



Thank you for purchasing your door from www.doordeals.co.uk Please take a few moments to read this leaflet regarding the storing, fitting & finishing of your brand new door.

STORING & FITTING

- Prior to fitting, doors should be stored flat on the floor (never on edge or on end) on a level surface and be kept clear of the floor on at least three level bearers. The bearers should be longer than the doors. Doors are best left to acclimatise in the room of fitting for 2-3 days prior to hanging.
- Ideally store in a cool dry atmosphere. **Do not** store in a newly plastered room or suddenly expose to central heating or other forms of direct heat. **NEVER** fit a door to a building until the wet trades are finished and **fully** dried out. This is very important as any moisture penetration from wet plaster, cement; render, etc... can result in the door swelling and can even cause the breakdown of the joints.
- On the width where a size reduction is necessary, always take equal amounts from each side up to a maximum of 8mm (on externals) & 6mm (on internals) unless otherwise advised by Door Deals Ltd or on the literature which accompanies the door. When reducing the height you can usually take a fraction more from the bottom but please check with supplier for maximum amounts.
- Avoid fitting any Mortice locks/latches along the rail joints as this can severely weaken the integrity of your door and will result in your guarantee being invalid.
- A suitable weatherboard (two on stable doors) must be fitted on all external doors and a head drip (fitted to the frame) on any outward opening doors. Again failure to comply with this will result in your guarantee being invalid.
- Always use 3 hinges on external doors (4 on stable doors).
- **Oak External Doors** - It is an unfortunate fact that exterior Oak doors and frames, from whichever supplier, are not suitable for exposure to direct rain and hot sun and therefore must be sheltered in some form, a porch or canopy perhaps. These doors or frames are eminently suitable for exterior use, but with this pre-condition to validate any guarantee.

FINISHING- EXTERNAL DOORS

- **PAINTING** It is vital that that your door be treated with a least one primer coat ,two undercoats and a top coat **prior** to installation (including cut outs for letterboxes, hinges, locks etc...) Once fitted it is essential that both faces, all cut outs (**AND MOST IMPORTANTLY**) all four edges (as the top and bottom of doors contain end grain which are more susceptible to moisture penetration) are sealed with at least 2 further coats (preferably 3) of finishing treatment once the door has been hung. Always apply the correct number of coats as at the right time intervals as recommended by the manufactures. Always sand the door lightly between applying coats, and remember that it is NEVER sufficient to treat just one side of a door. Failure to follow these instructions may invalidate your Guarantee.
- **STAIN/VARNISH** We advise the use of a "MICRO-POROUS" wood stain or varnish, something with a "hard finish". We recommend at least one base coat followed by four top coats (two of which must be applied prior to fitting). Manufactures to look out for are [Sadolin](#), Hicksons, or Sickens. Please follow the same instructions as when painting (see above) Pay particular attention to applying a finish to all 4 edges and any cut outs. Failure to follow these instructions may invalidate your Guarantee
- **OILS, WAXES AND WATER BASED TREATMENTS INCLUDING PAINTS FOR EXTERNAL DOORS.** We do not advise the use of any oil, wax or water based (quick drying) treatment on your external door. We feel they do not offer enough protection against the elements and can have a detrimental effect on the way the doors are constructed. They can cause de-lamination and therefore we will not offer any guarantee if they have been finished in this way. If you are in doubt please contact us for further advice.

FINISHING-INTERNAL DOORS

- For painting we advise you follow the same instructions as given to finishing the external doors. Like external doors, it is important one coat of finishing treatment be applied prior to installation. With the finishing top coats applied immediately upon fitting. Again, pay particular attention to any lock/latch cut out and all four edges.
- All types of internal doors can be treated with an oil based **stain or varnish**. If you have chosen an Oak faced door one of the best products to use is **Treatex**. [Treatex](#) offer a coloured or clear finish & can be found on our website. The clear hardwax option is particularly nice & leaves the door with a crisp, smooth finish & shows the grain without



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yellowing & moving too far from the original colour. Be sure to follow the manufactures recommendations. If you are in any doubt please contact us for further advice.

Like external doors, we do not advocate the use of **ANY water based or Danish oil type** finishes as (with veneered doors) it can cause bubbling and the veneers to lift. We also feel they do not offer sufficient protection and therefore will invalidate your guarantee.