

Aftercare



To care for a Life Kitchen after installation it is recommended to simply dust down with a dry cloth, minor stains should be cleaned using a small amount of washing up liquid or soap (we recommend using a mild detergent as this will be more PH neutral) with warm water. Using a damp cloth, wipe your painted furniture, ensuring you take extra care with any particularly dirty areas.

Once it has been cleaned, rinse the item with fresh, clean water to remove any chemicals or soap residue that may be left. Immediately dry with a lint-free cloth to prevent liquid resting on the surface and causing staining or other damage.

Paint

As with any painted product, care should be taken to avoid the paint chipping. Should you be unfortunate enough to accidentally damage a kitchen door touch up kits are available for small repairs – please contact your sales representative for more information.

If opting for a dark kitchen, it is worth noting that darker shades can show up fingerprint marks more easily than lighter finishes, however these are easily removed with a soft Microfibre anti-scratch cloth, available from most supermarkets.



DO NOT USE

Abrasive or aggressive cleaners, bleach, or other chlorine based cleaners, multi-purpose cleaners, acetone, alcohol or similar products on the furniture, as this will damage the surface. Please do not place any damp objects on the surface, including fruit juice, acidic agents, cleaning or conditioning agents. Should furniture get wet, please wipe and dry immediately using the care & maintenance instructions.

All of our kitchen cabinets and doors are manufactured to the highest standard possible, and are quality-checked routinely throughout the manufacturing and finishing process. We're confident you will enjoy many years of trouble-free use from your cabinets if installed and maintained correctly as per our advice; however, should you have any further queries regarding cabinet care, please feel free to contact us.

Cleaning Advice

- For product cleaning only use a 5% soap, 95% water (liquid soap) solution, wiping with a damp (not wet) cloth, finally drying with a soft clean cloth. Dust with a soft cloth only, following the grain pattern of the wood.
- Do not use abrasive or aggressive cleaners, bleach or other hypochlorate (chlorine) based cleaners, multi-purpose cleaners, acetone, alcohol, solvent or similar products on the door as this will damage the surface.
- It is advisable to use a damp (not wet) cloth to remove fingerprints and marks, followed at once with a clean and dry soft cloth. Cooking splashes should be wiped up immediately using a damp cloth.

Timber Veneer & Painted Doors

- All timbers are adversely affected by the environment in which they are installed, particularly a moist climate and in high levels of humidity. Timber is hygroscopic which means the material will take up or let out moisture depending on the environment it is placed in. We therefore recommend that timber doors only be installed in areas that have been suitably acclimatised so that the timber is allowed to find its EMC (Equilibrium moisture content). Timber changes colour when exposed to light, the rate of change being dependent upon the species and the intensity of exposure.

Therefore, please consider when ordering an additional timber door some time after the original kitchen has been installed that a variation in colour is probable. Also, as solid timber products mature slightly with age we advise that samples are changed on a regular basis, after approximately six months.

- Due to the varying nature of the timber species used, the grain definition will appear in various degrees depending on the substrate used. For example, the same coat weight of paint will be applied to the door but will be 'visually different on oak and ash' as oak has a very dense and closed pore, compared to ash which has a more defined and open grain definition. Therefore, please try and avoid showing a consumer a sample of painted product if it is going to be supplied in a different substrate. Further samples are available on request by contacting our Customer Service department.

WE SUGGEST THAT THE KEY INFORMATION ABOVE IS DISCUSSED WITH YOUR CUSTOMER.

Veneer & Lacquered Doors

- If the doors are supplied with a protective film on the face they must not be directly exposed to sunlight. It is recommended the film is removed as soon as possible.

Care, Maintenance & Quality Standards

- Newly plastered rooms should be left to environmentally stabilise before storage and installation of doors, whatever their material.

Quality Standards

We define our frontals and accessories to be of merchantable quality when they conform to the following standards.

- Finished components shall not have any sharp edges or splinters that are likely to cause discomfort or injury to persons during normal use of furniture.
- When components are viewed with normal or corrected vision at arms length there shall be no obvious defects that would detract from the appearance of the furniture in its normal position of use, for example components shall be free of the following:-

Machining imperfections - torn grain, sanding marks, inaccurate edge trimming

General - excessive variations in colour, mismatch in appearance of wood grain,

Poor finishing - lacquer runs, pimples and shrinkage

Irregular joints - poor jointing, gaps