

Arctic Doors Ltd

After Care.

Please Read the following carefully.

Brass items.

Solid brass items such as knockers have a lacquer coating that will degrade with exposure, the breakdown of the lacquer results in black or green spots, regular shining with Brasso wool will remove the lacquer over time and restore its shine. However to achieve an immediate solution the brass items need to be removed from the door and cleaned with Nitromors Paint Remover (its been found that some brands of nail varnish remover have achieved the same result as Nitromors) then washed, shined and refitted to the door. Read the instructions on the Nitromors Paint remover before using it. **THIS IS ONLY SUITABLE FOR SOILD BRASS ITEMS. DO NOT TRY THIS WITH ANODIZED ITEMS.** Check your delivery note or invoice to see which type of hardware was fitted to your door.

Maintaining the paint finish

Clean the door with mild detergent and use liquid car polish (not wax) to help maintain the gloss level of the paint work on the door and frame, more often in sun exposed areas. Follow the manufactures instructions on the car polish container and use a soft short bristle brush to complete the shining this will reach into the embossed wood grain thus giving a shine to the whole door.

Repainting your door.

The Door and Hardwood frame can be repainted at any stage using good quality gloss paint from your local hardware/decorating shop. To repaint the door and frame first rub the door and frame down with a fine steel wool and then clean with a soft cloth and some white spirit. Apply the top coat as you would onto timber there is no need to under coat. The majority of doors are painted using a colour code called a RAL number this allows other paint suppliers to mix paint for the doors, Any good quality gloss exterior is suitable from your local hardware.

Maintaining Stained Doors

To reinvigorate stained doors a liquid neutral car polish is recommended apply the polish as recommended on the container and use a soft short bristle brush to complete the shining, this will reach into the embossed wood grain thus giving a shine to the whole door. This should be preformed at least twice a year. Prior to polishing small scratches and marks can be repaired using a selection of permanent markers use a light brown marker for the base colour and then after it has dried use a fine pointed black marker to mark in the wood grain. Full stain restoration kits are available to purchase from Arctic Doors.

Moving parts

Locks, handles and hinges should be cleaned and lubricated periodically (Vaseline is a suitable lubricant) especially in the case of new build it should be done when the construction work is complete, as dust and moisture can inhibit the performance of these components.

Adjusting the hinges

Most door-sets supplied have adjustable and may require adjustment after a period due to normal wear and in some new builds due to works carried out around the door. These hinges are easy recognized as the frame component is mounted on the rear of the frame. On either side of frame component after removing the dust caps there are two adjustment screws that will adjust the gap between the door leaf and frame (this gap is noticeable when the door is in the closed position approximately 4 mm.) using a suitably sized allen key. Further adjustments to the height of the door can be made by removing the dust cover under the same component and loosening or tightening the exposed allen stud. Compression and left to right adjustment can be made by removing the dust cover on to of the same component by turning the allen stud through 360 degrees to achieve the desired result. When adjusting the hinges it is advisable to adjust all the hinges accordingly on the door to ensure proper alignment. **IMPORTANT : SOMETIMES SHORTLY AFTER INSTALATION IN PARTICULAR IN NEW BUILD, THE HINGES MAY NEED ADJUSTMENT FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE TO DO THIS.**

Lock frame Keeps

Lock keeps can also be adjusted for ease of use, loosening the Philips head screws in the lock receivers (mounted on the frame) and pushing the receivers forward and then tightening will lead to a better air seal around the door but may make the lock stiffer to use, some Vaseline or similar substance on the dead bolt latch and hooks of the lock will make it easier to use.

Threshold System

The threshold should be inspected every couple of weeks and any debris removed that may block the drain holes along its front especially after major building work. The threshold is designed to trap any water that might penetrate the outer seals and drain that water back outside it is important that these holes are and the outside channels are kept clear at all times.