

CARING FOR YOUR PRESTIGE STEEL DOOR

YOUR NEW PRESTIGE STEEL DOOR IS FILLED WITH FOAM INSULATION, SEALED WITH A FIBERGLASS/RESIN COATING, POWDER COATED AND FINISHED WITH INDUSTRIAL PAINT TO PRODUCE A BEAUTIFUL FINISH THAT, *IF WELL MAINTAINED*, WILL LAST FOR YEARS TO COME. YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, CONDUCT AN ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE ENTIRE UNIT.

THERE ARE MULTIPLE FACTORS THAT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEGRADING OF YOUR DOOR AND ITS FINISH. IF YOU PLAN FOR AND PROTECT AGAINST THESE FACTORS, IT WILL EXTEND THE LIFE AND BEAUTY OF YOUR ENTRYWAY. IT MUST BE ANTICIPATED THAT EXPOSURE TO NATURAL ELEMENTS AND FREQUENT USE IS EXPECTED TO CAUSE STEEL DOORS AND WINDOWS TO SHOW AGE.

PRESTIGE STEEL DOORS AND WINDOWS ARE HAND FORGED AND INDIVIDUALLY FINISHED IN OUR FACTORY. MINOR DIFFERENCES IN THESE PRODUCTS ARE NORMAL AND TO BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE THE "HAND FORGED" LOOK, SO THIS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A DEFECT. THE PRODUCT IS OF A NATURE THAT THE MATERIALS ARE NEVER FLAWLESS AND THE NATURAL IMPERFECTIONS OF THE STEEL, GLASS & COMPONENTS WILL VARY WITHIN REASONABLE TOLERANCES THAT ARE STANDARD IN THE INDUSTRY. BELOW ARE SOME SIMPLE GUIDELINES AND TIPS TO ENSURE A LONG LIFE OF BEAUTY AND ENJOYMENT.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR: HEAT, LIGHT, MOISTURE AND ABRASION - LIKE ALL BUILDING MATERIALS, THERE ARE ELEMENTS THAT POSE A THREAT TO THE LONGEVITY OF YOUR STEEL DOOR. UNMANAGED HEAT, LIGHT AND MOISTURE CAN DEGRADE AND DAMAGE YOUR DOOR AND ITS FINISH OVER TIME. HEAT AND LIGHT- IF THERE IS INSUFFICIENT OVERHANG AND YOUR DOOR IS HUNG IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT, THE FINISH WILL FADE MUCH MORE QUICKLY AND UNEVENLY AND YOUR ANTICIPATED REFINISHING SCHEDULE WILL BE SHORTENED. MOISTURE - INSUFFICIENT OVERHANG WILL ALSO ALLOW DIRECT RAIN AND MOISTURE TO INFLUENCE THE FINISH. CLEANING WITH OIL BASED SOLUTIONS WILL ADD EXTRA LAYERS OF MOISTURE PROTECTION AGAINST DIRECT RAIN AND HIGH HUMIDITY CLIMATES. ABRASION - LIKE ALL FINISHED METAL SURFACES, YOUR DOOR IS SUSEPTIBLE TO SCRATCHES AND DENTS. IMAGINE A SCRATCH-PROOF OR DENT-PROOF CAR (THAT WOULD BE A DREAM). IN THE SAME WAY THAT WE WOULD NOT EXPECT OUR CAR TO BE SCRATCH OR DENT PROOF, YOU SHOULD EXPECT THAT YOUR DOOR IS JUST AS VULNERABLE. SCRATCHES AND DENTS CAN LEAD TO RUST AND CAN BE UNSIGHTLY, BUT PROTECTING YOUR DOOR'S FINISH WILL LEAD TO A LONG LIFE OF HEALTH AND BEAUTY. IMPACT - HEAVY DOORS REQUIRE A GENTLE TOUCH. ABUSIVE, ROUGH BEHAVIOR LIKE SLAMMING DOORS CAN CAUSE CRACKING IN THE FINISH AND LOOSENING OF ESSENTIAL PARTS.

HOW OFTEN YOU SHOULD EXPECT TO REFINISH/REPAINT: IN IDEAL CONDITIONS, EVERY 5 YEARS. CAULK GLAZING AROUND GLASS IS PRONE TO DEGRADING OVER TIME. RE-SEALING OR CAP GLAZING AROUND THE EXTERIOR WHERE GLASS MEETS STEEL WITH A WATER SEALANT CAULK SHOULD BE CHECKED EVERY YEAR FOR POSSIBLE TOUCH-UP.

HOW TO CLEAN AND MAINTAIN: HAND WASHING PAINTED SURFACES WITH A MILD SOAP THAT IS SAFE FOR BARE HANDS WILL REMOVE FINGERPRINTS AND RETURN FINISH. *DO NOT USE THINNER-BASED SOLUTIONS AS THEY STRIP PAINT LAYERS AND DEGRADE THE FINISH.* RINSE THOROUGHLY WITH CLEAR WATER. IF ANY SOAP IS PERMITTED TO DRY, IT WILL LEAVE AN UNDESIREABLE RESIDUE. A LIGHT SPONGE CAN BE USED TO ASSIST IN RINSING. *SPRAYING WITH A WATER HOSE SHOULD BE AVOIDED. DOORS AND WINDOWS ARE NOT DESIGNED TO HANDLE THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT PRESSURE THAT A RESIDENTIAL WATER HOSE CAN CREATE. ALL SURFACES MUST BE DRIED WITH A CLEAN CLOTH AFTER WASHING AS EXPOSURE TO MOISTURE AND WATER OVER TIME MAY LEAD TO RUST.*

