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INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

Leda Aluminium Pty Ltd products are manufactured from the most durable materials and finishes available, maintained accordingly will give many years of service.

BUILDERS / HOME OWNERS PLEASE NOTE:

When installing windows and doors there are some precautions you should take to ensure that the products will retain their ex-factory condition until installation is complete and the job hand over.

- All windows must be installed in accordance with accepted good trade practice (and in accordance with the supplied instructions where applicable), and maintained in accordance with these products otherwise the warranty shall be void.
- Keep wet cement, mortar and brick-cleaning acid from contact with timber, uPV, glass or aluminium (particularly if the finish is anodised) before, during and after installation.
- Protect glass from contamination during construction as this will simplify the cleaning at the end of the project. If the glass is not protected during construction then it should be cleaned frequently during construction. Construction dust, leachate from concrete and rusting from steel can contribute to the formation of mild chemicals, which may stain or damage.
- Do not use acid to remove mortar stains on window frames.
- Hose down brick work to remove residual cleaning acid which may leach out and cause damage to the finish.
- Do not place windows directly onto green concrete slabs.
- Keep the tracks of sliding windows and doors clear of sand and cement droppings.
- Do not use window frames to support planks or temporary scaffolding.
- Clean up when the job is complete with mild detergent and rinse with clean water.

ALUMINIUM AND METAL PRODUCTS

External window and door frames should be washed with clean water. If the product is exposed to salt air or industrial pollutants it should be washed at least every three (3) months. In rural areas where normally there is very little contaminated moisture you may not need to clean your aluminium fittings more than every six (6) months.

Aluminium requires only minimum maintenance, the finish may deteriorate if dirt which collects on the surface, is allowed to remain unwashed over a period of time. This is because dirt absorbs moisture present in the atmosphere.

To clean aluminium use the mildest treatment, you can use warm water and soap or detergent or for anodised material try solvent cleaners (e.g. kerosene, turpentine, white spirit) or non-etching chemical cleaners, or a wax based polish cleaner. Keep water free from dirt and grit and ensure that that weep slots in the window and door tracks are clear to allow maximum drainage.

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TIMBER REVEALS

The surface finish coating should be maintained in good condition on external faces. This can be achieved by regular cleaning with non abrasive cleaners and refinishing when breakdown of coating occurs.

To avoid water staining, keep tracks and sash openings clean and free of leaves and other debris which may retain water. Ensure that the weep slots in windows and doors are kept clear to allow maximum drainage.

UPVC PRODUCTS

An occasional wipe down with a damp cloth or a wash with warm soapy water is all that is required.

GLASS

To clean, simply wipe over the surface with a few drops of methylated spirits on a damp cloth, then polish the surface dry with a lint free cloth. Glass cleaners are not recommended as some can cause damage to the silver backing on mirrors and the interlay of laminated glass. Ensure that all cleaning cloths are free of any abrasive substances.

Energy efficient glass (comfort plus "Low E" glass) generally has a very thin coating on the interior face. This coated surface does clean differently to ordinary glass, with each type of glass having different recommendations should be obtained prior to cleaning.

Avoid causing extreme temperature changes as this may lead to thermal fracture of the glass (do not direct hot or cold water onto glass).

HARDWARE

Regular maintenance is required for all hardware, even stainless steel as they are moving parts. In most environments maintenance is recommended every six (6) months and every three (3) months in marine and industrial environments.

Hangers, pivots and brackets should be wiped down with warm soapy on a soft rag and then rinsed off by wiping with a clean damp rag. Application of a thin film of light machine oil or one of the corrosion preventative sprays mentioned above will help to maintain the original luster of the metal finish. Be careful not to get these compounds on the timberwork itself as they may cause staining.

Drop bolts should be sprayed with a lubricant such as those mentioned above at the sliding pin inside the bolt and to the lock cylinder. A tube attached to the nozzle will help to concentrate the spray where you want it to go.

NAME PLATES AND IDENTIFICATION PLATES

Please leave name plates, part numbers and rating labels on product for future reference. A permanent performance label is a requirement of the BCA in all states and territories of Australia.