

Maintenance & Care of Finishes

BRASS PRODUCTS

LACQUERED AND PLATED BRASS: (Chrome & Nickel finishes)

Regular cleaning with warm soapy water should be sufficient to keep any finish in its original condition for a long period. A quality wax polish is also recommended for maintenance, especially for external fittings which face numerous environmental conditions. Under no circumstances use an abrasive cloth or cleaner.

UNLACQUERED BRASS:

Regular polishing with a good quality metal polish is essential to maintain the original finish. If the intention is to allow the surface to age through oxidization then no attention needs to be given. Under no circumstances use an abrasive cloth or cleaner.

STEEL PRODUCTS

PATINE, PEWTER, RUST EFFECT, BLACK:

A regular wipe down with warm soapy water can prevent a buildup of dirt and corrosion.

Apply household beeswax for a protective layer against corrosion and/or maintain with a quality household wax polish. Under no circumstances use an abrasive cloth or cleaner.

Supplier's individual care and maintenance information:



FRANK ALLART

PRODUCTS FITTED INTERNALLY

Regular cleaning with warm soapy water should be sufficient to keep any finish in its original condition for a long period. The occasional use of a good quality wax polish is also recommended.

PRODUCTS FITTED EXTERNALLY

Environmental conditions can have dramatic effect on the stability of surface finishes. Industrial pollution, high humidity, sea air and acidic rain may well cause finish to deteriorate prematurely. Regular cleaning with good quality wax polish is recommended.

PLATED FINISHES:

Will also benefit from the occasional use of chrome cleaner, followed by a wipe with a cloth impregnated with a light oil. Products are solid brass.

RBMA & RUSTIC BRONZE FINISHES:

Will benefit from the occasional wipe with a cloth impregnated with a light oil.

UNLACQUERED BRASSES & BRONZES

To retain the original finish, regular polishing with a good quality metal polish is essential. However, if the intention is to allow the surface to age through oxidisation then no attention needs to be given.



CLAYTON MUNROE

Care and maintenance of Patine, Black and Rates Black finishes. Careful fitting and aftercare will assure your long-term enjoyment of this quality product.

When fitted internally and maintained with a coat of household beeswax, the life of the finish is greatly extended.

When fitted externally the life span of the lacquer coating is limited and will eventually break down with a 'patina' will form which is a natural process. Some degree of minor red rust corrosion is to be expected especially in areas where there is a metal to metal rubbing or knocking. In addition 'white rust' may form which is the result of the coating reacting to the atmosphere. It is not harmful to you or the products.

The effects of these processes can be minimized and the appearance of the product enhanced by the periodic cleaning with a household wax polish thus forming a coat of wax to protect the finish. Under no circumstances use an abrasive cloth or cleaner.



LEFROY BROOKS

Lefroy Brooks products are manufactured to exacting standards however, to maintain their appearance and performance they should be cared for as follows:

GENERAL USE:

A buildup of limescale is inevitable on all water fittings and for hard water areas we recommend the fitting of a suitable water treatment device. To help prevent limescale build-up and water marks all surfaces should be wiped dry after use. Only mild non-abrasive cleaning products should be used followed by rinsing and drying with a soft cloth.

Beeswax is suggested to give a water repellent surface which will help prevent water mark and limescale build-up.

ELECTROPLATED FINISHES:

Our products are made from 100% solid brass. They have been individually hand polished, assembled and plated in Gold, Chromium, Silver Nickel or Satin Nickel finish.

When cleaning do not under any circumstances use abrasive cleaning materials.

Satin Nickel / Antique Gold: clean only with a soft cloth and buff up

Silver Nickel / Chromium: use a mild non-abrasive bathroom cleaner. For stubborn stains, particularly in hard water areas, a proprietary silver nickel/chrome cleaner may be lightly applied.

Shower heads & Roses: should be regularly cleaned and de-scaled particularly in hard water areas.

Thermostatic mixers: it is important that the thermostatic cartridge is maintained on a regular basis.

INSTALLATION:

All water fittings should only be installed by a qualified plumbing engineer and comply with current water regulations. We recommend that isolation and non-return valves are fitted in all installations where appropriate. For optimum performance of showers on systems with low water pressures a water pump should be fitted.



CARLISLE BRASS

BLACK ANTIQUE:

Iron in any form is vulnerable to rusting. During our finishing process we make every effort to cover all areas of the product by first black zinc plating and then powder coating. Where obvious abrasive areas of moving parts are evident an occasional light oiling is recommended. To remove harmful deposits which will cause corrosion we advise that the product is regularly wiped over with a lightly oiled cloth.

