

Door Care Guide



Thank you for choosing Mana Doors Pty Ltd. Proper care and regular maintenance are crucial for ensuring the longevity and aesthetic appeal of your doors. Following this guide will help maintain the performance of your door while ensuring your warranty remains valid.

Preparing Your Door Before Finishing

Storage Guidelines

- Store your doors in a dry, covered location, away from any sources of moisture or humidity, including freshly plastered areas.
- Lay the doors flat on a stable surface off the ground to prevent warping.

Sanding Preparation

- Lightly sand the door using fine-grit sandpaper (240 grit or higher) before applying any finish. Always sand in the direction of the grain to avoid scratches or marks.
- For veneer doors, take extra care not to over-sand to avoid damaging the surface.

Finishing Your Door

All doors from Mana Doors Pty Ltd are provided unfinished and require appropriate finishing to protect against environmental factors.

Steps for Finishing:

Immediate Finishing: Finish all six sides of the door, including the edges and areas behind hardware, before installation to protect against moisture.

Coating Requirements: Follow the coating instructions provided by your chosen paint or stain manufacturer, ensuring that all sides receive an equal number of coats.

Warranty Conditions: Proper sealing with the recommended number of coats is essential to maintain your warranty. Neglecting to do so can result in warping or other damage, voiding the warranty.

Choosing the Right Products

- Use high-quality paints, stains, or sealers suitable for either interior or exterior applications.
- Light colours are recommended for doors exposed to direct sunlight, as they reduce heat absorption and minimize the risk of warping.
- Avoid using automotive or industrial paints that are not designed for wood doors.

Consistent Colour Application

Apply the same colour or finish to all sides of the door to ensure even protection and avoid uneven moisture absorption, which can lead to warping.

Installing Your Door

Hanging Instructions

- Use three appropriately sized hinges for hanging solid timber doors to ensure stability.
- Follow the specific hanging instructions provided with hardware to ensure proper installation.
- Trimming Allowances
- Be aware of the trimming allowances specific to your door model. Excessive trimming can affect the door's structural integrity.

Hardware Installation

- Use high-quality door hardware that matches the intended use (internal or external). Ensure that the door's structure is not compromised when fitting locks, handles, or other hardware.
- Weather Protection
- For exterior doors, ensure that they are installed in protected openings to reduce exposure to harsh weather conditions. This will help maintain the door's integrity and appearance.

Maintaining Your Door

Regular Inspections

Periodically inspect your door for signs of wear, especially around edges, joints, and hardware. Address any issues immediately to prevent further damage.

Cleaning Tips

- Clean your door with a soft, damp cloth. Avoid soaking the door or using harsh chemicals, as these can damage the finish.
- For doors with metal inlays or fittings, ensure regular cleaning to prevent tarnishing or corrosion.

Re-Finishing as Needed

Depending on exposure and usage, re-apply the finish to your door every few years to maintain its protective layer. Exterior doors may require more frequent attention.

General Care Considerations

Wood Variations

- Natural variations in wood grain and colour are to be expected and are not considered defects.
- Handling Warping and Bowing
- Slight warping or bowing is natural for wood products under certain conditions. If significant warping occurs, assess the storage, installation, and environmental factors, and take corrective action if necessary.

Warranty Compliance

Following the installation and maintenance guidelines provided here is crucial for keeping your warranty intact. Any deviations from these instructions could void your warranty. For any questions or further assistance, please contact us.

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