINES

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## EXTERNAL JOINERY

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Products taken out of their packaging must be fully decorated straight away. Sand away any handling marks or variations and dust thoroughly before priming or sealing. Ensure that wire wool or other sanding materials containing steel or iron are not used on any of our products. Where necessary it is important that doors and frames are fully sealed on the two faces and all edges. Areas that are cut out for handles, locks, hinges and letter plates etc. must also be fully sealed. These must be in accordance with British standards. Failure to seal products accordingly will invalidate any claims.

Use a proprietary branded Hi-Build stain or paint and treat in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Note: Redwood, boarded doors including garage and Paint Grade doors are only suitable for Hi-Build paint finish. Lightly sand between coats to provide the best finish. Ensure adequate drying time is allowed between coats.

The sun can shorten darker colours' lifespan which makes them vulnerable to the elements. Where there are areas of high exposure, cover the external door with a hood, canopy or porch to help create a decorative finish and elongate your doors lifespan. Regular maintenance however, is required to stop the deterioration of the wood, the construction and finish. When decorating the door, take care not to paint or stain weather strips, ironmongery, projecting hinges or moving parts as this could cause damage to the performance of the product.

LPD external joinery is NOT suitable for varnishes, waxes, polishes, dyes, oils including Danish Oil, yacht varnish or lacquers, as the finishes do not protect our products.

## MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

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LPD recommend the following points to maintain and extend the life of your exterior joinery products:

- All joinery products should be washed twice a year minimum with a mild solution of soapy water, and rinsed with clean water. This should be completed at least four times if in a marine or industrial environment.
- All mechanical hinges etc. should be oiled with grease or neutral oils.
- Weather seals should be checked and cleaned often.
- When cleaned, scrape, lightly sand and touch up any areas of wear and tear with a matching microporous paint or stain. Bare wood should be primed first.
- Timber is a natural product so performs slightly differently throughout the year, seasonal adjustment may be required to assure ongoing performance.

## INTERNAL JOINERY

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Products taken out of their packaging, must be fully decorated straight away. Pre-finished doors however, come already finished and ready to hang. If the door edges are trimmed, they will need finishing with a polyurethane varnish.

Oak timber doors can be decorated with paint, stain, varnish or lacquer. White primed timber doors can be decorated with any good quality paint suited to your property.

LPD internal joinery is NOT suitable for waxes, polishes, dyes and oils etc. Please refer to manufacturer's instructions.

LPD are forming a new partnership with Treatex and recommend their Hard Wax Oil for unfinished oak internal doors. It is designed to enhance and protect the natural beauty of your door and is user friendly, easy to apply and can be used in all interior situations.