BRASS PRODUCTS:

Our products are protected by the most advanced lacquer available and under normal circumstances should give many years' service. They should be cleaned with a cloth moistened with soapy water or alternatively wiped over with a soft cloth with beeswax or a gentle non-abrasive quality wax polish. Under no circumstances use any form of metal cleaner or aerosol sprays.

However, after a period of time the lacquer coating, especially on external fittings, can suffer a possible breakdown. Therefore, the life of the lacquer is beyond the manufacturer's control and cannot be guaranteed. When the lacquer coating has broken down, remove the brass fittings and coat using a soft brush with acetone thinner according to the manufacturer's instructions. Completely dry the product using a soft cloth and metal polish, such as "Brasso". At this stage the product can either be re-lacquered or polished as and when required.

A fresh coat of lacquer may be applied but we strongly recommend that, especially for external use, you should leave the item unlacquered.

Chrome products:

Our quality chrome products are virtually maintenance free. However, deposits will accumulate especially on external fittings. We therefore recommend regular cleaning with a soft cloth and non-abrasive wax polish. This will ensure the original appearance is maintained.

Florentine Bronze products:

These products are lacquered and should be treated in the same way as brass. As the bronze is an applied finish we would expect it to wear over time, enhancing the antique effect.

Stainless Brass PVD

These products have an advanced vacuum treated process and we can offer a full 25-year replacement guarantee with the exclusive Stainless Brass finish. The technology involved in this process renders the surface impervious to damage in normal use including oxidation, wear and abrasion.

All lacquered brass items require regular cleaning with non-abrasive wax polish. We recommend the removal of surface dirt by dusting with a soft cloth. Stubborn stains can be removed with the use of white spirit, similar spirit based products or a quality non-abrasive car wax polish.



SIMONSWERK



TURNSTYLE

LUBRICATION:

1. Hinges are supplied non-lubricated and should be oiled after fixing and at regular intervals there after at least once every six months or 25,000 cycles
2. A lubrication oil such as SAE 80 MIN or equivalent is recommended.
3. Regular maintenance and lubrication will enhance the lifetime and performance of hinges.

CARE OF FINISHES:

1. Regular cleaning with a cloth dampened with good light oil or lanolin should be enough to keep all finishes in its original condition for a long period.
2. For extra cleaning of polished and lacquered finishes it is recommended that a good quality wax polish is used, particularly on externally fitted items, applied every few weeks.
3. Some lacquered finishes can break down eventually due to adverse conditions; therefore the life of all finishes is beyond our control and cannot be guaranteed.
4. For more information regarding salt spray corrosion testing on certain finishes to BS EN 1670 please contact your distributor or the manufacturer.

As with a good handbag or pair of shoes the leather will appreciate being fed from time to time, we recommend twice a year with a natural beeswax polish.

Do not clean with solvents, or chemicals, as this will not only affect the leather but also soak through and destroy the glue. Scratches and dents can be removed by a simple "boning" process that brings the oils back to the surface and repairs by simply working the leather area in circular motions with a boning tool (or the back of a spoon).

If the leather gets dirty use a small amount of soapy water, let it dry and finish with a natural wax. Try and remove dust if the handles are not being used, as dust dries out the leather.

With a small amount of care your handles will last for years and years to come.



FINESSE



BOUVET

Pewter

We use only the best quality lead-free pewter (min 92% tin), which is entirely safe to use anywhere in the home and does not rust. Pewter has a warm and lustrous quality, which we hand finish to give a unique patina. Our products are neither plated nor lacquered.

Cleaning with a soft damp cloth will restore the original finish.

Wood

All the oak, walnut and cherry wood we use is from a sustainable source. It has a clear, waterproof varnish, which can be wiped clean with a damp cloth.

Leather

We use highest-quality, natural, full-grain bridle leather, which will develop its own natural patina with use. If required, wipe with a damp cloth and replenish leather using a light application of a neutral shoe cream or canauba wax.

All materials are recyclable.

Bouvet offers products that are of consistently high quality and takes great care in selecting brass and iron materials to use. The steel products have a case hardening process to help for resistance against rust. Regular maintenance must be done to ensure long term finish.

A household wax polish or beeswax can be applied to protect the finish. To prevent a buildup of corrosion, especially for external fitting, we recommend that a regular wipe down of the product is done with a lightly oiled cloth. Under no circumstances use an abrasive cloth or cleaner.



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