Vahle

Operation & Maintenance - Solid Wood and Veneer

Congratulations on your new Vahle Exterior Door.

We have applied a pre-treatment to the door at the factory. The front side, the frame, and any side panels have been treated with an oil-based, transparent wood protection. Future maintenance must be carried out by you.

We have included a can of GORI for future maintenance. The door should be regarded as a piece of furniture that requires careful care. ***The door should be retreated for the first time within 3 months.***

We recommend giving the door a thorough inspection every 2 months. All surfaces and edges should be checked to assess whether the treatment remains intact. If there are signs of colour changes, small cracks beginning to form, or scratches, the door should be treated immediately to prevent damage. Pay special attention to the lower half of the door, as it is always most exposed to sun and rain. ***As a minimum, the door should be retreated once a year.***

IMPORTANT: The breakdown of the surface occurs gradually, so it is always possible to treat the door before any damage gets worse. Nature determines how frequently the door needs treatment. Sun and water are the greatest threats. These two factors break down the surface first and then the wood. Vahle Exterior Doors that are unprotected and exposed to intense sunlight require extra attention and maintenance (on south-facing facades, dark-coloured doors can reach temperatures of up to 80°C).

REMEMBER: The warranty does not cover potential future surface damage, including cracks and discoloration. With careful and consistent maintenance, weather-related surface deterioration can be significantly reduced.

Ongoing Maintenance

Ordinary dirt, dust, etc., should be washed off with clean water. Finally, wipe the door with a lint-free cloth. ***Never add cleaning agents or ammonia solution.***

Future Maintenance

1. Remove the handle.

2. Clean the surface with a basic cleaning agent, then allow the wood to dry.

3. Lightly sand the surface with fine-grit sandpaper (grain 180 or finer) following the wood grain. ***Never sand across the grain and never use steel wool.***

4. Carefully dust off the surface and degrease it using a cloth dampened with alcohol.

5. Apply GORI Larchwood or a similar transparent wood protection with a good soft brush. Start by carefully treating the end grain and edges, then the flat surfaces. Always brush along the grain and apply “wet-on-wet” to avoid visible overlaps.

6. Remove any excess oil after 15 minutes with a soft, lint-free cloth. It is very important that all excess oil is wiped off, as failure to do so can cause discoloration and possibly cracks in the surface.

REMEMBER: Oil-soaked cloths can in some cases be self-igniting.

Avoid working in intense sunlight or high temperatures.

Sealing strips must not be treated with wood protection products.

The door should receive at least 2 treatments with a minimum interval of 24 hours. Always sand lightly between each treatment.

The interior side of the door is fully treated from the factory and does not require any immediate maintenance.

See our maintenance guide on video: