



Sikkens Wood Care Maintenance/Care leaflet for pre finished Windows and Doors

Dengate Joinery quality timber windows & doors have been carefully designed and manufactured to the highest standards. The timber has been pre finished using the Sikkens superior wood care range of products. To maintain the finish and extend the life of the timber, regular simple maintenance is recommended. If there are any aspects within this leaflet that are not clear, please contact our friendly sales team for further information.

FINISH COAT

As soon as practical after the windows have been installed, one finish coat of Sikkens Filter 7 needs to be applied.



- Wash with warm water and liquid detergent solution to remove any contaminants, frequently changing the water.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all residues.
- Allow to dry.
- Lightly sand timber with 180 grit sand paper.
- Apply one coat of Sikkens Cetol Filter 7 (in appropriate colour).

MAINTENANCE COATING

As per our recommended service schedule of 2 years the following process should be followed:

- Wash with warm water and liquid detergent solution to remove any contaminants, frequently changing the water.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all residues.
- Allow to dry.

Re-coat with two full coats of **Sikkens Cetol Filter 7** (in appropriate colour). Allow 24 hours to dry.

When do you need to re-coat your windows or doors?

To achieve lifetime performance, it is vital that the protective coating remains intact. Dengate joinery timber products are protected with Sikkens waterborne translucent coatings. A single

re-application after the first two years is recommended depending on the environment and degree of weathering the joinery is exposed to. Re-application is essential but simple.

To ensure re-application is simple, regular inspections and simple cleaning are all that is required.

What should you look out for?

Lower third of the window frame and glazing lines

Certain areas on a window are far more vulnerable than others. These are the areas where timber is more likely to be exposed to moisture. Rain water will tend to gather on the lower areas of a window frame and in particular the lower glazing beads and any sill that is present. If the coating becomes damaged at these areas then the end grains will absorb moisture and the wood will swell to a point where the coating may become damaged. This will allow in more moisture and the problem, if left unattended will become worse and worse. If the coating becomes damaged on the lower part of the window you should follow our remedial instructions for redecoration on these small sections. A small amount of work will save a much larger amount of work in the long run.

South facing windows

On the South side of a building, colder and damper conditions usually occur. These areas provide the perfect conditions for algae and mould. If left unattended it can lead to mould growth into the coating. This can damage the integrity of the coating and can in the worst case result in a loss of adhesion and de-lamination. To combat this problem, areas affected by algae and mould growth should be treated with a solution of one part sodium hypochlorite (household) bleach to two parts water. Allow the solution a minimum of 20 minutes to work before washing off with clean water and a stiff nylon bristle (not metallic) brush. Allow to dry. This should be done on a regular basis, which will be determined by how quickly algae or mould build up.

Windows in industrial areas or areas where there is a high concentration of traffic

In areas of the country where air pollution is known to be an issue such as Sydney, dirt will tend to build up on joinery items. This dirt can be a feeding ground for mould. To avoid this problem, regularly clean the build up of dirt with a solution of detergent and water.

Exuding resin

Any brown sticky resin should be allowed to dry to white crystalline resin before any attempt is made to remove it. Dried resin can then be removed by lightly abrading and then wiping with a cloth dampened with methylated spirits.

WARNING: All decorative products must be applied in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Remedial instructions for when coating damage occurs (translucent coatings).



Note: Matching existing shades and achieving an even depth of colour when repairing translucent systems can prove very difficult. For specialist advice on this or any other aspect of coating please contact Sikkens Woodcare on (02) 93604500 or 1800251353.