



IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING INFORMATION

LONG TERM CARE

Please note that in order for your windows and doors to continue to properly protect the interior of the building from the elements, it is imperative that the exterior sealants and paint be properly maintained. There should be a regular inspection and maintenance program in place, to ensure that all of the exterior caulk and paint is in good condition, and that any joints and screw heads in the frames and sills are kept properly sealed. In addition, the window and door sills should be kept free of dirt and debris, to allow water to flow away freely through the exterior weep systems.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

The surface of Lawson Windows and Lawson Doors (except door tracks) is covered with an organic paint in white or medium bronze color. Before application of the paint the aluminum is chemically etched, cleaned, and immersed in a protective solution that enhances the ability of the paint to adhere to the aluminum surface. The paint is mechanically sprayed on the aluminum while it is transported by conveyor through various operations. This process is extremely efficient in providing a smooth even texture to flat surfaces. This process, in some cases, may provide a faded appearance in deep channels or in the immediate area of right angled walls. This reduced area of paint in the areas discussed is not uncommon and will not cause deterioration of the aluminum because the chemical pretreatment provides protection.

- 1 - Clean glass and painted surfaces with mild liquid detergent dissolved in warm water. Apply using a soft clean cloth. Rinse thoroughly with clean water. Perform monthly or as needed.
- 2 - Over the years, airborne contaminants might cause a painted surface to take on a dull appearance, and products located in close proximity to coastal environment could have a similar situation, and cleaning products under these conditions should be performed on a more frequent schedule.
- 3 - Do not use abrasive or petro chemical solutions on aluminum. Sharp cleaning tools such as razors, knives, sandpaper or steel wool will cause damage to the painted finish.

- 4 - Unpainted (mill finish) tracks of doors should be swept clean of dust, debris and or sand. The runner of sliding glass door track should be rubbed with a cloth dampened in liquid lubricant. Avoid spraying lubricant on track, as it will later collect sand, and dirt, which can foul the roller bearings and cling to the track runner.
- 5 - Do not attempt to remove any caulk or seam sealer where a jamb meets a track on sliding glass doors, and French doors. Do not attempt to remove caulk or seam sealer where jamb meets sill of windows.
- 6 - Avoid using oil based solvent sprays, as they will over time cause a break down in the sealing effectiveness of some caulking compounds.
- 7 - Open and close sliding glass doors and French doors to test latching. Roll sliding glass door panels from closed to open position at least once every week. This will reduce possibility of door roller deforming tracks runner. This process should be performed more frequently in costal areas.
- 8 - With door in open position, spray powdered silicone into latch. Activate latch to distribute silicone to all moving parts.
- 9 - If you experience difficulty in latching door, adjust jamb keeper by loosening screws holding keeper & move up or down to align with door latch. When proper keeper location is found, tighten screws in keeper, and test door for ease of latching.
- 10 - Coat all chrome plated surfaces with lightweight machine oil to reduce possibility of pitting. Remove excess oil with clean cloth.
- 11 - Screen mesh is best cleaned using a soft bristle brush. Do not press aggressively against mesh which could cause mesh to release from frame. Use horizontal and vertical motions with a brush, starting at screen rails and moving in the direction of the screen's center. Do not use circular motions. Check screen spline to be certain that it is firmly seated into the frame. If the spline appears to be loose in the frame, push it back into frame using a screen roller or the tip of a slotted screwdriver.

EXPOSURE TO SALT WATER

If your home is close to salt water, be sure to order "Stainless Steel Packages" for your products. You must also take special care to clean the parts of your windows and doors that can come in contact with salt in the air. If this is not done, then you will experience unnecessary corrosion issues that can affect the operation of the product.