

# DOOR CARE

Simple steps to prolong the life of a Solidor



Composite door maintenance is minimal in comparison to traditional wooden doors but there are a few simple ways of keeping the appearance and functionality of a Solidor in pristine condition.

## STEP BY STEP TASKS - MONTHLY

Put a recurring monthly date in your diary reminding you to clean your Solidor, something that should only take a few minutes and is extremely easy to do. Those living in a coastal area or close to a busy major road may need to clean their door more frequently.

### Cleaning Your Solidor

- The door frame and door panelling can be cleaned using a soft sponge and warm soapy water, washing up liquid or hand soap.
- Dry the surface with a soft lint free cloth.
- After cleaning and drying, you can use white spirit to give the door an added sheen and deeper looking colour if you choose.
- The external glass can be cleaned with traditional glass cleaner.
- Avoid using harsh chemicals and solvents. Some of these products have the potential to damage the ABS door skins.

### Polishing the Door Hardware

- The handles, letterplate, knocker, hinges and all other door hardware should be given a thorough cleaning with a soft cloth and warm soapy water, washing up liquid or hand soap.
- Never be tempted to use a strong cleaning agent as it may damage the finish of the hardware.
- To remove residue on stainless steel door furniture use a wadding cloth.

## STEP BY STEP TASKS - YEARLY

Certain components of a Solidor (lock, handle, hinges etc) only require your attention once every 12 months to keep the door working as smoothly as when you originally bought it. Your yearly Solidor to-do list should consist of the following:

### Lubricating Your Solidor

- Begin by opening the door and placing a dust sheet underneath the door, before lubricating all moving parts.
- Apply 3 in 1 oil or silicon spray to the lever handle, cylinder and the multipoint locking mechanism and hinges. You can also add a small amount of grease to the hooks and deadbolt to increase the smoothness of the operation.
- Lift the handles up and down 6 times to ensure that the lubricant works its way through all parts of the mechanism. Alternatively, wind the key several times if you do not have a door with lever handles.
- Those who are extra attentive may want to do this twice a year.

