

How to Maintain your Door

Maintenance

Immediately after the door is fitted and after every 5,000 operations of the door, or at least once a year, oil all pivot points, check screws and clamped connections for tightness, keep the running tracks clean (do not grease them), check parts and replace any worn components where necessary. The springs should be replaced after approx. 25,000 operations by an experienced door fitter (see fitting and operation instructions). Do not oil the lock cylinder; if it is sticking, only lubricate with graphite dust. For canopy doors only, check the cable every 6 months with normal usage (8 operations per day). Have the cables replaced by an expert if any wear is found.

Cleaning

The door, and frame if applicable, should be washed with a mild soap-based solution on a regular basis to prevent the build up of dirt, salts and other corrosive substances and help maintain the aesthetic appearance of the product. If the door is installed in a seafront location, the door panel and frame should be cleaned in this way at least every two months. We also suggest that all other components be brushed down on a regular basis to prevent the build up of dirt and dust etc.

Corrosive such as acids, alkalines, and salts, etc. should be cleaned from the door immediately; failure to do so will result in deterioration of the finish, which will not be covered under our limited warranty. When the time comes to repaint your door then prepare the surface lightly with wet and dry. Then treat with two coats of a normal commercial paint for external use (cellulose paints must not be used).

Locking

If the key is turned completely, the door is then locked or unlocked; when unlocked it is then possible to open and close the door by turning the handle. If the key is turned 1/4 of the way, the door opened and then the key returned to its start position, the door will re-lock when closed. By moving the internal locking "snib", it is possible to lock and unlock the door from the inside without using the key (not applicable on Secured by Design doors).

Timber Doors

Timber doors are supplied poly-wrapped, and the timber panels coated with a neutralising base-stain. Doors must be stored upright, under cover, with wrapping intact, until wrapping is removed. As soon as the door is unwrapped, one coat of a good quality basecoat primer must be applied to both sides of the door. Immediately after installation, your timber doors require a further two coats of a good quality exterior wood finish on both sides. Initial application and periodic treatment should be carried out strictly in accordance with the woodstain manufacturer's instructions. Failure to follow these instructions will result in early deterioration of the timber panel.

GRP Doors

GRP door panels should periodically washed down using soapy water. This should be done more frequently if fitted near the sea. Bird droppings will bleach the finish on GRP, and should be removed using soapy water as soon as possible. GRP doors should not be painted over.

Steel Doors

Garador steel doors are a finished product. They do not require immediate re-painting on site. They are however not immune to damage, which can occur at any stage of the handling of the product from factory to site. Minor surface damage can easily be repaired using touch up sprays or sticks without invalidating warranties. For extra peace of mind, order your steel door poly-wrapped at the factory to help prevent damage from occurring prior to installation. A Garador garage door needs only a minimum level of preparation and maintenance to give years of trouble-free service.