FINISHING GUIDELINES

EXTERNAL JOINERY

All doors should be checked prior to installation. The installation of these doors shall constitute acceptance. Products taken out of their packaging must be fully decorated straight away. We would always advise to speak to your chosen paint manufacturer to ensure the suitability to our external doors. Handle with clean gloves and do not drag doors across one another or across other surfaces

Before priming or sealing, sand away any handling marks or variations and dust thoroughly. 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 stain or paint and treat in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. We recommend a Hi-Build, microporous product that is not quick drying to prevent waterlogging. We would always advise to speak to your chosen paint manufacturer to ensure the suitability to our external doors. 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. We advise covering the external door with a hood, canopy or porch to help create a decorative finish and elongate your door's 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. Please speak to the manufacturer of the product prior to use to ensure it is suitable for the style and construction of your door.

MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

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

Products taken out of their packaging, must be fully decorated straight away. We recommend a Hi-Build, microporous product that is not quick drying to prevent waterlogging. Pre-finished doors however, come already finished and ready to hang.

Handle with clean gloves and do not drag doors across one another or across other surfaces. Before finishing your door, sand away any handling marks or variations and dust thoroughly before priming or sealing. If the door edges are trimmed, they will need finishing with a polyurethane varnish.

Our Oak timber doors can be decorated with a paint, stain, varnish or lacquer of your choice. White primed timber doors can be decorated with a good quality timber paint suited to your property. Please note, the door will need to be lightly sanded prior to the finishing.

LPD Internal Joinery is not suitable for all waxes, polishes, dyes or oils. Please speak to the manufacturer of the product prior to use to ensure it is suitable for the style and construction of your veneered door.

LPD recommend our 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. Please see page 154 for more information.

Doors should not be subject to: abnormal heat, extreme dryness, humid conditions or sudden changes therein. They should be conditioned to average prevailing relative humidity of the locality before hanging.

RETURNS POLICY

Please note, wood is a natural product and therefore variants in the colour and grain is common. We suggest doors are purchased in plot orders to avoid batch variation. It is vital that you check the product before it is hung so issues can be resolved quickly and efficiently. Once a door is hung, this is deemed as acceptance and will not be liable for a return.