

Finishes on Site

Dealing with site finished units

Ensure the joinery manufacturer knows the specified finish. Confirm the specified finish and the state of the joinery at delivery.

Arrange delivery to suit the construction program. Windows and doors should be stored on site for as short a time as possible. Store them carefully. Treat them like furniture.

Protect the frames and units at all times. A protection, priming or base coat should be applied to uncoated units within 24 hours after delivery to site.

Use quality paints and coatings to the manufacturers recommendations. Ensure compatibility between coats. Use the specified finish and do not mix brands.

Prepare a safe, dry, clean and well ventilated area for painting. Finishing should be carried out in dry weather when the temperature conditions are suitable.

Prepare the surface of the joinery carefully. Fill nail recesses, lightly sand and clean the timbers immediately prior to painting. Do not use steel wool on an external unit.

Only paint the timber surfaces. Don't paint the tracks, seals or loose hardware.

Apply the first top coat as soon as possible after delivery and before installation. Any unpainted surfaces should be sealed with a good quality primer or sealer as soon as possible, especially surfaces inaccessible after installation. Glazing rebates and backs of beads should also be sealed.

Apply the selected finish to the manufacturer's specification. Apply at the recommended rate in the correct conditions. Allow each coat to cure before recoating. Lightly sand between coats.

Do not allow painted surfaces to come in contact with other surfaces until thoroughly dry.

Protect the windows and doors from damage after installation and coating. Keep wet cement, mortar and brick cleaning acid from contact with timber and glass before, during and after installation.

Protect door tracks and windows sills from damage and dirt. Do not stand on the windows or doors or use them as a support for scaffolding or slide material through the frame. Protect tracks and sills from all damage.