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DECORATION

Exterior & interior doors

Decoration should be carried out in accordance with the BS Code of Practice BS6150: 1982.

Products must be clean and dry prior to finishing, having a moisture content which is no greater than the average for the intended location. Always follow the instructions provided with the stain or paint which is to be applied. Where necessary, Shellac knotting may be applied to honey primed door frames to aid resistance to resin staining subsequent to paint finishing.

The use of dark coloured paint finished should be avoided on all softwood external joinery to minimise solar gain. A neutral colour undercoat should be considered when it is desired to finish frames in pastel shades.

It is important that the finishing system is balance by equal application to both sides at the same time to ensure that an imbalance of moisture does not occur, particularly in the decoration of doors.

The complete surface area must be treated with paint or stain including the edges, rebates for glazing and any area which have been cut, frilled, etc.

FINISHING

Factory finished products

Coated surfaces require regular maintenance and cleaning at least annually to remove surface pollution. Some 'chalking' of the finish may occur over time due to natural erosion of the microporous paint film. This does not detract from the systems protective performance.

On occasion timber products may exude resin after installation. Typically, if resin is present this 'bleeding' cannot be prevented.

Discolouration can occur which will require attention and maintenance to retain the aesthetics and integrity of the coating. Resin exudation is excluded from our performance guarantee.

Exposure conditions can vary significantly according to location. South facing elevations and coastal sites will reduce to some extent the finish life to first maintenance. Our guarantees are intended to cover reasonable average UK conditions.

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Window finishing

The long term durability and continued good looks of the windows depend on the care that you take over the initial finishing process. There is also the need to maintain the decorative finish by regular inspection and redecoration, when necessary.

The decoration and finishing of windows is covered by a British Standard Code of Practice, reference No. BS6150, "Painting in Buildings".

The following recommendations are based on this Code and should be followed to help produce a better finish.

Finishing coats of paint or stains must be applied as soon as possible after fitting. If exposure to the weather is greater than 3 months, the re-priming must be carried out in situ.

The use of dark coloured paint finishes should be avoided on all softwood external joinery to minimise solar gain and reduce the risk of resin exudation. A neutral undercoat should be considered when it is desired to finish frames in pastel shades.

A good quality shellac knotting should be applied to cleaned, primed surfaces prior to painting with conventional alkyd paints, although knotting is not recommended with wood stains and some moisture vapour permeable paint systems.

Alkyd gloss paints - only exterior quality paint systems should be used. General purpose paints may not have the extensibility required to give a good service life. The paint manufacturers must be followed.

Moisture vapour permeable alkyd and water-based acrylic systems may be used provided the paint manufacturers instructions are followed. These materials are often known under the general name of "high build" stains.

During finishing, take care to ensure that paint or stain is not applied to weatherstrips, ironmongery, reflex hinge slide channels or moving parts, because this may cause lasting damage to the operation and performance of the window. Allow sufficient drying time before closing sashes against the frame, otherwise damage to weatherstrips could occur the next time the sashes are opened.

MAINTENANCE

At annual intervals or more frequently if necessary, inspect and lubricate all ironmongery, pivoting and sliding parts. Friction hinges must not be oiled or greased.

Inspect the condition of the decorative and glazing systems on all external joinery at maximum intervals of one year and carry out remedial work as required.

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